



The Volunteer Dispatch

A monthly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park

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A Note from Manatee Village Historical Park:

Hi all,

I've got an early edition of the June newsletter for you!

I will be out of the office beginning on Tuesday, May 31st and I will return on Wednesday, June 8th.

If you have any questions or concerns while I'm out of the office please feel free to reach out to my colleagues at 941-749-7165.

Best wishes,

Allyson O'Leary

Education & Volunteer Coordinator



*Image Courtesy of Manatee Village
Historical Park Collection*

Important Updates

WELCOME, DEBI!

Debi W. is a brand new volunteer! She is a Wiggins Store Greeter on Tuesday afternoons. If you're in for a visit, stop by and say hi.

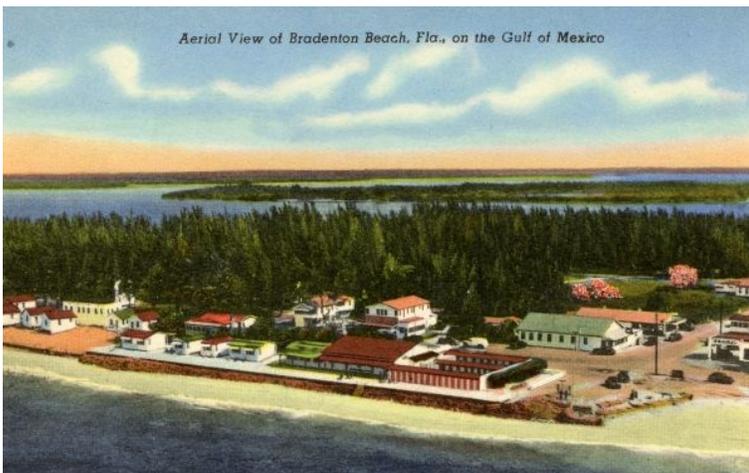
GIFT SHOP CLOSED

The gift shop is closed until further notice.

The re-open date is still in the process of being determined by the Manatee County Historical Commission (MCHC). The gift shop is **not** permanently closed. As a reminder, under the current management agreement, the gift shop is operated by members of MCHC and cannot be operated by staff or volunteers.

Postcard Extras

Check out these historic Bradenton postcards from *Florida Memory*!



Images Courtesy of State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory

Volunteer Spotlight

Over the past two months, Paul T. has been applying lots of elbow grease bringing back into working order the vintage line-shaft, belt driven, wood working machines exhibit in the Fogarty Boat Works.

Over the past few years our summertime high humidity environment has adversely affected the shafts and bearings of the machines. Surface oxidation was beginning to “freeze up” the moving parts of the machines requiring partial disassembly; cleaning using water based degreasing solutions, brushes and lots of rags, along with the skills, tools and knowledge to get the machines back to operational condition. Paul brought all of that plus his positive attitude and get-it-done dedication to the project and more!

The process however, began with a deep cleaning of the space. Paul swept floors and walls, vacuumed the dust from nooks and crannies and removed accumulated clutter and materials that were inappropriate for the exhibition space. Then he meticulously began to work on the machines.

We still have work to do fine tuning Paul’s enormous gift to the stewardship efforts to preserve the Bat Fogarty Boat Works’ tools and machines and make improvements to the interpretation of the space, but Paul’s efforts have really moved us a great deal closer to those goals and have already enhanced the visitor experience.

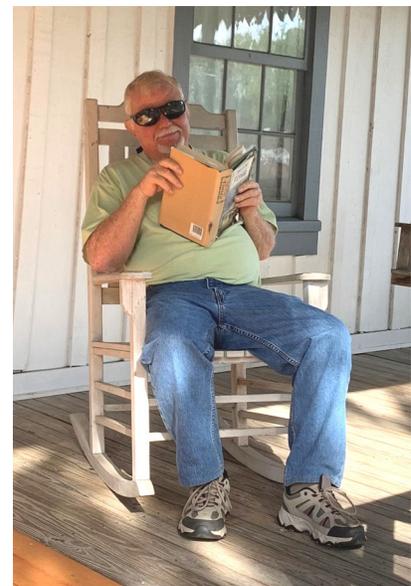


Image: Volunteer Paul T.



Images: Fogarty Boat Works at Manatee Village Historical Park (2022)

Call For Volunteer News

Have you recently learned a fun history fact? Have you started a new hobby? Got a recipe you'd like to share? A new addition to your family? Have you celebrated a milestone?

We'd love to feature your news in the newsletter!

Send in any fun facts, hobbies, recipes, pictures, and any other information you'd like to share with your fellow volunteers and staff.

You can email your news to allyson.oleary@manateclerk.com or call 941-749-7165.

