

# Pompano Beach Historical Society

Summer 2019

## *Mission Statement*

The Pompano Beach Historical Society's mission is to collect, preserve and publicize the history of the greater Pompano Beach area.

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## **ROAD TRIP!**

Join us for our June 19th program as we venture a little south to visit the Naval Air Museum.

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> 6-9 pm**

We will meet at 6:00 pm at the Pompano Beach Historical Society at 217 NE 4th Ave to be transported to the Naval Air Station Museum in Fort Lauderdale.

While we have a bite to eat, Dr. John Bloom will present a brief history of the Station, its part in WWII, as well as how the Pompano Air Park was a part of it all. We'll then have time to self-tour the museum. Be sure to check out the butterfly garden! And look out for the Pompano Historical Society's commemorative brick!

Tickets for this program are \$10 per person. Purchase online at:  
[www.pompanohistory.com/  
program\\_june\\_19\\_2019](http://www.pompanohistory.com/program_june_19_2019)

Thank you to [Carrabba's](#) for their support for this program! A portion of the collection will be donated to the Naval Museum.

For further information about the museum go to: [www.nasflmuseum.com](http://www.nasflmuseum.com)



## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Thank you to all the members who came out for the Annual Meeting on May 15th to vote on the current Board of Directors.

We had a couple of changes to the previous board. First, Tom McMahon stepped down as President due to winning the election as Commissioner. He was replaced by past-president and vice-president, Pete Williams. Tom's slot was filled by Denyse Cunningham. Denyse also serves as curator at the Bonnet House Museum. She has worked there since 1996 with a 12 year break from 2002 - 2014 while she worked for the Broward County Historical Commission. We are excited to welcome her to the board. The expertise and knowledge she brings is invaluable.

Bruce Gambill stepped down from the board to spend more time working on his art projects. He is a talented artist and you'll see him around at some of the local shows. Bruce volunteered tirelessly every Saturday to manage the Historical Society's tent at the Green Market. We thank him for his dedication. His position on the board remains open.

The nominating committee will be taking applications throughout the coming year for a new board member. If you would like an application, please email to: [info.pompanohistory@gmail.com](mailto:info.pompanohistory@gmail.com)

**NOTE:** There will be no monthly programs for July and August. We hope you enjoy your summer!

**Summer  
School  
at the  
Historical  
Society  
June 27  
4:00 - 5:00 pm**

**ATE**  
**Adult  
Technology  
Education**

ATE, Adult Technology Education, will be holding a FREE class for our members on using your iPhone on Thursday, June 27 at 4:00 pm at the Historical Society. Come and learn what you have been missing. Class is limited to 20 people, so sign up early. The class will last about 45 minutes with ample time for questions. Sign up at:  
[www.pompanohistory.com/ate\\_class\\_6\\_27\\_19](http://www.pompanohistory.com/ate_class_6_27_19)

This class is for iPhone. We will also hold classes for Android and Samsung in the coming months.

Call Pat at 954-782-3015 for more information.

## BUY THROUGH AMAZONSMILE!

That's right! The Pompano Beach Historical Society is now one of amazon.com's charity recipients through AmazonSmile. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

Please choose us when you shop at Amazon by signing on through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and selecting Pompano Beach Historical Society from their list of eligible charities.

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Norman Rockwell— The Party Line 1919

## RALPH KRUGLER, HILLSBORO LIGHTHOUSE HISTORIAN

Thank you to Ralph Krugler for giving his time to come and speak to us at our May Program. We had an amazing turnout. Ralph had so many stories to share and tales to tell we could have stayed all night. Did you know that the Hillsboro Inlet Light is considered one of the most powerful lights in the world with a beam that extends for 28 nautical miles? That's thanks to the Fresnel Lens (pronounced Fray-nel). The lens was made in Paris, France by Barbier, Bernarn and Turenne. It is nine feet in diameter and weighs 3,600 pounds. The lens itself is made from 356 individual ground glass panels. It is one of only nine Fresnel Lamps active in the US as of 1999.



We hope Ralph will come back and talk to us again. If you haven't yet, or even if you have, you must go and visit the lighthouse on one of its tour days.

The next tour is Saturday June 15. You can pick up the shuttle boat at any of these times: 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 or 11:00. For more information go to: <http://www.hillsborolighthouse.org/tours> or call: 954-942-2102.

Go to our Facebook page to see a short video from the program.



# COME CHECK OUT THE REFURBISHED PLOW!

Thank you to all who donated to make this happen.  
And kudos to Dark Angel Armory & Forge for this amazing restoration.



## IT'S MANGO SEASON!

In 1910 a new mango tree was born in Mrs. Florence Haden's backyard in Coconut Grove. A 'Turpentine' a fibrous and spicy mango from the Caribbean and the smooth-fleshed and delicate 'Mulgoba' of India - - joined together and generated a new generation of mangos. It was named 'Haden'. The Haden mango became popular early on and was the most popular commercially grown mango until World War II. The Haden is still a favorite backyard tree due to its delicious flavor. Other varieties became more popular to grow commercially because they could withstand the rigors of shipping, produced fruit more regularly and were more disease resistant.

From the seeds of 'Haden', came the sweet and spicy 'Kent' of Miami, the pastel-hued 'Keitt' of Homestead, and the gorgeous, firm and productive 'Tommy Atkins' of Fort Lauderdale. As to the identity of the fathers, there exists only conjecture. Many backyards in Pompano have a mango tree, or two. We have a Haden tree, how about you?



Information from Fairchild Gardens website

## PIONEER DAY 2019 Congratulations Jerry Bowman!

Jerry was honored as one of Broward's 2019 Pioneers at the 45th Annual Pioneer Day. The ceremony was held at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center on May 11, 2019. The awards were handed out by the Broward County Historical Preservation Board and the Broward Cultural Division in Partnership with the City of Pompano Beach. Jerry has joined the ranks of the many distinguished honorees, all of whom have committed their time and efforts to the betterment of their communities. Other than congratulations, the only thing we can say further is ... what took so long?



Jerry & Newana Bowman

## IN MEMORIAM

**Alyce Lee Villa**  
2/9/36 - 5/5/19

**Gordon Jay Vinkemulder**  
1936 - 5/6/19



**WATCH THIS  
SPACE, SOMETHING  
EXCITING IS COMING TO  
POMPANO!**

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Programs are on the third Wednesday  
of the month at 6:30 pm unless  
otherwise noted.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE  
2019**

**June 19** Naval Air Museum (6:00)  
**July & August** No Program  
**September 18** Covered Dish &  
Round Table  
**October 16** TBD  
**November 20** Caren Neile  
**December 19** Holiday Party

**SHOP LOCAL!**

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!**

We are so sad the Green Market is over for the season. What a year! New management and new vendors. Green Market Manager Karen Reinstatler took us in a new direction to a more natural and holistic market. We had an average of 30 vendors every week and the reaction was terrific. Thank you to Karen, the market vendors and, of course, all the Historical Society volunteers for all of your help and effort to make the Green Market such a great success!

Have a great summer and we hope to see you all when the market returns on November 2nd.



**HISTORICAL TOUR**

**TOOT, TOOT GOES THE TROLLEY!  
BEEP, BEEP GOES THE BUS!**

**2019 Tour Dates**

**July 13 · September 14 · November 9**

Don't miss this interesting Historic Site Tour of many and varied historic sites in Pompano Beach. The two-hour narrated tour includes familiar landmarks such as the Historic downtown, the Ali Building, Old Mt. Calvary Church, Sample-McDougald House and the Hillsboro Lighthouse Museum to name just a few. The tour begins at Founders Park, 217 NE 4th Ave. Pompano Beach. You will have time from 9:00 - 10:00 to tour the Kester Cottages before the bus departs at 10:00 am sharp. Tickets for the tour are limited and are \$15 per person.

To purchase tickets, go to: [www.pompanohistory.com/event\\_calendar](http://www.pompanohistory.com/event_calendar) or call Pat at 954-782-3015. Seating on the bus is limited to 26 people; get your tickets early!