



The Volunteer Dispatch

A monthly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park

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A Note from Manatee Village Historical Park:



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The end of December and January were quite hectic on my end, so the January and February newsletters are combined.

There is a lot of fun programming coming this Spring. See inside for more details!

Best wishes,

Allyson O'Leary

Education & Volunteer Coordinator

Important Updates

GIFT SHOP

MCHC's current gift shop schedule is below:

Saturday, February 11th

Saturday, February 25th

Saturday, March 11th

Saturday, March 25th



PUBLIC CLOSURE

Monday, February 20, 2023

No need to come in for any volunteer shifts at that time.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Volunteer Opportunities

Manatee History Day: Exhibit Board Judges Needed

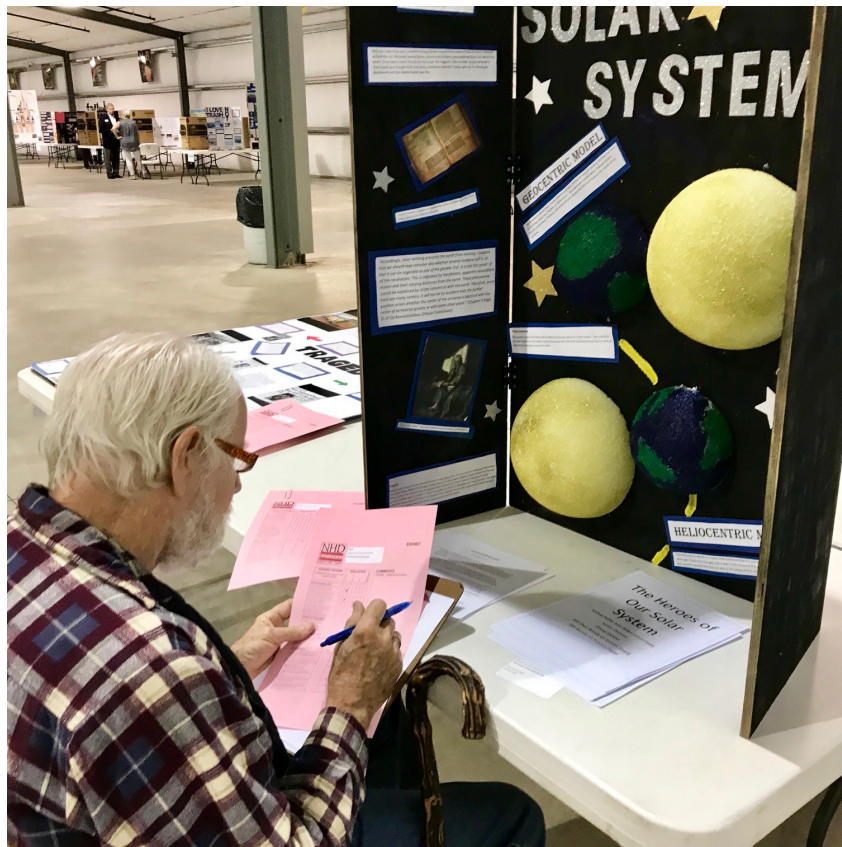
We are still in need of Exhibit Board judges for Manatee History Day! The Exhibit Board category judging will take place on Wednesday, February 22nd from 9am to 12pm.

If you're interested in volunteering with this program, please feel free to reach out to the Education & Volunteer Coordinator.

Allyson O'Leary, Education & Volunteer Coordinator

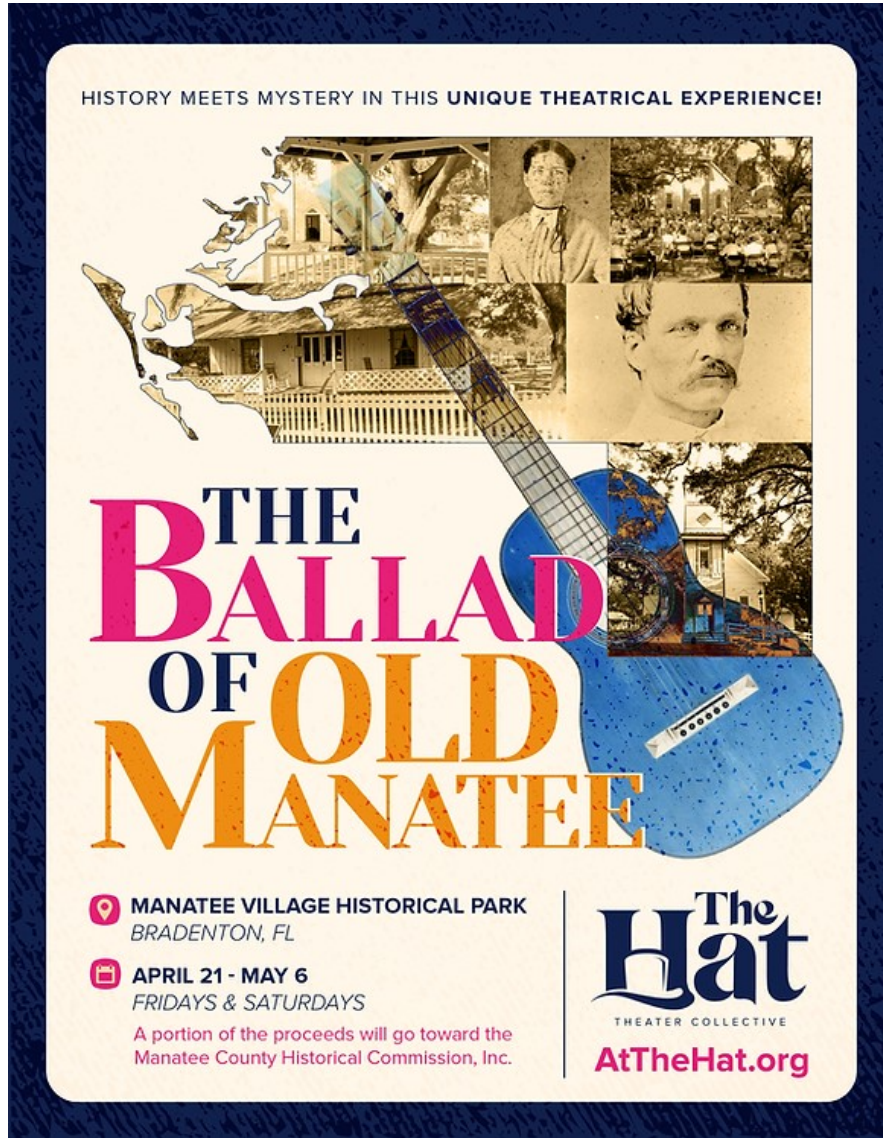
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Upcoming Events



Courtesy of The Hat Theater and Manatee County Historical Commission, Inc.

The Ballad of Old Manatee

The Manatee County Historical Commission, Inc. and The Hat Theater Collective are proud to announce The Ballad of Old Manatee, a new immersive historical drama with original folk music inspired by true events from the Village of Manatee's origins.

To learn more about this production click [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events

Lecture Series

Kisses and Misses: Love and Heartbreak in Manatee

Saturday, February 25th at 2pm

Free Admission, First Come First Serve

Love and heartbreak are universal. Just like today, people of the past were fighting against the odds to be together. Sometimes it was a fairy tale ending and sometimes it ended in heartbreak.

Come explore some of the stories from Manatee's past loves as they fought to be together despite familial expectations, disease, and war.

Transformative Mourning

Saturday, March 25th at 2pm

Free Admission, First Come First Serve

Mourning during the Victorian era was a ritualized and necessary process to effectively grieve loved ones but, like many other aspects, the bloodshed caused by the American Civil War changed how mourning was carried out. From dog tags to embalming, many of the changes forced by the Civil War are still felt today and show how people adapt even in the most devastating circumstances to find a meaning in loss.



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Volunteer Spotlight

Thank
you

A big thank you to Volunteer Janet!

Janet volunteers her time as a Greeter in the Wiggins Store. She has been described as conscientious, warm, inviting, and knowledgeable.

Thank you for helping create such a welcoming environment for visitors at Manatee Village Historical Park!



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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@manateeclerk.com or call 941-749-7165.

