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Manatee Heritage Days

January 17, 2020— Manatee Heritage Days to be held March 1-31, 2020

This year marks the 41st year for Manatee Heritage Days, the time when Manatee County’s historical organizations and sites come together to celebrate our community’s heritage by providing opportunities for our area’s residents and visitors to experience the past. Reenactments, special exhibits, lectures, classes, walking tours, open houses and family programming will highlight the month’s events.

Originally a week in length, Heritage Days grew to nine days, and in 1995, Manatee Heritage Days expanded to a month long event. The activities are as varied as exhibits and parades. Events take place throughout Manatee County in many different communities. Through these events at area historical sites, participants will experience the pioneer lifestyle and learn how Manatee County has grown and developed.

Manatee Heritage Days is supported and organized by the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court’s Department of Historical Resources, under the auspices of Angelina “Angel” Colonnese, Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller.

Following is a schedule for events. Most are free, though some require a reservation or admission fee. **For specific information about an event, please call the number listed on the schedule.** For more information about the Manatee Heritage Days, in general, please call (941) 741-4070. Join with us in this countywide celebration of our community's past.

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2020 Participating Organizations:

Anna Maria Island Historical Society
Around the Bend Nature Tours
DeSoto National Memorial
The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum
Florida Maritime Museum
***Gamble Plantation State Historic Site**
Manatee County Agricultural Museum
***Manatee County Historical Records Library**
***Manatee Village Historical Park**
Manatee Genealogical Society
***Manatee County Historical Society**
Manatee County Library System
Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources
Myakka City Historical Society
Palmetto Historical Commission
Parrish Civic Association
Realize Bradenton
Reflections of Manatee
***United Daughters of the Confederacy**
***Founding Member**

Month Long Events

De Soto National Memorial's Living History program at Camp Uzita reveals Spanish and Native American life in 16th century Florida. Camp Uzita is open 10am to 3pm on Thursday to Sundays at 8300 De Soto Memorial Hwy, Bradenton. Talks and demonstrations by staff and volunteers in historic clothing and armor are at 10am, 11am, 1pm, and 2pm. This unique experience covers the 1539 expedition of Hernando DeSoto. **FREE!** Call (941) 792-0458 or visit www.nps.gov/deso for more information.

100 Women of Manatee County. Eaton Room, Manatee County Central Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd., Bradenton, FL, Monday, 10:00 AM-8:00 PM; Tuesday, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM; Wednesday, Noon-8:00 PM; Thursday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Saturday, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. An Exhibit celebrating the women who shaped the history, politics, culture, and industry of the County in honor of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. **FREE!** Call (941) 748-5555 X6317 www.mymanatee.org/library.

Reoccurring Events

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27

Village of the Arts Tour – Artists Guild of Manatee Celebrates 20 Years! Tour meets at Reworked Creations - A Reuse Art Gallery, 1227 12th Street W, 10:30 am. Explore the neighborhood near

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downtown that was revitalized by a group of artists who transformed rundown houses into brightly painted galleries, studios, specialty shops, businesses and restaurants. Join Georgia Brown for a 5-block walk on shady streets lined with houses built between the 1920s and '40s. **\$15.00**. Group rates available. Reservations Required: Call 941-756-5088. Bradentonwalkingtours.com

Fridays, March 13, 20, 27

Music in the Park, Riverwalk Mosaic Amphitheater, 606 3rd Ave. W., Bradenton, FL, 6—8 PM. Outdoor Concerts at the Riverwalk Mosaic Amphitheater. Come enjoy local music while watching the sunset over the Manatee River. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on. Food and beverages will be available for purchase and proceeds benefit Realize Bradenton. Dogs on leashes always welcome. Concerts are- March 13: Divebombers; March 20: Kettle of Fish; March 27: Doug Deming and the Jewel Tones. Concerts are FREE! Visit www.realizebradenton.com.

Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28

Historic Valentine Open House, Robinson Preserve: 1704 99th St NW, Bradenton, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM. Visit this 19th century house turned visitor's center. Learn about the history of the Palma Sola area and see photographs of the historic Palmetto home on its river journey to the current location in Robinson Preserve. Explore natural history exhibits regarding the local flora and fauna and even catch a peek from our live tower camera. **FREE!** For more information, contact (941)742-5923 X6035.

Downtown Bradenton Farmer's Market, Historic Main Street or 12th Street West, Bradenton, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. A place where the community meets each week to enjoy locally grown fresh produce, plants, local arts and crafts live music, demonstrations by local chefs, and family activities. Parking is free on the weekends and dogs on leashes are always welcome. Note: Saturday, March 21, the market expands to include **Mainly Art** with local artists and craftspeople selling their handmade goods. **FREE!** Visit www.bradentonfarmersmarket.com.

Jiggs Landing Open House, 6106 63rd Street East, Bradenton, 9:00 AM –1:00 PM. The historic Jiggs Landing Fish Camp cabin, a replica of cabins built by Jiggs Metcalf in the 1940s, will be open for visits. Docents from the Old Braden River Historical Society will talk about the history of Jiggs Landing, the Braden River and Evers Reservoir. **FREE!** Call 941-920-0884, or email sakana@infionline.net, <https://www.facebook.com/OBRHS/>

Daily Events

Sunday, March 1

Benefit for the Myakka 1914 Schoolhouse, Hermann's Ranch, 32755 Singletary Road, Myakka City, 4:00 PM . Dress Performance of the Herrmann's Royal Lipizzaner Stallions and Taste of Myakka, local crafts, demonstrations and historical exhibits. Tickets required, \$20.00 for adult; \$10.00 for child (ages 6-12) and available day of event only at the gate. Free Parking. Stadium seating or bring your own chair for seating around the arena (event and seating outdoors). For information, email myakkacityschool1914@yahoo.com or call the Myakka City Historical Society, (941) 322-1304 or (941) 322-1035.

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Monday, March 2

Manatee Settlement Walking Tour, 1305 2nd Avenue East (between 12th and 14th Streets, Bradenton 34208, one block north of State Road 64), 3:00-5:00 PM. Reflections of Manatee Annual Tour begins at the Reflections of Manatee Visitor Center. This 2-3 hour tour guides you through the hammock covered streets of East Bradenton (Old Manatee). You will visit pioneer home sites and learn of the settlement history of 1840-1860. The event is **FREE!** Donations to the non-profit are greatly appreciated and benefit the educational programs of Reflections of Manatee. For more information, call (941) 779-4480.

Tuesday, March 3

Manatee Genealogical Society meeting and presentation, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, at Manatee County Central Library, 1301 Barcarotta Blvd. W., Bradenton. The featured speaker, Peggy Jude, will speak on "What Can You Do with Your DNA?" Discover the variety of ways your DNA test results can help you in your genealogical research. Peggy is a member of the board of the Manatee Genealogical Society and a past board member of the Minnesota Genealogical Society. There is no charge for visitors to attend the event. The Society welcomes new members. For more information: Web site: <https://mgsfl.org/> Facebook: www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety. Email questions: info@mgsfl.org

Wednesday, March 4

Florida Cracker Crafts Series- Clay, Robinson Preserve Expansion: 840 99th St NW, Bradenton, meet at the NEST, 2:00 PM– 4:00 PM. Join us for this one-time only Florida Cracker Crafts series. Each Wednesday afternoon in March we will be featuring a hands-on technique used by the local pioneers. The first craft is clay! Slip into an afternoon of clay creations using the coil pot and slab technique to create bowls. Explore different pottery styles, history of ceramics, and create your very own, one of a kind functional art. Program suitable for ages 16 and up! **Program has a \$20 fee.** Registration is required. Please register by emailing coral.bass@mymanatee.org.

Friday, March 6

Climate Walk-Florida's First People, Emerson Point Preserve, 5801 17th Street West, Palmetto, 9:30 AM—Noon. John Karen Willey, Climate Change specialist with Sarasota Audubon Society to discover how Florida's First People adjusted to a moving coastline. Learn native technology and ethnobotany. Climate change is happening, the more we talk about it together, the more it will become mainstream. Learn the history to inform future solutions that will bring us hope. Emerson Point is home to the largest remaining Native American temple mound on Tampa Bay. Walk in the footsteps of the ancients and become familiar with the native plants and animals that they lived with. Learn to identify native plants and their uses. Walks are slow and easy with lots of stops to discuss what we are seeing. *Program Sponsored by Sarasota Audubon Society.* **Registration fee: \$20.** **Discounts available for multiple walks** <https://www.sarasotaudubon.org/product-category/climate-walks/> Karen Willey karenwildfl@gmail.com 941-704-4325

Afternoon Tea with Pam Gibson, 3:00 pm- 4:30 pm, Downtown Central Library, 1301 Barcarotta Blvd, Bradenton. Historical librarian Pamela Gibson founded the Eaton Florida History Room at the Central Library in 1978 and has collected materials for the historical collections for over four decades. Join us in celebrating her legacy as she passes the baton to the next generation. Refreshments (tea, scones, tea sandwiches) will be served.

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FREE! Contact: Ericka Dow, ericka.dow@mymanatee.org

Saturday, March 7

Duette Wagon Pioneer History Tour, 2617 Rawls Road, Duette, 8:30am – 12:30pm.

Discover over 20,000 acres of Duette Preserve from a covered wagon. With 2 naturalist guides and 2 park rangers discover the story of restoration and ecosystems. Pine Flatwoods, River floodplain and Scrub ecosystems, and maybe spot a Florida Scrub-jay! Guided by Preserve Rangers and Naturalists from Around the Bend Nature Tours. Funded by Manatee Fish & Game Association. Featuring natural/restored habitats and cultural history. **Bring a cushion** and your lunch. Water will be provided. This event is provided at no charge, sponsored by Manatee Fish & Game Association. **An optional caravan** to Headwaters property will follow lunch, ending at 2pm. **Registration required! Free!**

manatee-fish-game.ticketleap.com/duette-wagon-tour---march-7/ or Karen Willey karenwildfl@gmail.com 941-704-4325

Anna Maria Island Historical Society Annual Heritage Day Festival, AMIHS Museum and Historical Park, 402 Pine Avenue, City of Anna Maria, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. This annual event gives visitors an opportunity to watch local craftsmen demonstrating arts and crafts as practiced by early Island settlers. In addition, Settler's Bread baked by local volunteers and Strawberry Shortcake will be for sale. The museum, Belle Haven Cottage and the surrounding native plant garden will be open for tours. Music and food are also part of this annual event. **FREE!** (941) 778-0492

ArtSlam! Historic Main Street or 12th Street West, Bradenton, 9:00 AM -4:00 PM. A celebration of youth and creativity. Watch as dozens of teams of students and creatives take art out of the classroom and studios and onto the streets. Engage in the creative process, experience temporary public art, and celebrate the creative youth in Manatee County. **FREE!** www.realizebradenton.com

Parrish Heritage Days Parade and Festival with Annual Chili Cook Off. Parade runs through Parrish starting at the big field just south of the Parrish United Methodist Church off 121st Avenue and ending at the Florida Railroad Museum, 12210 83rd Street East, Parrish. Annual parade featuring floats, kids, animals and bands. **The Parade is FREE!** Festival starts at 11:00 AM and runs until 4:00 PM on the grounds of the Florida Railroad Museum. There is a \$10 charge (\$8 in advance) to get into the family friendly festival (children 12 and under are free) where there will be rides, games, food and live music by several local and nationally known bands. Winner of the chili contest receives a \$500 prize! To enter a team in the chili cook off (Prize is \$500!), go to www.parrishchili.com. Parking is available on the north end of the big field behind the Parrish United Methodist Church with shuttle buses to take you to the event.

Dyeing with Plant Based Dyes, The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th St. W Cortez, 10am – Noon, Come discover the beautiful soft and subtle colors that can be created using natural dyes. In this beginners workshop students will learn how to make 3 different dyes starting from the beginning ingredient, the plant, and 6 different dyeing techniques: batik, stamping, ombre, tie-dyeing, folding and bandhini. At the end of this class the student will be able to follow simple dye recipes to create their own dye at home. They will take home 6 finished napkins, each one showing the different techniques used in the class. Students should wear old clothing due to the possibility of getting dye on clothing. Class Price is \$38. **Register by March 6th**, call 941-708-6120 or go to FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org.

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Archaeological Program at Manatee Mineral Spring; Historic House Tours, 10:00am - 1:00pm.

10:00: 1312 2nd Ave E. Archaeologist and heritage interpreter Sherry Svekis will share photographs and some initial findings from the recent archaeological dig at Manatee Mineral Spring Park. Meet at the park located off 14th St. E. and 2nd Ave. (2 blocks North of SR64)

11:00 1305 4th Ave. E. Interior tours of the National Register Curry Houses Historic District museums. These handicap accessible museums will be open with guides in attendance at 11:00-1:00. The Samuel George Curry house is a Civil War soldier living history museum. The adjacent Mary Amelia house displays artifacts from past excavations around the Manatee Settlement. The Visitors Center, open Wed-Sat 10-1:00 is the Theodosia Curry residence. It displays information on the recent listing of the Manatee Mineral Spring Park to Florida's Underground Railroad. **FREE!** Refreshments will be available by donation. For more information, call 941-779-4480.

Sunday, March 8

Gamble Plantation Historic State Park Spring Open House, one and a half miles west of I-75 (exit #224) on US301, Ellenton, 10:00 AM - 3:00 P.M. Travel back to the Old South during the day through the many lifestyle demonstrations of that time period. The ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be wearing costumes reminiscent of the era of the 1840's through 1870's to add that special touch of authenticity to the day. The Gamble Mansion will be open to the public with **FREE tours** of the building. Additionally, the 4th Florida Volunteer Infantry will be dressed in military uniforms re-enacting a Confederate encampment. Music, crafts and more await attendees. **FREE!** (941) 723-4536.

Monday, March 9

Manatee Settlement Walking Tour, 1302 2nd Avenue East off 14th Street East Bradenton 34208, three blocks north of State Road 64, 3:00-6:00 PM. The tour will be a slow 2-3 hour walk through the hammock covered streets of East Bradenton. Visit the original homesites of pioneers and learn about the early settlers who made Manatee their home in the 1840-1860s. Come early and read the interpretive signs placed there. Handicap facilities are on site. The event is **FREE!** Donations to the non-profit are greatly appreciated and benefit the educational programs of Reflections of Manatee. For more information, call (941) 746-2035.

Wednesday March 11th

Florida Cracker Crafts Series- Candles, Robinson Preserve Expansion: 840 99th St NW, Bradenton, meet at the NEST, 2:00 PM– 4:00 PM. Join us for this one-time only Florida Cracker Crafts series. Each Wednesday afternoon in March we will be featuring a hands-on technique used by the local pioneers. This week's craft is candle making. Illuminate your world, learn pour and dip candle techniques and walk away with 3 functional art pieces. Program suitable for ages 16 and up!

Program has a \$20 fee. Registration is required. Please register by emailing coral.bass@mymanatee.org.

Thursday March 12th

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Home School Science Club: Fascinating Florida Fossils, Emerson Point Preserve: 5801 17th street West, Palmetto, FL 34221, meet at the classroom, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Join us for a blast into the past! Have you ever wondered what Florida was like millions of years ago? Become a paleontologist and discover more about the ancient creatures that used to call our state home. Through hands on discovery, we will dig a little deeper into Florida's natural history and uncover the wonders of the past. Program recommended for age 6-10 year olds, but children of all ages are welcome. **This program is FREE!** Reservations are required. Please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing sarah.denison@mymanatee.org.

Saturday, March 14

Blacksmithing: Kitchen Trivets, The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street W., Cortez, 9:00am—4:00pm with a break for lunch. All safety gear and material will be provided. Learn fundamental hammering techniques and safety by the forge while forging a decorative trivet that is sure to be the talk of the dinner table! We'll begin by covering hammering, and bending techniques necessary to make your trivet. Once your components are forged to look good and fit together we will work to connect the pieces. This class covers a variety of techniques and is a great introduction workshop if you have never forged before. Class fee is \$198. Register by March 12. Call (941) 708-6120 or email FMMInfo@manateeclerk.org

Pioneer Chef: Historical Cooking Techniques, Rye Preserve: 905 Rye Wilderness Trail, Parrish, meet at the pavilion, 10:00 AM– 12:00 PM. Florida's pioneers spent their days hunting, fishing and foraging. Explore the ingredients and cooking techniques of Florida's early settlers. Learn how these pioneers prepped and preserved their food with hands-on demonstrations and tasty treats. Chef Aedan will share a variety of pioneer recipes and teach how to cook over an open campfire. Program suitable for all ages. **FREE!** Registration is required. Please register by emailing Aedan.stockdale@mymanatee.org.

Old Manatee Picnic, Manatee Village Historical Park, 1404 Manatee Avenue East, Bradenton,

11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Join us for a talk about Angola and Florida's Freedom Seekers, by Sherry Svekis of Reflections of Manatee. We will also be sharing information about the Old Manatee historical walking tour on the Florida Stories Walking Tours app, with giveaways. You can begin the tour in the Manatee Village. A picnic lunch will be provided. **FREE!** Contact: ericka.dow@mymanatee.org

Rye Cemetery Preservation and Beautification, Rye Preserve, 905 Rye Wilderness Trail, Parrish, meet at the pavilion, 2:00 PM -4:00 PM. Volunteer to spruce up the Rye Pioneer Trail and historic burial grounds by removing litter and invasive plants. Then, clean the gravestones with a special solution to help them shine. *Program suitable for participants age 6 and older.* **FREE!** Register by calling (941) 742-5923 X6035 or email michelle.leahy@mymanatee.org

Tuesday, March 17

Irish Cuisine with Chef Warren, The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street W., Cortez, 10:00am—11:30pm. Florida is home to one of the five largest Irish -descended populations in the United States. Come celebrate this rich heritage with Chef Warren and the Florida

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Maritime Museum. Participants will learn how to incorporate more Irish cuisine into their diet outside of corned beef and cabbage. This hands on demo will allow students to incorporate Chef Warren's healthy and creative recipes in their daily lives past St. Patrick's Day. \$20 class fee. Register at FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org/the-folk-school. Questions? Call (941) 708-6120 or email FMMInfo@manateeclerk.org

Wednesday, March 18

Manatee County Historical Society Luncheon, Red Lobster, US 41 at 57th Avenue West, 11:30am - 2:00pm. Iris Worth McClain, writer for the Parrish Village News and a longtime resident will give us an overview and memoir of the changes and development of the former rural part of Manatee County. **\$20**. Please call one week prior for reservations, (941) 447-2154. You do not have to be a member of the society to attend.

Florida Cracker Crafts Series- Weaving, Robinson Preserve Expansion: 840 99th St NW, Bradenton, meet at the NEST, 2:00 PM– 4:00 PM. Join us for this one-time only Florida Cracker Crafts series. Each Wednesday afternoon in March we will be featuring a hands-on technique used by the local pioneers. This week's craft is weaving. Learn the basics of weaving through our local textile artist, then try your hand at creating some beautiful fiber art. Program suitable for ages 16 and up! **Program has a \$20 fee**. Registration is required. Please register by emailing coral.bass@mymanatee.org.

Manatee Genealogical Society Seminar, Westminster Courtyard, 222 12th St. W (Old Main St.), Bradenton, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.. Featured speaker, Ray Maki, will speak on "New York State: Dealing with the Empire. Explore the genealogical resources to find your New York ancestors. Ray is a member of the Manatee Genealogical Society. **FREE!** There is no charge for visitors to attend the event. The Society welcomes new members. For more information: Web site: <https://mgsfl.org/> Facebook: www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety. Email questions: info@mgsfl.org

Thursday, March 19

Behind the Scenes of Cortez, The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street W., Cortez, 10:00am— Noon. Join us at the Florida Maritime Museum first for a tour with staff of the museum and learn about Cortez history, followed by a walking tour through the village to A.P. Bell where you will be guided by owner, and 4th generation Cortezian, Karen Bell for a behind the scenes tour of the fish house. \$28 class fee. Register at FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org/the-folk-school. Questions? Call (941) 708-6120 or email FMMInfo@manateeclerk.org

Storytelling and Service: The Singing River, Robinson Preserve, 10299 9th Ave NW, Bradenton, meet at the NEST, 5:30 PM-7:00 PM. Looking for a volunteer opportunity in the cool of the evening at beautiful Robinson Preserve? Come out to the newest part of Robinson for our book club with a service twist. Every month we will read different book from science and history about Florida, discuss, and follow it with a restoration project in the preserve. This month will be The Singing River by Joe G Warner. Program is suitable for bookworms age 14 and up. **FREE!** Register by calling (941) 742-5923 X6035 or email michelle.leahy@mymanatee.org

Friday, March 20

Coastal Climate Walk-Coastal Resilience, Perico Preserve, 11700 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, 9:30 AM—Noon. Discover how Florida's land managers re-create a coastline. Encounter

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native plants, animals, gopher tortoise habitat, and new seagrass meadows. The evolution of this site is historic. Once a farm, almost a highrise condominium, then the redesign of the barren landscape into a freshwater lake opened up to Perico Bayou to allow saltwater in. Now mangroves and seagrasses are moving back! Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. \$20.00 per person. Discounts available for multiple walks. Registration required at

<http://www.sarasotaudubon.org/product-category/climate-walks/>

Saturday, March 21

Mainly Art, Bradenton Farmer's Market, Historic Main Street or 12th Street West, Bradenton, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The Farmers' Market expands to welcome local artists and craftspeople selling their handmade goods. **FREE!** Visit www.bradentonfarmersmarket.com.

Palmetto Heritage Festival, Palmetto Historical Park & the Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 515 10th Ave. West, Palmetto, 10:00am - 2:00pm. Park and Museum Open House, Heritage Station Post Office will be open for business and a special one-day cancellation will be affixed to all outgoing mail. Activities include The Artwork of Pat Robertson exhibit, food vendor, multigenerational activities and building tours. **FREE!** For information, call (941) 723-4991 or (941) 721-2034 or email agriculturalmuseum@manateeclerk.com.

Tuesday, March 24

Historic House Tour, 1112 Riverside Drive, Palmetto, 2:00 PM. Participate in a guided tour of the Alkire home on the Palmetto riverfront. Built in 1899 by Julius Lamb, Palmetto's founder, it was later purchased in the 1920s by John Pope Harllee of the "tomato Harllees." Beautifully restored by the current home owners, their gracious tour allows you a look inside one of Palmetto's most beautiful historic homes. Navigating stairways is necessary to see the entire home. Wear comfortable shoes. **FREE! Reservations are required, there are only 30 spaces available. First come, First served.** Parking instructions will be provided when making a reservation. Make tour reservations on Eventbrite at <https://tinyurl.com/HistoricHouseTour>

Wednesday, March 25

Walking Tour of Palmetto, leaves from the Palmetto Historical Park, 10th Avenue and 6th Street West, Palmetto, 2:00 PM. This walk, about 2 hours, will highlight some of the historic buildings along the riverfront in Palmetto and includes a tour of the Palmetto Riverfront Bed and Breakfast. The Bed and Breakfast was a Sears and Roebuck house, built by town founder's son, J.A. Lamb. Wear comfortable shoes. **FREE! Reservations are required, there are only 30 spaces available. First come, First served.** <https://tinyurl.com/PHPAGTOUR>

Florida Cracker Crafts Series- Knitting, Robinson Preserve Expansion: 840 99th St NW, Bradenton, meet at the NEST, 2:00 PM– 4:00 PM. Can you purl? Join us for this one-time only Florida Cracker Crafts series. Each Wednesday afternoon in March we will be featuring a hands-on technique used by the local pioneers. This week's craft is knitting. Learn the basics of knitting through our local textile artist, then try your hand at creating some beautiful fiber art. Program suitable for ages 16 and up! **Program has a \$20 fee.** Registration is required. Please register by emailing coral.bass@mymanatee.org.

Ag at Night – Foodie Paradise, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. The 2nd of a 4-part evening series, learn about some of our local agricultural products and tantalize your taste buds with samples at each station. *Ag at Night is a unique experience for adults only (18+). This 4-part programming series focuses on fun*

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topics related to agriculture, historically and today. Guests will experience hands on activities, food and drink tastings, demonstrations, and more! Tickets are \$8 for members, \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door. Pre-registration is recommended as there are a limited amount of tickets. Tickets must be purchased for each date of the series. For more information go to the Museum's website at www.manateecountyagmuseum.com or phone 941-721-2034.

Friday, March 27

Painting With A Fish, The Folk School at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th Street W., Cortez, 9:30-11:30 AM. Would you like to learn how to Gyotaku? Join "Painting with a Fish" for a fun modern spin on Gyotaku (Direct Method Fish Rubbing). This unique class includes art instructions, supplies and your own creative fish print. \$38 class fee. Register at FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org/the-folk-school. Questions? Call (941) 708-6120 or email FMMInfo@manateeclerk.org

Saturday, March 28

Five Centuries of Florida History, DeSoto National Memorial, 8300 De Soto Memorial Hwy, Bradenton, 10:00 AM -3:00 PM. Come experience 500 years of history! Over 30 reenactors portray men and women from Florida's history at this unique timeline event. All time periods set up camps and displays with talks and demonstration through the day. Hear the roar of muskets and talk with period reenactors portraying Floridians from the past. There will be fun and games for the whole family. **FREE!** Call (941)792-0458 or visit us at www.nps.gov/deso for more information.

Cemetery Tours: Heritage Days, Manatee Village Historical Park, 1405 4th Avenue East, Bradenton, 11am and 2pm. Learn the stories behind the headstones in the 1850 Manatee Burying Grounds. Manatee Village will offer two docent-led tours of the 1850 Manatee Burying Grounds on Saturday, March 28 as a part of Manatee County's Heritage Days. The tour will discuss headstone materials, symbols stamped on the headstones, ornamental plants, and family histories. Proceeds from this event will help Manatee Village buy new supplies for the October evening Tombstone Tours. This event is \$10. Advance registration is required. Tickets go on sale at www.manateevillage.org at the end of February.

Saturday March 28th

NEST Open House: Florida Fossil Share, Robinson Preserve, 10299 9th Ave NW, Bradenton 8:00 AM-Noon. Join us at the new Mosaic Center for Nature, Exploration, Science, and Technology for a morning of exploration. Walk the grounds of the historic Reasoner Tract and observe botanical giants collected from around the world. Explore the canopy boardwalk among the banyans, climb to the top of the crow's nest, take in breathtaking panoramic views, and make an exciting exit from the building via slide. Learn about Florida's natural history by delving into a collection of fossils excavated in Manatee County. This program is suitable for all ages. **FREE!** For more information, contact (941) 742-5923 X6035

Tuesday March 31st

Native American Experience at Emerson Point Preserve, 5801 17th St. W., Palmetto. Meet at the pavilion by the ranger's station, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Discover what life was like for native Americans who once lived here. Learn about many of the skills practiced by Florida's early inhabitants and their way of life during a walk through the site of an early settlement. Program suitable for participants ages 6

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About the Manatee County Clerk of the Court

The Florida Constitution established the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller as a public trustee, independently elected to protect public funds and public records while executing the functions of Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Comptroller, Treasurer and Auditor, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and County Recorder. Located at 1115 Manatee Ave. W. in Bradenton, the Clerk oversees a staff of more than 275 people, responsible for performing nearly 1,000 constitutional or statutory functions or duties, representing the broadest and most diverse mantle of responsibility of any locally elected official. The citizens of Manatee County elect the Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller to a four-year term. Currently, Angelina M. Colonnese serves as the Clerk of the Court. For more information, call 941-749-1800 or visit www.ManateeClerk.com.

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