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Manatee Heritage Days

February 24 – March 31, 2023

This year marks the 44th 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 celebration’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 have been as varied as exhibits and parades. Events take place this year both virtually, and in-person throughout Manatee County. Through these events, participants can 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 the 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 general information about the Manatee Heritage Days, please call (941) 741-4070. Join with us in this countywide celebration of our community’s past.

2023 Participating Organizations:

Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
Florida Maritime Museum
Friends of the Florida Maritime Museum
Gamble Plantation Historic State Park
Jiggs Landing Florida Boat Tours
Manatee County Agricultural Museum
Manatee County Historical Records Library
Manatee County Natural Resources Department
Manatee County Public Library
Manatee Genealogical Society
Manatee Village Historical Park

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**Myakka City Historical Society
Palmetto Historical Park
Parrish Civic Association
Realize Bradenton
Reflections of Manatee
The Powel Crosley Estate Foundation**

Month Long Events

Self-Guided Walking Tour of Palmetto

Dates: All Month Long

Hours: 10:00 AM or 3:00 PM

Location: Palmetto Historical Park, 515 10th Ave. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: www.palmettohistoricalpark.com/cliotour

Contact: 941-723-4991 or palmettohistoricalpark@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: Enjoy historic downtown Palmetto with our virtual self-guided tour. It is available online and on the “CLIO – Your Guide to History” App. The tour starts at 515 10th Ave W. Palmetto, Florida and will take you on a journey through Palmetto’s historic downtown and riverfront area.

Florida Boat Tours @ Jiggs Landing

Dates: All Month Long

Hours: Anytime

Location: Jiggs Landing, 6106 63rd St. E. Bradenton, FL 34203

Website: www.JiggsLanding.com

Contact: Denise Kleiner / floridaboattoursinc@gmail.com

Cost: \$20.00/per person

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: In March, we will feature a special boat tour featuring one of the older communities in Manatee County. In 1920, Lincoln Marine created the first subdivision, outside the city limits of Bradenton. The boat will enter an arm of the Braden River where Lincoln Marine built his home and rebuilt an abandoned cabin next to his home. Discover and experience what the pioneers found in this area in the late 1800s. Reservations required. Reserve your tour online at www.JiggsLanding.com Click onto the "Boat Tour" button. No walk ups please.

New Exhibit - “Dairy Days of Manatee County”

Dates: Beginning Saturday, March 4; Tuesday – Friday and the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the Month

Hours: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 1015 6th St. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: www.manateecountyagmuseum.com

Contact: 941-721-2034 or agriculturalmuseum@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: On Saturday, March 4th, the Ag Museum will be opening a new exhibit that features Manatee County's dairy industry. From historic dairies of by-gone days to currently producing dairy farms, you will learn about our local dairies as well as innovations that changed the dairy industry throughout the 1900s. Children's learning activities are also included in this exhibit.

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Saturday, February 18

Unsung Heroes: Black History Month

Date: Saturday, February 18

Hours: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Palmetto Branch Library, 923 6th St. W., Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: <https://manateelibrary.libcal.com/calendar>

Contact: 941-755-3892 or cheryl.coleman@mymantee.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: Discover the pioneers of black music in the classical era and meet other luminaries of the past. Enjoy a musical performance and a few surprises along the way. Presented by Cheryl Coleman. Pre-registration is required.

Tuesday, February 21

Unsung Heroes: Black History Month

Date: Tuesday, February 21

Hours: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: South Manatee Branch Library, 6081 26th St. W., Bradenton, FL 34207

Website: <https://manateelibrary.libcal.com/calendar>

Contact: 941-755-3892 or cheryl.coleman@mymantee.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: Discover the pioneers of black music in the classical era and meet other luminaries of the past. Enjoy a musical performance and a few surprises along the way. Presented by Cheryl Coleman. Pre-registration is required.

Friday, February 24

Movies @ the Maritime: “Through the Tunnel”

Date: Friday, February 24

Hours: 7:00 PM, movie begins at 7:15 PM

Location: Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th St. W., Cortez FL 34215

Website: <https://FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org>

Contact: 941-708-6120 or fmminfo@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: Movies at the Maritime is back! Join us Friday, February 24 for a showing of *Through the Tunnel*, METV's award-winning documentary on Manatee County's local integration story. We will begin the night with a short flick from *Eating Out: The Hunt for Sustainable Seafood*, which gives an insider look on local clam farming. Plan to arrive by 7:00 PM to stake out your space in our field with picnic blankets and lawn chairs; films start about 7:15 PM.

Saturday, February 25

Unsung Heroes: Black History Month

Date: Saturday, February 25

Hours: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Braden River Branch Library, 4916 53rd Ave. E., Bradenton, FL 34203

Website: <https://manateelibrary.libcal.com/calendar>

Contact: 941-755-3892 or cheryl.coleman@mymantee.org

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Wednesday, March 1

Polish Special Interest Group by Manatee Genealogical Society (Virtual)

Date: Wednesday, March 1

Hours: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM EST

Location: online presentation via ZOOM

Website: <https://mgsfl.org/>

Contact: info@mgsfl.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: Researching in a foreign country can be a little intimidating, especially if you are researching alone. If your ancestors are from Poland or Eastern Europe, this group may be for you. Join us for a monthly discussion and research session designed to encourage and inspire everyone. The meeting format is very flexible, and the discussions go where the group takes it.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, visit our website:

<https://mgsfl.org/> or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety. Members of the public are welcome to attend at no charge. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom technology.

Guests must register at least one day in advance by emailing info@mgsfl.org. Please put in your email Subject Line: **Request POLISH SIG Link**. For more information, visit our website:

<https://mgsfl.org/> or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety. Email questions: info@mgsfl.org

Saturday March 4

Palmetto's Heritage Festival

Date: Saturday, March 4

Hours: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Palmetto Historical Park & Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 515 10th Ave W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: <https://palmettohistoricalpark.com/> or <http://www.manateecountyagmuseum.com/>

Contact: 941-721-2034/ agriculturalmuseum@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: This is a FREE, fun, family event! Our 1880 Heritage Station Post Office will be operational with a ONE-DAY-ONLY cancellation designed by a local student artist - bring your stamped mail! Guided tours of the park buildings will take place at 10:30, 11:30, and 12:30. The Agricultural Museum will be launching their new logo and have giveaways for visitors, first come, first served, along with a giant paint-by-number logo for visitors to paint. Contests/activities/crafts and more throughout the park.

Sunday March 5

Gamble Plantation Historic State Park 61st Annual Spring Open House

Date: Sunday, March 5

Hours: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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Location: Gamble Plantation Historic State Park, 3708 Patten Avenue, Ellenton FL 34222

Website: <http://www.floridastateparks.org/gambleplantation>

Contact: (941) 723-4536 or Fax (941) 723-4638.

Cost: FREE admission and parking

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: Once again you can travel back to the Old South through many lifestyle demonstrations of that time period. The ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be wearing costumes from 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. There will be a Confederate encampment, music, crafts and more that await attendees. Admission and parking will be free. Gamble Plantation Historic State Park is located on U.S. 301 in Ellenton, one mile west of I-75 off exit #224.

Horses and History

Date: Sunday, March 5

Hours: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Herrmanns Ranch, 32755 Singletary Rd., Myakka City, FL 34251

Website: n/a

Contact: 941-962-6807 / myakkacity1914@yahoo.com

Cost: n/a

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: Horse show along with local talent both young and old, whip cracking, local vendors and historical displays.

Tuesday, March 7

Manatee Genealogical Society Monthly Membership Meeting and Program

Date: Tuesday, March 7

Hours: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM EST

Location: Manatee Central Library Auditorium 1301 Barcarrota Blvd. West, Bradenton, FL (Virtual attendance available also via Zoom. See details below.)

Website: <https://mgsfl.org/>

Contact: info@mgsfl.org

Pre-registration required: Yes, for guests attending via Zoom ONLY

Event description: Our program speaker, Donna M. Moughty will present in person on “Preparing for a Research Trip – Here or Abroad”.

Hopefully the time will come when you have enough information to begin planning a trip to your ancestral homeland. Knowing the exact place is key to your success as borders and state lines may have changed since your ancestor’s emigration/migration. This lecture will look at what you should do to prepare for your trip.

Donna, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, is a researcher, lecturer, and blogger on topics including Methodology, Internet, Irish research, and Technology. She is the author of the Quick Reference Guides for Irish Research. Her genealogy blog can be found at <https://www.irishfamilyroots.com/>.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. Guests attending the in-person meeting at the Manatee Central Library are not required to register in advance. The virtual meeting will be conducted via Zoom technology. Zoom guests must register at least one day in advance by emailing info@mgsfl.org. For more information, visit our website: <https://mgsfl.org/> or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety.

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Powel Crosley Estate Open house

Date: Tuesday, March 7

Hours: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Powel Crosley Estate, 8374 N. Tamami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243

Website: <https://www.bradentongulfislands.com/special-event-services/crosley>

Contact: JoAnna Bellemore / joanna.bellmore@mymanatee.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: The Powel Crosley Estate Foundation and the Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau invite the public for free tours of the historic Powel Crosley Estate, during a two-day open house event on March 7 and 8. Every half hour from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 7 and Wednesday, March 8, docents will tour visitors around the mansion, built in 1929. The Crosley served as the winter home of Powel Crosley, the American innovator who is most revered for bringing radio to the masses by manufacturing inexpensive radios during radio's first defining decade. A variety of Crosley radios and memorabilia will be on display throughout the mansion which is located at 8374 N. Tamiami Trail.

Wednesday, March 8

German Special Interest Group by Manatee Genealogical Society (Virtual)

Date: Wednesday, March 8

Hours: 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM EST

Location: online presentation via ZOOM

Website: <https://mgsfl.org/>

Contact: info@mgsfl.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: Do you have German ancestors, or are you interested in this part of Europe, or were your ancestors located in some of the popular German settlements in the USA? Maybe you should join our German Special Interest Group (SIG) and converse with other researchers with the same interests. The meeting format is very flexible, and the discussions go where the group takes it. Members of the public are welcome to attend at no charge. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom technology. Guests must register at least one day in advance by emailing info@mgsfl.org. Please put in your email Subject Line: **Request German SIG Link**. For more information, visit our website: <https://mgsfl.org/> or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety. Email questions: info@mgsfl.org

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Friday, March 10

Movies @ the Maritime: “Finding Nemo”

Date: Friday, March 10

Hours: 7:00 PM, movie begins at 7:15 PM

Location: Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th St. W., Cortez, FL 34215

Website: <https://FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org>

Contact: 941-708-6120 or fmminfo@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: Movies at the Maritime is back with a family movie night! Join us Friday, March 10th as we gather under the stars to watch *Finding Nemo*. We will begin the night with a short flick from SRQ Media about our neighborhood: the historic fishing village of Cortez! Plan to arrive by 7:00 PM to stake out your space in our field with picnic blankets and lawn chairs; films start about 7:15 PM.

Saturday, March 11

Bradenton Roots @ Bradenton Public Market

Date: Saturday, March 11

Hours: Market 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Old Main Street Walking Tours at 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM

Location: Old Main Street (12th Street West), Downtown Bradenton, FL 34205

Website: <https://realizebradenton.com/Market>

Contact: 812-631-2592 or andrea@realizebradenton.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: Bradenton Roots celebrates the heritage of our Market vendors and the history of business and commerce on Old Main Street. On Saturday, March 11th, the Bradenton Public Market family of vendors will celebrate their heritage with displays at their booths. While you purchase your favorite Market items, you can also learn about the vendors, their culture, and ancestry.

In addition, 30-minute walking tours of Old Main Street will include stories of the people who have worked on Old Main Street throughout history and left us their entrepreneurial legacy. Walking tours meet at the corner of Old Main and 3rd Ave West.

Cemetery Tour: 1850 Manatee Burying Grounds

Date: Saturday, March 11

Hours: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Manatee Village Historical Park, 1404 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton, FL 34208

Website: <https://ManateeVillage.org/events>

Contact: 941-749-7165 or manatee.village@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: Join us for a free hour-long tour of the 1850 Manatee Burying Grounds led by a member of Manatee Village's staff. Tours cover different facets of life during Manatee's Founding Period (1840-1918) as well as stories of those buried in the burying grounds.

Tour begins at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 11. Space is limited and filled on a first come, first served basis. Check in at the Wiggins General Store at Manatee Village Historical Park on the morning of the tour to receive your free wrist band.

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Please note that this is an outdoor event. Participants will traverse over curbs and uneven terrain. There will be no seating during the tour. Tours may be canceled due to inclement weather and rain dates will not be given. For the most up to date information, please follow us on social media or call 941-749-7165.

Manatee Settlement Guided Walking Tour

Date: Saturday, March 11

Hours: 1:00 PM

Location: Manatee Mineral Springs Park, 14th Ave. E. at 2nd Ave., Bradenton, FL 34208

Website: <https://reflectionsofmanatee.org>

Contact: 727-744-7051 or reflectionsofmanatee.elizabeth@gmail.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: Back by popular demand, Reflections of Manatee's Annual Walking Tour guides you through the oak and pine shaded streets of East Bradenton (Old Manatee). You will visit pioneer home-sites and learn the settlement history of 1840-1860. The tour is a slow walk with numerous stops, but no place to sit down. It covers about a mile of mostly level paved roadway and will last approximately 1 1/2 hours. Remember water and sunscreen. Meet at Manatee Mineral Springs Park, 14th Street East and 2nd Avenue East. Parking is available at the grassy lot next to Reflections of Manatee, 1305 4th Avenue East, Bradenton.

Monday, March 13

Technology Special Interest Group by Manatee Genealogical Society (Virtual)

Date: Monday, March 13

Hours: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM EST

Location: online presentation via ZOOM

Website: <https://mgsfl.org/>

Contact: info@mgsfl.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: The TECHNOLOGY SIG helps users of all abilities to effectively use technology in support of Family History research. We will also have breakout groups for the users of the different Family History software.

The meeting's focus will be "Free Family History Resources Online", presented by Peggy Jude. Peggy has been conducting genealogical research for her family and clients for over 40 years, and she specializes and teaches in five areas of genealogical interest: DNA, Preserving Family History and Heirlooms, Genealogical method and records, Genealogical technology, and Swedish genealogy. Members of the public are welcome to attend at no charge. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom technology. Guests must register at least one day in advance by emailing info@mgsfl.org. Please put in your email Subject Line: **Request Technology SIG Link**. For more information, visit our website: <https://mgsfl.org/> or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety. Email questions: info@mgsfl.org.

Wednesday March 15

Palmetto's Guided Historic Walking Tour

Date: Wednesday, March 15

Hours: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Palmetto Historical Park & Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 515 10th Ave W.

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Website: <http://www.manateecountyagmuseum.com/>

Contact: 941-721-2034 or agriculturalmuseum@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: This walk, about 2 hours, will highlight some of the historic buildings in the downtown and riverfront areas. Included is a tour of the Palmetto Riverside Bed & Breakfast, an historic Sears and Roebuck home, built by town founder's son, J. A. Lamb. Wear comfortable shoes. This is a free tour, but a ticket is REQUIRED as there are only 15 spaces available. AN HOUR PRIOR to the walking tour, the Palmetto Historical Park and Agricultural Museum will be open for those who wish to explore. If the tour is full, you are welcome to sign up on the waiting list and we will contact you if a space opens up.

Thursday, March 16

Folk School Class: Multi-Generational Painting with a Fish

Date: Thursday, March 16

Hours: 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM

Location: Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th St. W., Cortez, FL 34215

Website: <https://FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org>

Contact: 941-708-6120 or fmminfo@manateeclerk.com

Cost: \$35.00

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: This beloved folk school classic is back with a twist- we are now using synthetic fish models instead of real fish. It offers a similar process inspired by Gyotaku, the traditional Japanese method of printing fish. We hope you join us for this interactive painting experience! All ages are welcome to join this painting class! Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets only need to be purchased for individuals completing a painting; adults accompanying just to help do not need a ticket. Children must be able to follow directions and use paint responsibly and safely

Mid-Atlantic Pre-Civil War Special Interest Group by Manatee Genealogical Society (Virtual)

Date: Thursday, March 16

Hours: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM EST

Location: online presentation via ZOOM

Website: <https://mgsfl.org/>

Contact: info@mgsfl.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: Do you have ancestors who arrived in the United States before the Civil War? Did they begin their U.S. experience in the Mid-Atlantic states and then move westward? Then this SIG is for you! Sometimes the key to finding your ancestor's home across the ocean is researching the places they lived before they migrated west. This was often in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, or the surrounding states. This SIG is designed to help people with just that experience. The focus is on those who arrived in the U.S. before the Civil War and back to Colonial times. Migration routes, record sources, and more will be discussed.

Members of the public are welcome to attend at no charge. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom technology. Guests must register at least one day in advance by emailing info@mgsfl.org. Please put in your email Subject Line: **Request Mid-Atlantic SIG Link**. For more information, visit our website:

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Friday, March 17

Historic House Tour

Date: Friday, March 17

Hours: 2:00 PM

Location: Palmetto Historical Park & Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 515 10th Ave W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: <http://www.manateecountyagmuseum.com/>

Contact: 941-721-2034 or agriculturalmuseum@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: Participate in a guided tour of the Alkire home on the Palmetto riverfront. Built in 1899 by J. A. Lamb, Palmetto's founder's son, it was later purchased in the 1920s by John Pope Harllee of the "Tomato Harllees." Beautifully restored by the current homeowners, 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.

While this tour is free, a ticket is REQUIRED, as there are only 20 spaces available. A waiting list will be available and we will contact you if a space opens up. AN HOUR PRIOR to the house tour, the Palmetto Historical Park and Agricultural Museum will be open for those who wish to explore. Parking instructions for house tour will be provided after reservation is made.

Saturday, March 18

Escape Room: Sinking Ship

Date: Saturday, March 18

Hours: Multiple instances take place at 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM, and 2:30 PM

Location: Emerson Point Preserve Nature Classroom, 5801 17th St. W., Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: <https://parks.mymanatee.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/search.html?primarycode=110008>

Contact: 941-742-5923 ext. 6044 or sara.alvarezcollazo@mymantee.org

Cost: \$10.00

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: Become one of Florida's first commercial fishermen and solve interactive puzzles to escape an arduous journey at sea. Find hidden clues and collect the items you will need to break free from the ship's hold. Will you escape or remain trapped under the captain's hand? Program suitable for all ages. Sessions are limited to 6 participants. Parents or guardians are allowed to accompany their children throughout the experience. Reservations are required.

Manatee County History: Tropicana and Anthony Rossi

Date: Saturday, March 18

Hours: 3:30 PM – 4:40 PM

Location: Palmetto Branch Library, 923 6th St. W., Palmetto, FL 34221

Website: <https://manateelibrary.libcal.com/event/10250894>

Contact: 941-722-3333 ext. 6347 or david.breakfield@mymantee.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: Join us as Melissa Morgan of the Manatee County Agricultural Museum discusses the history of Tropicana and Anthony Rossi, its founder. No registration required.

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Sunday, March 19

Living History Demonstrations, Pioneer Games, and Open House

Date: Sunday, March 19

Hours: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Reflections of Manatee Historic Complex, 1302 4th Ave. E. at 2nd Ave., Bradenton, FL 34208

Website: <https://reflectionsomanatee.org>

Contact: reflectionsomanatee@msn.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: Play like a pioneer at Reflections of Manatee. Costumed reenactors will show you a pioneer camp, spinning, weaving, and other period crafts. Lawn games include toss the frying pan, horseshoes, chase the hoop, carry the water, and others. Reflections' historic houses will be open from 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM to view 1860s furnishings, a 1925 kitchen, and archaeology exhibits. Reflections of Manatee Historic Complex, 1302 4th Avenue East, Bradenton. For more information email to reflectionsomanatee@msn.com.

Monday, March 20

Pioneer Women of Manatee

Date: Monday, March 20

Hours: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, FL 34217

Website: <https://manateelibrary.libcal.com/event/9885805>

Contact: 941-778-6341 or aileen.valdes@mymanatee.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: In honor of Women's History Month, join us as Allyson O'Leary of Manatee Village Historical Park discusses the trials and triumphs that pioneer women of the Village of Manatee encountered while settling the area we now call home.

Tuesday, March 21

Folk School Class: Memory Map Writing

Date: Tuesday, March 21

Hours: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th St. W., Cortez, FL 34215

Website: <https://FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org>

Contact: 941-708-6120 or fmminfo@manateeclerk.com

Cost: \$10.00

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: In this beginners' writing course, explore guided imagery, create a memory map, and craft a short piece to take home and use for a poem, prose, or story. Test out techniques for recalling detailed memories that will open up a treasure trove of writing possibilities.

DNA Special Interest Group by Manatee Genealogical Society (Virtual)

Date: Tuesday, March 21

Hours: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM EST

Location: online presentation via ZOOM

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Contact: info@mgsfl.org

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Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: Join us for a dialogue on the use of DNA in your genealogical research. News regarding the industry and different tools to use are provided, along with the participants sharing their knowledge, which leads to helping each other tie DNA into genealogy research!

The meeting's focus will be "Working with Your DNA Match List to Find Your Ancestors", presented by Peggy Jude. Peggy has been conducting genealogical research for her family and clients for over 40 years, and she specializes and teaches in five areas of genealogical interest: DNA, Preserving Family History and Heirlooms, Genealogical method and records, Genealogical technology, and Swedish genealogy. She is a member of the Manatee Genealogical Society Board, a professional genealogist and specializes in genetic genealogy.

Members of the public are welcome to attend at no charge. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom technology. Guests must register at least one day in advance by emailing info@mgsfl.org. Please put in your email Subject Line: **Request DNA SIG Link**. For more information, visit our website: <https://mgsfl.org/> or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ManateeGenealogicalSociety. Email questions: info@mgsfl.org

Wednesday, March 22

Folk School Class: Painting with a Fish

Date: Wednesday, March 22

Hours: 10:00 AM – 11:30 PM

Location: Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th St. W., Cortez, FL 34215

Website: <https://FloridaMaritimeMuseum.org>

Contact: 941-708-6120 or fmminfo@manateeclerk.com

Cost: \$35.00

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: This beloved folk school classic is back with a twist- we are now using synthetic fish models instead of real fish. It offers a similar process inspired by Gyotaku, the traditional Japanese method of printing fish. We hope you join us for this interactive painting experience!

Friday, March 24

Rye Preserve Pioneer History Tour

Date: Friday, March 24

Hours: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Rye Preserve Pavilion, 905 Rye Wilderness Trail, Parrish, FL 34219

Website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/533754402787>

Contact: 941-742-5923 ext. 6039 or sarah.denison@mymanatee.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: Get a taste of the wilderness at Rye Preserve. Learn about the historic Town of Rye, a booming pioneer settlement turned ghost town along the banks of the Manatee River. Visit the Rye family cemetery and explore the Rye Nature Center on this historical tour. Program recommended for adults. Terrain is sandy and uneven, not suitable for strollers or mobility devices, closed-toe shoes recommended. Reservations are required. For more information please contact sarah.denison@mymanatee.org.

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Saturday, March 25

Reasoner Tract Plant Walk

Date: Saturday, March 25

Hours: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Location: The NEST at Robinson Preserve, 840 99th St. N.W., Bradenton, FL 34209

Website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/519938358627>

Contact: 941-742-5923 ext. 6036 or elena.burke@mymantee.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: Join us for a leisurely stroll around the grounds of the Reasoner Tract to discover the fascinating history of the Reasoner Brothers Nursery and the tropical plants surrounding the NEST. Once used as a botanical test plot, this site is flourishing with unique plants from around the world. Learn about the significance of this flora and uncover a piece of Manatee County's pioneer history.

Lecture: Transformative Mourning

Date: Saturday, March 25

Hours: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location: Manatee Village Historical Park, 1404 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton, FL 34208

Website: <https://ManateeVillage.org/events>

Contact: 941-749-7165 or manatee.village@manateeclerk.com

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: 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.

Parrish Heritage Festival & Chili Cook Off

Date: Saturday, March 25th

Hours: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: 12210 83rd St. E., Parrish, FL 34219

Website: <https://www.parrishcivicassociation.com>

Contact: president@parrishcivicassociation.com

Cost: Chili Cook Off \$10.00 (12 and under are FREE)

Pre-registration required: No

Event description: Join our annual family friendly event! The day kicks off with a parade at 10:00 a.m. (parade begins at the Parrish United Methodist Church and travels down 121st Street to Erie Road), followed immediately by the Heritage Festival & Chili Cook Off held at the Florida Railroad Museum. Tickets are \$10.00 each (12 and under are FREE) and the entrance ticket includes samples at each booth, kids activities, animal encounters, face painting, vendor booths and live music with Hot Topic. Food trucks and beer vendor will be onsite as well for separate purchase.

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Thursday, March 30

Archaeo Paddle

Date: Thursday, March 30

Hours: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Robinson Preserve North Entrance Kayak Launch, 1704 99th St. N.W., Bradenton, FL 34209

Website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/531991931187>

Contact: 941-742-5923 ext. 6044 or sara.alvarezcollazo@mymantee.org

Cost: FREE

Pre-registration required: Yes

Event description: Journey through the mangrove forests of Robinson Preserve with Archeologist Rachael Kangas and discover the historical uses of the land, ecological restoration and how to spot the evidence or remains of indigenous people's past. Program suitable for ages 16 and older who can meet the County's minimum eligibility requirements. Single and tandem kayaks, paddles, and life jackets are available to borrow free of charge on a first come-first served basis. All participants must wear a life jacket and bring a whistle. Program sponsored by Florida Public Archaeologist Network in partnership with Manatee County.

About the Clerk's Office

The Clerk of Circuit Court was established as a public trustee by the Florida Constitution in 1838. The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the Clerk of Courts, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder, and Custodian of all County Funds. In Manatee County, the Clerk's office also administers a local child support enforcement program, violence protection advocacy program, Manatee Teen Court, and the preservation of historical resources through its historical resources department. Located at 1115 Manatee Avenue West in downtown Bradenton, the Courthouse is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.. Please be sure to visit our website at www.manateeclerk.com and sign up for our electronic newsletter at <https://bit.ly/MB-Sign-Up-Form>.

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