



The Volunteer Dispatch

A monthly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park

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A Note from Manatee Village Historical Park:

It is officially the fall season and I hope all of you have a fun, safe, and happy Halloween later this month!

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to me. You can contact me directly at **allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com**.

Best wishes,

Allyson O'Leary

Education & Volunteer Coordinator



Image Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Important Updates



Image Courtesy of Manatee Village
Historical Park Collection

Image: Wiggins Store

As of 9/30/2021 the following notice is still in effect:

COVID UPDATE

As part of the Historical Resources Department of the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court, we follow all court directives at our site:

NOTICE

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PERSONS
ENTERING THE BUILDING
AND
IN PUBLIC AREAS WITHIN THE BUILDING

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2021-15a.2,
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update please contact the Education & Volunteer Coordinator at allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com or by calling the office at 941-749-7165.

Volunteer Spotlight

THANK YOU to Volunteer Barbara T.!

Barbara routinely helps with daily operations in the Wiggins Storefront as a greeter and in our cooler months spends time volunteering as a Village Monitor. She also volunteered from home through much of 2020 and 2021, conducting research on folks buried in the Manatee Burying Ground.

Recently, a Tresca family descendant was visiting the area and wanted to know more about her ancestors. Staff was able to share with her the research Barbara put together. Barbara's research was described as thorough and a great help!

Thank you, Barbara!

Your hard work and dedication has helped preserve a piece of Manatee history for others to enjoy and learn from!



Image: Volunteer Barbara T. in the Wiggins Storefront, 2018

Manatee Burying Ground

The cemetery cleanup season has started! Thank you to everyone who came out in September to help staff in the cemetery!

Interested in helping out at the next cemetery cleanup? We have another one in November. Follow the link [HERE](#) to signup.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com or by calling 941-749-7165.



Image: Volunteers Lynn, Crystal, Julie, and Keith at the 9-23-21 and 9-24-21 cemetery cleanups

Volunteer Opportunities

Cemetery Cleanup of the Manatee Burying Ground

Join us this November for another cleanup of the Manatee Burying Ground. Learn how to properly clean historic headstones and help us preserve Manatee County's history!

Click [HERE](#) to be taken to the November cleanup on Signup Genius.

Unable to access the link? Contact us directly at 941-749-7165.

Holiday Decorating in November

This November join staff in decorating the buildings and grounds for the holiday season. More details coming soon!



Image: Christmas decorations in the 1887 Church, 2019

An Old Florida Christmas Event

An Old Florida Christmas is back for 2021! Old Florida Christmas will take place on December 11th. We will need volunteers for this special event. Stay tuned for more details soon!

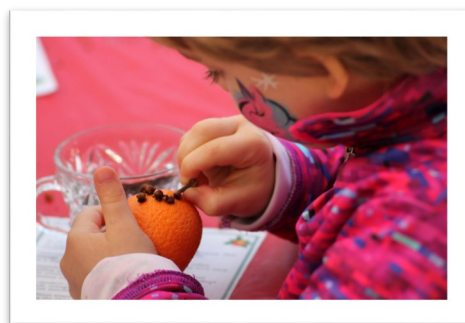


Image: Pomander craft table at OFLC, 2017

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.

