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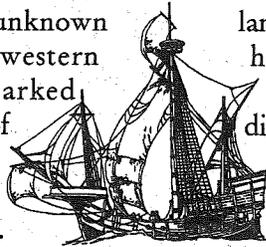
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DISCOVER SHIPWRECK PEARLS AND GOLD!

From the moment Columbus first sighted an unknown land rising above the western horizon, Spain embarked upon a golden age of discovery, exploration and conquest of the New World. The fabulous rewards and riches she reaped over the next three centuries quickly crossed the Atlantic and spread throughout Europe, creating a global network of banks and trading corporations, and transforming Spain from a poor backward country into the greatest power on the planet.



By the early 1500s, a glittering stream of wealth was flowing steadily back across the ocean to Spain, carried homeward each year in great convoys of treasure-laden galleons and merchant ships filled with precious cargoes. Gold bullion from Mexico, silver from Peru, emeralds from Colombia, pearls from Venezuela, indigo and spices from the Caribbean Islands, and fine porcelain and silk from the Philippines - the economic lifeblood of Spain's colonial empire and an irresistible temptation to pirates and foreign powers.

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CELEBRATE BLACK CULTURE!

This year the Collier County Museum and the Friends of the Museum will co-host the 4th annual BLACK CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL: A CELEBRATION OF TRADITION, February 15th and 16th, 1997, at the Collier County Museum. Admission is free.

Featured entertainers will include Cleo Heart, Tim Poindexter, Calypso, African Dance Troupe, Diamond T. Mary, Haitian

Dance Troupe and the Steppers. Join the Stilt Dancers, Clowns, Story tellers and Gospel Singers. Browse through the marketplace to discover delicious foods, colorful clothing and Arts and Crafts from West Africa and the Caribbean. Visit the Museum's lecture hall to view an exhibit by Zora Hurston.

Bring a lawn chair and spend the day singing, sampling some good food and lively music. Be part of a wedding party in a traditional wedding ceremony performed

complete in native costume!

Don't miss this once a year festival that celebrates Black Cultural Arts in a traditional way. For further information, please call the Collier County Museum (941)774-8476.

Jacquie Hart



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 15 1 - 7 p.m.
 Sunday, February 16 1 - 5 p.m.

BLACK CULTURAL ARTS FESTIVAL:
A CELEBRATION OF TRADITION
 (Please see article)

February through August
SPANISH TREASURES!
 (Please see article)

January 1 - March 24
FLORIDA DREAMS
 A look at "pre-Disney"
 Attractions in Florida

SPANISH PATHWAYS
 An exhibit tracing the Spanish legacy from 1513 to the present.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

1996 was a glorious year... and there's still more to come! We have enjoyed an enormous response of creative effort from our volunteers and uplifting financial support from our new and renewing members. Museum exhibits have been well attended and the Old Florida Festival was a grand success. Our dedicated board has come up with some unique fund-raising ideas including a Cruise during the summer! We hope to see you on board! We are now focused on bringing two innovative festivals to the Museum in February: SPANISH TREASURES will dramatically display the fabulous jewels, coins and artifacts recovered by the Seahawk and the BLACK CULTURAL FESTIVAL will encompass two days of activities held at the Museum designed to envelop you in the exciting traditions of Black culture. Plan to attend both of these extraordinary events!

If you are interested in helping out in our gift shop or doing some office work at the Huntoon Gallery, please call me at 774-8724. Thank you to all the loyal volunteers presently at work!

I wish everyone a wonderful New Year and want to remind you that you are cordially invited to attend our Annual Meeting held at 6 p.m. in the Lecture Hall on Thursday, March 13, 1997. See you at the Museum!

Lynn Wuesthoff Kolb



CRUISE WITH FRIENDS

If you are a Friend of the Museum who enjoys world travel, pack your bags and be ready to leave sometime this coming summer on a fascinating cruise whose itinerary could include the Greek Islands or even Alaska! This will be a benefit for the Museum, but will also offer escorted congenial companionship as well as stimulating destinations! Watch for further information in the newsletter! For details, please call Laura Jean Young 642-5925

DISCOVER SHIPWRECK PEARLS AND GOLD - CONTINUED

The incredible voyages of these ships and sailors, and the perils they faced from sudden and jagged reefs, are vividly recaptured in a new exhibition presented by Seahawk Deep Ocean Technology at the Collier County Museum From Sunday, February 22nd through August, 1997..

The seas around Florida have claimed more Spanish ships than anywhere else in the New World, and tales of lost gold and silver have lured professional treasure hunters here for hundreds of years. But few, if any, shipwrecks have been so thoroughly researched and examined as the one discovered by Seahawk in the group of islands known as the Dry Tortugas off the tip of southwestern Florida.

Combining scientific and archaeological investigation with some of today's most advanced computer technology and robotic vehicles, the Seahawk team painstakingly recorded and recovered over 17,000 objects from the wreck site. Working 1500 feet below the surface of the sea - well beyond the reach of even the most experienced divers - the amazing find yielded important new information about daily life aboard a Spanish sailing ship believed to have gone to the bottom with the famed *Atocha* during a 1622 hurricane.

The exhibition's specially produced wall graphics, displays and high-tech recovery equipment retrace every step of this exciting underwater adventure and rewards visitors with a first look at objects that have not been seen by human eyes in over 370 years. Featured among the nearly 1,200 artifacts on display are everything from clay olive jars and everyday copper cook pots, to early navigational instruments, religious items, and piles of Spanish pieces of eight that became the model for the American silver dollar. Just as fascinating is the video filmed from the recovery vehicle's cockpit that shows what it is like to carefully pluck treasure from the ocean bottom with remote-controlled mechanical claws.

Rediscover the lost riches of Spain's legendary treasure fleets and set sail for high adventure as Seahawk and the Collier County Museum take you on an unforgettable treasure-hunting expedition into Florida's distant past when *Spanish Treasure* opens to the public this February. An opening night reception with members of the Seahawk recovery team is also planned by the Friends of the Museum. Saturday evening February 22.

For more information, please call the Museum at 774-8476.



HOMEGROWN HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

- February 11, 1968: Everglades Parkway, better known as "Alligator Alley" opens to traffic.
- February 15, 1978: The Collier County Museum opens at the County Government Center in East Naples.
- February 25, 1953: Naples' first dial-tone telephones go into service
- February 26, 1896: Anthropologist Frank Hamilton Cushing begins his excavation of the Calusa Indian site on Marco Island.

Ron Jamro
Director



ARCHAIC WORKSHOP UNEARTHED

Exploration of a 4,000-year old shell tool manufacturing site on south Marco Island is reported in the latest of the Collier County Museum's Technical Publication Series.

Discovery of the site was made by the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society as part of a mission to salvage archaeological information from a lot before construction of a condominium. The elevation on which it was located was to be lowered seven feet to make space for automobile parking, eliminating the site.

Processing of material from the excavation and editing of the report was done by SWFAS members working as Museum volunteers at the Craighead laboratory, which is located on the Museum grounds.

The workshop, used for the preparation of simple pounding tools from lightning whelk shells, proved to be similar to one discovered a few years ago at Useppa Island, suggesting contact between two areas, separated by some 65 airline miles and a considerably longer canoe route.

Copies of the report are for sale at the Museum shop.

Art Lee



A FRIEND, INDEED

Bring a friend of yours to be a Friend of the Museum! They are a very amicable group of people who are interested in the background and heritage of this South West corner of Florida. Join them! Browse through the Haldeman library, chock-full of reading materials about the people who lived here; wander through the hands-on show of 10,000 years of living history; note the latest exhibit in the Lecture Hall, pick up an "artifact" from the Gift Shop, delight in a walk through the Orchid House and the garden of native Florida plants, rest in the Lanterman Gazebo, pop into the Children's Discovery Cottage to get a bird's eye-view of life in the 20's, take a look at the new Chickee Hut created and donated by Brian Zepeda and his family, visit the Archaeological Lab, stop in to see the Friends office in the Huntoon Gallery that also houses the famous Baum wildlife collection. Attend a special event like the Old Florida Festival, the Black Cultural Arts Festival or one of the dynamic galas throughout the year. Everyone who has done this has become a Friend. Why don't you bring one of your friends to join you? We'll be looking forward to meeting them!



MUSEUM BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

Season is obviously here; you can tell by the active and animated schedule at the museum. On October 22, the Friends of the Museum joined the Museum Staff to host an OPEN HOUSE for the Southwest Florida Concierge and Guest Service Association. Volunteers from the Naples Area Chamber Visitor Center also participated throughout the day. Those who attended enjoyed meeting our capable staff and experiencing all of the Museum's many facets in person!

THE OLD FLORIDA FESTIVAL was its usual big hit on November 9 and 10. Attendance broke 1500 for the two days and by the number of unsolicited comments at the gate, everyone had a great time with the variety of re-enactors. A hearty thanks to our volunteers who helped out at the gate and who organized everything to run so smoothly.

The Northern Trust Bank of Bonita Springs hosted a reception November 29th in its Community Room to preview oil paintings by famed Sarasota artist, Theodore Morris. Morris' enchanting exhibit, FLORIDA'S LOST TRIBES, will be on display at the Collier County Museum through January 31, 1997. His works are based on archaeological studies and represent a conscientious effort to picture a lost way of life.

Venerate
Our
Local
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Excellent
Resource

The Collier County Museum's success depends upon the support of its members and volunteers. This past year over 2,000 hours were donated by loyal helpers. A large base of volunteers is critical to provide the kind of Museum that will continue to

make our residents aware of the area's rich history. We hope you will consider becoming a volunteer. Whether you have two hours a week or a few hours a month, you can be a valuable asset to the Museum's projects. We are certain you will enjoy sharing your unique talents! Please call today (941) 774-8476 and VOLUNTEER!

logical studies and represent a conscientious effort to picture a lost way of life.

THELMA CRAWFORD, former president of the Sister City Club, recently donated gifts received while attending the bicentennial celebration in Espinal, Colombia to Ron Jamro of the Collier County Museum. Items include a key to the city of Espinal, pottery coffee set and candelabra, flags of Colombia and Espinal, a book written by the widow of the former president of Colombia, and an engraved silver tray commemorating the bicentennial. Sketches of the City of

Priego de Cordoba, Spain, were also presented to the museum.

Ron Jamro was selected by Books-A-Million to join other local authors at their Grand Opening Celebration "Book Signing" on November 23. Over 8 thousand copies of his interesting and informative book, THE FOUNDING OF NAPLES, have been printed since its original publication in 1986. The book is also sold in the Museum Gift Shop.

Denyse Smith
Jack Lieber

MUSEUM GETS RID OF PESTS

Orkin Pest Control generously donated their services to treat the swamp buggy garage for termites. Now we can all take turns riding on the buggy without fear! The gift was arranged by Orkin representative, Leo J. Russ.



NEW MUSEUM CURATOR

The Friends are pleased to welcome aboard Carrie Lee Welch as the Collier County Museum's newest staff member and first Curator of Collections. In her new position, Carrie will be responsible for registering and cataloging each and every object in the Museum's collections as well as computerizing over 19 years of handwritten records and artifact descriptions.

A native Floridian, originally from Ft. Myers, Carrie is returning to south Florida from Layton, Utah and started work at the Museum on January 2, 1997. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Museum Studies from Tusculum College in Greenville, Tennessee, and has worked in Collections Management for the Dickson-Williams Historical Society Association and the President Andrew Johnson Museum and Library.

Carrie is also an accomplished photographer and photo conservator, which should prove to be considerably beneficial in filling the more than 2,000 requests for historic photos and information the Museum receives each year.

Please make a special effort to stop by the Museum and welcome our newest staff member!



WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

We wish to note that the increase in our membership is broadly due to the efforts of Nancy-Jane Tetzlaff, Membership Chair, and her impressive membership appeal. The quality of exhibits and activities at the Museum has most certainly inspired our membership, but we would like to express our gratitude specifically to Nancy-Jane and her staff for making that inspiration come to fruition!

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Regular Meetings: 1996 - 1997

February 13

March 13, Annual Meeting

Meetings are held at 6 p.m.
in the Museum Lecture Hall.

All members are invited.

Museum is wheel chair accessible.

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