



The Volunteer Dispatch

A monthly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park
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A Note from MVHP:

First, thank you to everyone who watched and shared this year's digital Tombstone Tour video! As of this week it has had nearly 800 views!

Be sure to take a look through this month's newsletter for the latest information and important updates regarding volunteer opportunities and the potluck event we normally host in November.

If you prefer a hardcopy newsletter we will have printed copies available in the Wiggins Storefront; just give me a call to set up a time to pick up your copy.

Have questions or suggestions? Please don't hesitate to reach out! You can contact me directly at **allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com** or by calling **941-749-7165**.

Best wishes,

Allyson O'Leary

Education + Volunteer Coordinator

Important Updates

COVID Update

Manatee Village Historical Park is continuously monitoring the latest information regarding COVID-19. At this time, we are still open to the public in a limited capacity and we will continue to postpone volunteer return to Manatee Village Historical Park.

As a reminder, your volunteer positions will be held for you until such a time as it is safe for you to return.

All of our volunteers are welcome to visit us as guests! Make an appointment to visit by calling **941-749-7165** or by visiting our website at
<https://www.manateevillage.org/>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update please don't hesitate to reach out.

Volunteer Appreciation for November

Potluck Update: Under normal circumstances, November is usually when Staff and Volunteers get together for a potluck. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 health and safety measures we will be unable to host a potluck this year.

Medicine in Manatee Exhibit Preview: As a thank you for all our volunteers have done for Manatee Village Historical Park, we'd like you to have a chance to view the new exhibit in person before the general public!

An email with instructions and a sign up link will be sent out to you this week.

If you do not receive the sign up link email by the end of the day on Monday, November 9th, please contact Staff at **941-749-7165**.

Volunteer Opportunities

Judges Needed for Manatee History Day Student Competition

Are you interested in judging student history projects?

Manatee History Day (MHD) is the local affiliate of National History Day, a nationwide contest designed to interest students in history and encourage them to learn about history through primary research. This year's contest theme is "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding." All projects submitted to MHD will be required to relate back to this theme.

Historical papers, documentaries, exhibit boards, websites, and performances are the five kinds of entries students can create and you could potentially judge.

For the health and safety of everyone involved, this year's contest will be completely **virtual**. This means you'll be able to judge projects from the comfort of your own home!

If you are interested in judging student projects for MHD please contact Allyson O'Leary to receive an **MHD Judge Packet**.

The MHD Judge Packet must be completed in order to help judge projects.

941-749-7165 or allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com

New Members Needed for the Manatee County Historical Commission

Are you looking for another way to help Manatee Village Historical Park preserve and share the heritage of Manatee County's founding period? Consider filling out an application for our museum's board, also known as the Manatee County Historical Commission (MCHC).

MCHC is currently looking for prospective new members. Contact us to learn more about MCHC, the board member responsibilities and qualifications, and to receive an application.

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New & Upcoming Exhibits

Upcoming Exhibit: **Medicine in Manatee**

Medicine in Manatee is about the medical care and home cures available to folks living on the Florida frontier from the 1840s to 1918. It also touches on the 1886 Yellow Fever outbreak, some of the first doctors in our area, and more.

Volunteer Visits for **Medicine in Manatee**

As a thank you for all that you do for us, we'd like our volunteers to have a chance to view the new exhibit in person! Come see the exhibit before the general public.

How does a volunteer visit for the exhibit work if the Wiggins Store is closed to the public?

1. Volunteers will receive an email this week with a link to signup for the exhibit
2. The email will contain a link to **sign up** for a **designated day and time** to view the exhibit in person.
3. Volunteers will be allowed to bring up to **one** guest with them to see the new exhibit.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to reach out to
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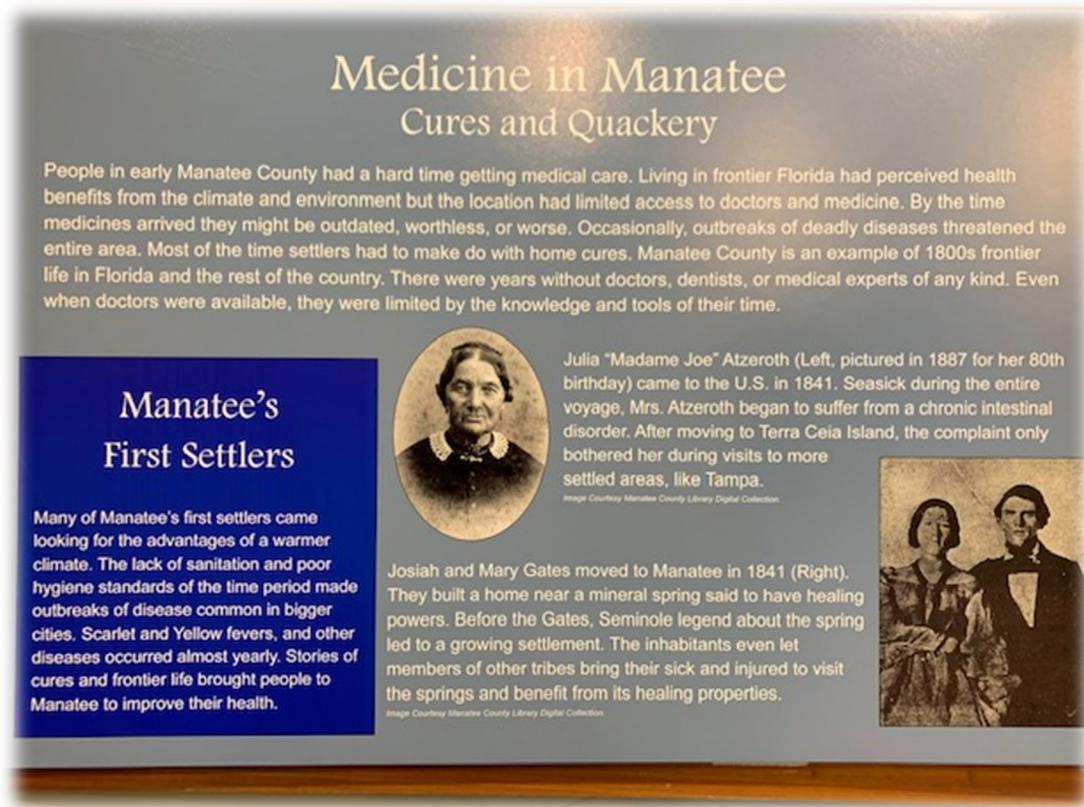


Image: Exhibit Panel from Medicine in Manatee, 2020

Foodie Fun

With the holiday season just around the corner we thought it would be fun to share some recipes!

Email your favorite holiday recipe to **allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com** to see it featured in next month's issue of The Volunteer Dispatch!

Buckeyes

Krystin Miner, Supervisor at Manatee Village Historical Park, wanted to share her go-to dessert recipe with all of you.

Ingredients:

- ◊ 1 1/2 cups peanut butter
- ◊ 1 cup butter, softened
- ◊ 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ◊ 6 cups confectioners' sugar
- ◊ 4 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Directions:

1. Mix together the peanut butter, butter, vanilla, and confectioners' sugar in a large bowl. Note: the dough will look dry.
2. Roll dough into 1 inch balls and place on a waxed paper-lined cookie sheet.
3. Press a toothpick into the top of each ball (this will serve as a handle for dipping later) and chill in the freezer until firm (about 30 minutes).
4. Melt chocolate chips in a double broiler or in a bowl set over a pan of barely simmering water. Stir frequently until smooth.
5. Dip frozen peanut butter balls in melted chocolate while holding onto the toothpick. Leave a small portion of peanut butter showing at the top. Put buckeye back on the cookie sheet.
6. Refrigerate buckeyes until serving.



Pictured: buckeyes

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