



# The Pioneer Press

Barberville  
Pioneer Settlement's  
Newsletter  
Early Spring 2017

## From the Director's Desk Henry, Harrows, and Heritage

*"History is more or less bunk."* – Henry Ford, Interview in Chicago Tribune, May 25th, 1916



What the industrialist and founder of the Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford really meant by this, had to be explained many times in later years. The book entitled *"A Home for Our Heritage"* by Geoffrey C. Upward, offers up one of Ford's explanations...

*"History as it is taught in the schools deals largely with wars, major political controversies, territorial extensions and the like. When I went to our American history books to learn how our forefathers harrowed the land, I discovered that the historians knew nothing about harrows.*

*Yet our country depended more on harrows than on guns or great speeches. I thought a history which excluded harrows and all the rest of daily life is bunk and I think so yet."*

In 1919 Henry Ford's childhood home was in danger of demolition due to a major road expansion through his family's farm. Ford and his family decided to move the house and barns and restore the old homestead to the way they remembered it being in 1876.

It was then that Henry Ford caught the restoration bug and it awakened a passion for social history like nothing ever had before. Ford's dream, "... to build a museum that's going to show industrial history, and it won't be bunk! We'll show the people what actually existed in years gone by and we'll show the actual development of American industry from the early days, from the earliest days that we can recollect up to the present day."

After years of collecting, planning, and building his dream, the Edison Institute—the original name of The Henry Ford—opened on October 21, 1929. Henry Ford dedicated this institution to his friend Thomas Edison, and celebrated with a grand opening known as Light's Golden Jubilee, in honor of the 50th anniversary of Edison's invention of the electric light. The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village officially opened to the public in 1933. Visitors found it to be a work in progress as the exhibits would not be completed until the early 1940s.

The two facilities are linked by Mr. Ford's theories of education. The indoor museum houses the stories of America's technological progresses and the outdoor village museum shows how these objects were made and used. Early on, Henry Ford's vision for his Museum and Village was to provide hands-on learning opportunities for students. His philosophy of education was "learn to do by doing."

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*The Henry Ford Museum Clock Tower*

A few years ago, I was fortunate enough to have visited The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and consider it to be the ultimate example of a non-profit historical village museum anywhere to be found. It's twelve-acre museum and eighty-one acres of historic homes and buildings at Greenfield Village make it the largest indoor-outdoor museum complex in the United States with 1.6 million visitors each year.

In some ways, the Barberville Pioneer Settlement is very much similar to The Henry Ford & Greenfield Village. No seriously, stop laughing! We both celebrate farmers, inventors and pioneers. Like us, The Henry Ford & Greenfield Village was born from a passion to save a meaningful historical place from destruction and from that enthusiasm it grew into what it is today. We also share a similar vision and education philosophy which is to provide hands-on learning opportunities for students and visitors.

Our missions also parallel each other with the passing on of the knowledge of the life styles and the traditional trades of our forefathers. It is remarkable how, through historical preservation and living history demonstrations, we both create an environment that catapults one into another time and place. Clearly, The Henry Ford & Greenfield Village operate at a much more developed level and with much greater finances and resources than we do, however we DREAM BIG!

Henry Ford once said, "We ought to know more about the families who founded this nation, and how they lived. One way to do that is to reconstruct as nearly as possible the conditions under which they lived." Henry Ford recognized the value of heritage and developed America's greatest tribute to the folks that founded this nation, including the ordinary people when he built his dream museum.

Here at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement, we also pay tribute to the families that founded this nation and chose to settle in Florida. Regional pioneer families like Barber, Underhill, Lucas, Dillard, Lewis, Tatum, Turner, Lemmon, Clifton, Cone, Pierson, Purdum and Minshew. For four decades we have treasured local heritage and are honored to have been able to preserve and share local and regional history through our buildings and artifacts. We look forward to continuing this legacy for many generations to come. Thanks to all of you that support us through membership, events and fundraising campaigns. We could not DREAM BIG without you – our ordinary folks.

Together we have accomplished great things in the past three years since my work here began. The largest being the completion of phase one of the Underhill House restoration and the most recent being the new roof on the Astor Bridge Tender's House. Along with many other smaller improvements we continue to grow in membership, attendance and public exposure. There is still much more to do and we never know what challenge may pop up to derail or delay our plans, but wouldn't it be awesome if we grew to the point where we had demonstrators on the grounds here daily like they do in places like Greenfield Village? By creating Second Saturdays as a day for live demonstrations, workshops and special exhibits, we have taken a small step in that direction. With our special fundraising campaign *History Matters for Kids* we are setting aside funds that are designated for improvements and the continued preservation of our basic physical and organizational structures and facilities. These type of funds are needed for the continued operation of a safe and authentic environment in which we can present our historical programs for future generations. Since November 2016 thanks to many of you we have raised a little over \$20,000.00 for that effort.

I admit it - I DREAM BIG! Although I don't envision our front entrance ever looking like the Henry Ford's Museum Clock tower—which was built as a replica of Independence Hall in Philadelphia—I do believe that we have much potential and aspirations that will lead us to greater success only in a more ordinary kind of way. I don't think that Henry really believed that "history is bunk." It was the heritage of the ordinary folks and the tools of everyday life, like harrows being overlooked that to him was bunk.

*Debra*

## 2017 Annual Membership Meeting & Pot Luck Pick-N-Sing

On Saturday, January 21st we shared our annual report, celebrated the New Year with great food and friends and honored two outstanding volunteers, Sarah Drucilla Abrahamson and Bettina Maraldo

with the Lura Bell Award for their years of dedicated service. Drucilla was unable to make the meeting but she received her plaque and flowers the following Monday. Thanks to everyone for a great year and fun annual meeting.



President John Case and Executive Director Debra West with Bettina Moraldo one of the Lura Bell Award recipients.



Gudrun Benson is going over the financial report. Favorable results!



John & Carol Izzo—Members



Shiloh Thomas sharing her events report. We had eight successful events in 2016!

## BARBERVILLE

## PIONEER SETTLEMENT

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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You may have heard or seen that back in October, Hurricane Mathew uprooted a few trees around the Settlement. The root ball of one tree pushed our Huntington Post Office nearly off of its piers. We had to remove all of the windows before we could begin the chore of setting it back in place. Volunteers Dick Schuler and Bill Taylor came out with a tractor and worked with our staff members to get the Post Office back to it's former upright glory. It was quite a process to watch as the heavy equipment carefully slid the back end of the Post Office back up to once again meet the front porch. Thanks to everyone that helped to make it right again — the Huntington Post Office is now back open for tours.



Our Astor Bridge Tender's House has a new roof! Come out and see for yourself what your contributions to our silent auctions and our Bridge House Restoration Campaign over the last several years have enabled us to do. We were pleasantly surprised that there was very little in the way of rotten wood under all those rusty panels!

## **EVENTS KITCHEN MANAGER NEEDED**

April 27th—April 30th. Pay is negotiable.

Applicants should have experience in the following areas:

Customer Service  
Food Preparation  
Leadership Skills

Management Skills  
Speaking Skills  
Stamina

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# Discover Yesterday Today!



**April 29th & 30th**

**9am—9pm Saturday**

**9am-4pm Sunday**

**\$10 Adults**

**\$5 Children 6-12**

**Members & Parking FREE**

- Seven Stages of Live Acoustic Music
- Arts & Crafts Show
- 200+ Musical Performers
- Music Workshops
- Jam Tents
- Barn Dancing
- Children's Activities
- Living History Demonstrations
- Silent Auction
- Antique Car Show (Saturday Only)
- Wagon Rides to the Historic Underhill House
- Food



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## Ambassador's Club Members

### LIFETIME MEMBERS

Lee & Kay Doughty  
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Don & Diana Johnson  
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EnergyCalcs

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## Our Living History is now music to your ears!

Featuring original songs by some of our favorite musicians. This twin pack compilation is a special production of original folksongs recounting many stories of the Settlement's historic buildings, people and even our animals.

Thanks to all of the participating musicians that donated their time and talents to produce this unique recording.

Available at the Spring Frolic!

**BARBERVILLE PIONEER SETTLEMENT**  
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*Introducing:*  
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**\$20 for a Double CD \* Order Today!!!**  
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## Second Saturdays at the Settlement

Presents the 3rd Annual

# A CELEBRATION OF OLDE FLORIDA

Living History Demonstrations,  
Exhibits, Lectures and Workshops and  
Florida Cracker Cuisine

Saturday, June 10th 9am-4pm Free Admission



## Second Saturdays at the Settlement

Welcomes...

### The Golden Teacup Society

17th Annual Ladies Encampment

LEARN ABOUT HISTORIC RE-ENACTING

April 7, 8 & 9, 2017

See the authentic looks of fashion and lifestyle of the 1860's

The public is welcome on Saturday 9am-4pm & Sunday noon-4pm  
(with regular paid admission)

Public Participation in the workshops and lectures requires Pre-Registration & Additional Fees

#### Sessions for Beginners

- Building Your Look • Period Styles for Modern Hair
- Bonnet Veils- History and Appropriate Use • Collars, Cuffs and Hoops
- Mourning Customs • Civilian Ladies Roundtable - Experienced re-enactors share developing your impression, camping tips, experiencing national events.

**Saturday only** for girls & ladies — \$35 per person includes lunch

**Full Encampment Participant** — Friday thru Sunday—Adults \$75, Girls age 10-17 \$50 — includes 5 meals

Registration & Payment deadline is April 1, 2017

For more information/registration [www.pioneersettlement.org](http://www.pioneersettlement.org) or email Shorty Robbins—[goldteacup@aol.com](mailto:goldteacup@aol.com)



## Family, Friends and Employees Share in Event Sponsorship Benefits!

Our events can be a benefit to your business, your team members, friends and family.

As an Annual Event Sponsor you will receive passes to be shared all year long for all of Settlement produced regularly scheduled events. That is five events each year including the Fall Jamboree and the Spring Frolic. The passes can also be used for regular admission for self guided tours.

Business owners also benefit from exposure through signage provided at the events as well as through our social media postings.

Sponsorship benefits for individuals is knowing that your support goes much further than the preservation of our historical artifacts and buildings. Your support enables us to provide low cost field trips that empower our children to have a better understanding of history through hands-on learning. It also allows families the opportunity to experience a by-gone way of life through our living history demonstrations and lets our senior relatives relive fond memories with a leisurely stroll through the past.

Won't you join these like minded local sponsors that have already made their commitments of support?

#### Small Business Sponsors

Blackwater Inn and William's Landing  
Comfort Service, Inc  
Florida Credit Union  
Hidden Valley Park, Inc

#### Here's Your Sign Sponsors

A.G. Pifer Construction  
Florida Victorian—Old House Salvage  
Jerry Mills—BHM Architecture  
Mainstreet Community Bank  
Total Comfort

#### Small Business Sponsor \$500

6 Annual membership passes to share  
Event Signage and Social Media per event  
Annual Website Link  
VIP Parking at Spring Frolic and Fall Country Jamboree

#### Here's Your Sign Sponsor - \$300

4 Annual membership passes to share  
Event Signage per event  
Annual Website Link

Contact Debra West with questions or for more information 386-749-2959  
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# Barberville Strawberry Fest

March 18th & 19th—Estimated attendance 7,000 visitors. We sold 1,349 servings of Strawberry Shortcake in the Summer Kitchen. We raised over \$ 7,000 for our History Matters for Kids—Building Fund. Thank-you everyone!





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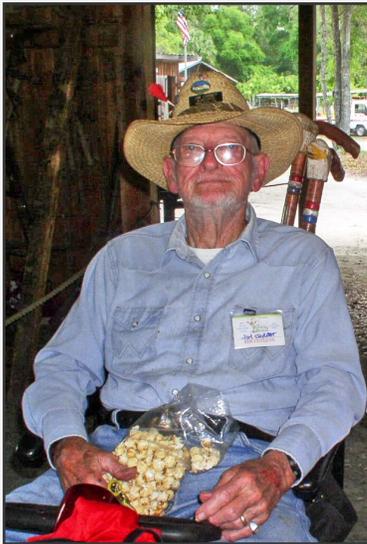
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# Volunteer Salute



### Jim and Gloria Corbet

Jim and Gloria have been involved here for more than thirty years. Jim helped to build the Blacksmith Shop and has provided demonstrations on the Turpentine Industry. Gloria is an avid spinner and weaver, she was the demonstrator coordinator for many years and she continues to volunteer for our field trips. Many thanks to both of them for their many years of dedication!

### 2017 Calendar of Special Events

- April 29-30, 2017    **13th Annual Spring Frolic**
- June 10, 2017      **A Celebration of Olde Florida**
- Sept. 2, 2017      **Fire & Ice Open House Chili Cook-Off and Ice Cream Churn-Off**
- Oct. 7-8, 2017     **Bucklers Shows—Harvest Fest**  
\*Admission fee charged for members!
- Nov. 3-4, 2017     **41st Annual Fall Country Jamboree**

**First Saturday Jams**—the first Saturday of every month—Free Music Lessons with paid admission or membership.

**Second Saturdays at the Settlement**—Every Second Saturday features different living history demonstrations, workshops and exhibits

**The Family Farm Swap** - MOST first & third Saturdays

**Fiber Arts Guild** meets on the third Saturday

**Rug Hookers** meets on the fourth Saturday

**Square Dancing** on MOST Friday Nights

All dates subject to change—For full listing of events and the most up to date information visit

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