

# Pompano Beach Historical Society

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY 2021

## *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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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

A new year is beginning, and it is time to say goodbye to 2020 and look forward to a happy, healthy, and COVID-free 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with the many families who were touched by the terrible virus.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Casino Fundraiser this past year but are keeping our fingers crossed to bring it back in May.

We were still able to have a much smaller Highwaymen Art Show and Sale. We did add a new and very successful event to the show, Paint with a Highwayman. Thank you to Doretha Hair Truesdell for donating your time. It is always a pleasure working with these iconic artists and we look forward to the next show in 2021.

We also tried our hand at video meetings. In September Dan Hobby told some interesting stories about crime in Pompano. Then in October Rob Brantley, curator of the Pompano Fire Museum, gave a tour and history of the Fire House. The videos are posted on our Facebook page. We will continue our programs virtually while necessary.

The Green Market reopened November 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue every second and fourth Saturday through April 24<sup>th</sup>. We are now partnered with the Pompano Beach Cultural Department and look forward to a new and exciting season.

Most of all, I want to say thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, members, and friends for your support. We would not be able to do what we do without you. We hope you continue to join us in our efforts to preserve our history.

Wishing you a Happy and Health New Year!

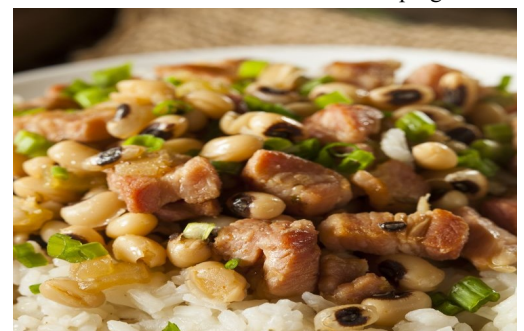
Pete Williams – President



## **Hoppin' John for New Year's Day Dinner**

It's said that anyone who makes this dish of black-eyed peas, pork and rice on January 1 will experience luck and peace for the rest of the year. And maybe prosperity, too: According to History.com, "Hoppin' John was, and still is, often eaten with collard greens, which can resemble paper money, and 'golden' cornbread. The peas themselves represent coins. Some families boost the potential of their Hoppin' John by placing a penny underneath the dishes — or adding extra pork, which is thought to bring more luck."

~ Goodhousekeeping.com





## NEW LOCATION - NEW TIMES!

*Come out to enjoy Pompano Beach's green market and support our local businesses.*

*We have moved to the Pompano Beach Cultural Center! All the vendors you love plus new surprises!*

The Green Market Pompano Beach is presented by the Pompano Beach Historical Society in partnership with the City of Pompano Beach and takes place April 24th on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9 am – 2 pm. We are committed to providing the community with the best and freshest fruits and vegetables, juices, baked goods, local honey, seafood and other food items, as well as plants, and health-related products and services. Visitors will also find hand-made crafts, art and culinary products at the Market. Each Green Market date will have a different theme, creating unique and exciting experience every time you visit!

Yoga on the Great Lawn, led by Samantha Marcum, will take place from 10 – 11 am and unique shopping can be enjoyed throughout the event while you are entertained by the music of DJ Trish.

Masks, social distancing and one-way foot traffic will be required, in addition there will be hand sanitizing stations available.

## BUY USING AMAZONSMILE!

That's right! Don't forget that the Pompano Beach Historical Society is one of amazon.com's charity recipients through AmazonSmile. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the organization of your choice.

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



## 2021 MARKET SCHEDULE

January 9 / Fitness Day  
January 23 / Bakery Day  
February 13 / Valentines Day and  
Black History Month  
February 27 / Community Awareness  
March 13 / St. Patrick's Day  
March 27 / Health & Wellness  
April 10 / Spring Egg Hunt  
April 24 / Earth Day

We will be raffling a \$50 gift certificate for The Beach House on January 9th! Stop by the Historical Society Tent to take a chance! Only \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Thank you to The Beach House for your support!



## KESTER COTTAGE MUSEUMS

The Kester Cottage Museums are open for tours!

Each museum showcases a different aspect of Pompano life in the era they were built. The west cottage is furnished as a home might have been during the 30's to 40's while the east cottage is filled with items from every walk of life, from school to military to farming. Come and learn about Pompano's history.

Tours are by appointment only.

Please call 954-782-3015 to arrange a date and time. We do ask for 48 hour notice.

At this time we are limiting the number of persons in the houses to two. Masks are required.

Tours are free, but donations are always welcomed.





## January Virtual Program



Our speaker for January's virtual program will be Susan Gillis, Curator at the Boca Raton Historical Society.

Susan was recently hired by the City of Oakland Park to research and write the history of the city with special focus on the years since the 1960s.

The author of several books on local history, she co-authored with Dan Hobby *Images of America: Fort Lauderdale*, *Fort Lauderdale in Vintage Postcards* and *Fort Lauderdale, the Venice of America*.

She also wrote *Boomtime Boca: Boca Raton in the 1920s*, *Historic Photos of Fort Lauderdale* and co-authored *Palm Beach County During World War II* with Debi Murray and Robert Marconi.

Susan's subject for our program is *Writing Local History*. She will discuss the hows and whys of researching and documenting local history.

We hope to be able to use this guidance in documenting some of our own local stories. Do you have any stories of the old Pompano to share? Contact us and we will do the rest!

The program will be Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30 pm. You will be able to join through a link we will email on the day with details on how to join. The program will also be live streamed on our Facebook page.

## GOT TIME ON YOUR HANDS?

*We are always looking for volunteers!*

*Inventories and upkeep of the museums.  
Scanning and organizing photos and documents  
Green Market  
Writing Newsletters*

*Call Pat at 954-782-3015*

## IN MEMORIAM

**Julia Mae Pridemore**  
**May 4, 1930—July 24, 2020**



**Henrietta Delius McClellan**  
**October 10, 1929—May 9, 2020**



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Virtual Programs are on the third  
Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE  
2021**

January 20 - Susan Gillis  
*Writing Local History*

February 17 - Magdalena LaMarre  
*Afro-Bahamian Migration to South Florida*

March 17 - Denyse Cunningham  
*Lost Local Landmarks*



**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL  
COMMUNITY!**

The Green Market is open 2nd and 4th Saturday  
until April 24 from 9 am to 2 pm. Yoga classes  
offered from 10 to 11 am, and live DJ spinning  
favorites from 9 am to 2 pm.

For market information email:  
[pompanobeachgreenmarket@gmail.com](mailto:pompanobeachgreenmarket@gmail.com)

Be sure to stop by the Historical Society's tent  
and say hello to our many volunteers!

**We regret the  
Historical Tour is cancelled  
until further notice**

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**POMPANO BEACH TOWN NEWS**

**NEW YEAR HAPPY**

by Don Molitor, Town News Feature Writer

Fran Zent, the publisher of the Town News, has asked me to write a special New Year's feature. When writing a seasonal article like this it is important that the writer try to anticipate the conditions that will exist at the time because the article must be written several days prior to the event. Therefore, I have fortified myself with a couple of highballs, as is appropriate.

In fact, right now I think I should have another, because on New Year's Eve everyone views the world through rose colored glasses. I will. He expects a critical analysis of the world, and several suggestions to improve conditions. Well, the glasses through which I'm looking aren't rosy enough. I need a nother drink.

Christmas is over and we face another new year, and we should all be friends. Let's have a toast to friendship..that ought to help. But frendship alone isn't enuf. We ougt to be kind to each other, and have a drink to that two. Fine, fine.

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