



# The Pioneer Press

Barberville Pioneer  
Settlement's Newsletter  
Summer 2022

From the Settlement Desk

## Summer Flings

"In the summertime, when the weather is hot, you can stretch right up and touch the sky."-  
Mungo Jerry

Summer at the Settlement is a whole other vibe that many people don't realize. In terms of guests, we slow way down. I suppose the beach has more drawing power in the sweat-soaked summer days. Also, with schools on summer break, we only book a handful of field trips between June and August. But that doesn't mean we aren't busy! Summer is a time of intense work for the Settlement. Sure, we don't have thousands of kids visiting every week to learn about the pioneer arts, but that just leaves more time for chore'n! With more light in the morning and afternoon (if it isn't raining cats and dogs), we can get more grass mowed, more walls white-washed, and more fences mended. But like any chores, they go more quickly and pleasantly when friends help. We're going let you in on some of the projects we've been getting into this summer, tell you who has been helping us out, and let you know how you can chip in and help too. "Many hands make light work", Pa used to always say.



We've been doing some out-reach work this summer. We went to the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Summer Florida History Convention at the Museum of Art and Science. We represented the Settlement by getting gussed up in our pioneer attire and loading up the wagon with some antique tools, a spinning wheel, fiber arts materials, and plenty of literature on programs and events here at the Settlement. We've also been visiting the Volusia County library branches giving presentations on the Settlement and Florida Pioneer life. We thank MOAS and Volusia County Libraries for inviting us. How can you help? Well, we advertise our out-reach visits beforehand on social media—mostly Facebook, but also Instagram and Twitter. If you could share our posts and adventures with your friends and followers, encourage others to take an interest in us and our mission, and come out and see us when we are out representing the Settlement; that would be a huge help.

Another kind of outreach we've been working on this summer is financial. Preservation and programming takes a lot of time and money. Although The Settlement is 100% non-profit, we need to cover our operating costs. We do this in a variety of ways. When a guest pays their admission fee, or better yet, when they become a member, all that money goes back into the Settlement. We also reach out for public support in the form of grants. It is really generous and uplifting that governmental organizations such as the Volusia County Cultural Committee, The ECHO Committee, and Florida Humanities give out tax dollars to organizations like ours so that we can better serve you. But, if you've ever had experience writing a grant proposal and managing the funds that come from an accepted governmental grant, you know it is not easy money. You can help us here too. Call, write, or email your county council person, your state representative, and even the governor's office and let them know that you appreciate the funding they allot for the Arts and Humanities and that you hope they continue to recognize the importance of organizations like the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts to the community and society.

We have also been busy seeking monetary support in the form of sponsorships from private businesses. You can find our "Sponsorship Shout Out" in all our publications and on our website. Many businesses support us year after year, and we even found a couple new ones to help us out this year. You can find our sponsors' logos on page 6 of this newsletter. You can help us by supporting these businesses. Also, if you have a business, and would like to attach your company (and checkbook) to our mission, give us a call (386-749-2959) and we'll be happy to send you a sponsorship package that outlines what we can offer in terms of (tax exempt) public recognition for your financial support.



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Another way we build capital to fund our mission is through the generous support of individual donors. This is the most direct way you can help us and our mission. Visit our website [www.pioneersettlement.org](http://www.pioneersettlement.org) and click the donate button that is located conveniently on every page. Or write us a check and drop it in the mail to PO Box 6, Barberville, FL 32105. Or, better yet, bring us a donation the next time you come visit us. Even if you can only afford a few dollars or a sawbuck, every little bit helps. Here are some of the pressing projects we have that could really use just some more money:

- ◇ Our turpentine still is still in need of a roof. This amazing antique tool that was so ubiquitous in this area 100 years ago is one of the last original ones still standing.
- The Underhill House needs some more work. Her summer kitchen is falling down. It was built in 1879 when it was fashionable and safer to build the kitchen as a separate outbuilding. The Underhill House also needs some improved (ie. safe) electrical wiring inside as well as an air conditioning unit to keep the plaster & antiques inside mold-free. Also, we would really like to build an ADA ramp leading up to it so everyone can enjoy it once we open it up to the public.
- ◇ The Country Store's south wall needs a new vapor seal and all new period appropriate wooden siding. Presently it's not impermeable enough to keep the humidity and heat out which ruins any merchandise and artifacts we put in there. For the past 2 years, all our souvenir sales have been moved to the Bridgehouse.
- While the Crankin' A's have come up with the construction capital for their new building on the Settlement, the various permits, surveys, and rezoning fees take a toll on our coffers. Like the members of the A's, we are very excited to have this replica Model A garage to show people what the transition to horseless carriages looked like. But crossing the "T's" and dotting the "I's" is turning out to be more expensive and bureaucratic than either organization realized.
- ◇ There are constantly boards, handrails, or shingles to be painted, nailed down, or replaced on our 19 historical structures. There are also never-ending maintenance and repairs to be done to our equipment, some of which are almost as old as the Settlement itself. If you have a golf cart or power tools lying around, consider donating them to us too. It is also another way you can make deductions on your taxes.

As mentioned, your monetary (tax exempt) donation can go along way to helping us complete these projects. But so can the other ways we mentioned. Contact your elected officials and tell them how important Barberville is to the community. Support those businesses that support us. Talk us up to friends, family, and acquaintances; share our social media posts. We thank you for being friends and supporters of the Settlement and of cultural/historical preservation. And thanks for helping us fulfill our mission.

## Our Mission

To educate and entrust the public and future generations with knowledge of the pioneer lifestyle of our forefathers, through hands on experience, folk life demonstrations, preservation, and historical exhibits.





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### SEASONAL TEAM MEMBERS

Dennis and Gloria Graves

Bob Pavlechko

Page Harris



### Event Schedule

(tentative—as of May 2022)

Open Thurs-Sun 10 am—3 pm

6-foot social distance from others

Masks are recommended in all buildings

Service animals only

Sept 3th

Labor Day Celebration Free Admission

Oct 22nd

Inaugural International FL Musical  
Saw Festival

Nov. 5th & 6th

46th Annual Fall Country Jamboree

Dec 10th

Florida Christmas Remembered

### 2022 Calendar of On- Going Events

**Square Dancing** - almost every Friday  
6:30pm—Call ahead to confirm

**FABA Monthly Meeting**—1st Saturday  
of most months.

**Playing on the Porches** — 1st Saturday  
of most months

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

Facebook page or

**[www.pioneersettlement.org](http://www.pioneersettlement.org)**

**The following events have been put  
on hold until further notice.**

First Saturday Music Workshops

Second Saturdays at the Settlement

## Ambassador Club Members

### \* LIFETIME MEMBERS

Sarah D Abrahamson

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**For Membership info visit our  
website or give us a call.**

\* A Barberville Pioneer Settlement Lifetime Membership is an honorarium granted to supporters that have demonstrated exemplary patronage either through monetary donations, contributions of time and talents or a combination thereof. Candidates for this esteemed honor may be presented to the Board of Directors for approval by any member in good standing or by the administrative team of the Settlement.

## Spotlight on Staff – Class of 2022

### New Kids on the Block



We are incredibly happy to announce that the Barberville Pioneer Settlement staff has recently doubled. Please help us to welcome our new staff members. Mandi Leabee is our new Events Coordinator. Mandi has a quite a background in pioneer arts. She is a fiber artist who weaves and dyes textiles. She is also a painter, a printer, and a potter by both hobby and profession. Alyssa Salyers is our new Field Trip Demonstrator. Allie has historical ties to the Settlement. Her great-grand mother was born in the Astor Bridgetender's house when her great-great grandfather was the bridgetender. Alyssa has experience as a pre-school teacher and loves working with children. Page Harris is our new Customer Service Ambassador & Field Trip Coordinator. Page and her husband Bob are recurrent work campers that are work camping here for their second season. Page also has a background in the pioneer arts. She is also a talented weaver and spinner.

The addition of these cheerful and intelligent new staff members is going to make the endless to-do lists here at the Settlement a lot more manageable. We are delighted that they are onboard. Next time you're out our way, stop in and introduce yourself. I'm sure they'd love to meet ya.

**The Barberville Pioneer Settlement  
is open Thursday through Sunday  
10am–3pm.**





Folk Festival • Living History • Arts & Crafts



- Living History Demonstrations
- 8 Live Music Stages
- Workshops
- Contra Dancing
- Jam Tents
- Arts & Craft Vendors
- BBQ
- Car Show (Sat only)
- Corn Boil

**Free Parking**

\$10 Adults • \$5 Children 6-12

Children under 5 & Members **FREE**  
No Pets - Service Animals Only

Located just West of Rt.17 just off of Hwy 40  
1776 Lightfoot Lane, Barberville, FL 32105

**386-749-2959**

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**FIRST ▸ INTERNATIONAL ◀ MUSICAL SAW FESTIVAL**

**10-22-2022 Barberville Pioneer Settlement**

**386-999-1645 www.Floridasawfestival.com**

## FABA & the Settlement

Do you know about the blacksmithing educational group called the Florida Artist Blacksmith Association aka FABA? FABA is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to sharing the craft of blacksmithing with the general public. We do this through demonstrations at events, monthly regional meetings, and a major annual conference which includes highly skilled demonstrators from around the world, lots of classes, presentations, and hard to find equipment for sale.

Our beloved Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts is the home base of the C-NE region of FABA. FABA established itself in 1985 right here at the Settlement and has been operating here ever since. The blacksmith building was built as a cooperation between FABA and the Settlement with the operation being led by the highly esteemed Lester Hollenbeck. Today FABA uses this amazing facility to have meetings at the Settlement on the first Saturday of each month starting at 9am. Everybody (12 yr+) is welcome to attend and participate in these meetings for free. The meetings usually include a demonstration, access to equipment, and an amazingly supportive community of fellow smiths to network with and learn from. Lunch and drinks are also provided at no cost to the attendees. There is always something interesting to watch and do at these meetings. If you search on Facebook for FABA Northeast Region, you will find FABA's local regional page which updates members about upcoming activities. [www.Blacksmithing.org](http://www.Blacksmithing.org) is the home page of the organization as a whole and is a good resource for statewide information and news of the upcoming conference in November. It is also where you can register to attend the annual conference. Start your blacksmithing journey today and see where it can take you. I hope to see you at a meeting soon :)

-Heinrich Hole

C-NE Regional Coordinator



Neighbors photo: AMY C. BOPP  
Ronnie Fowler, 66, of Salt Springs, left, and Allen Hardwicke, 62, of Altoona hammer out a piece of metal at the blacksmith shop at the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts in Barberville. They are making an adze, which is a woodworking tool.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal  
10/12/07

## Meet the New Associate Director

After a comprehensive hiring campaign — in which Barberville Pioneer Settlement's Board of Directors interviewed many qualified and competent candidates — they decided to promote from within. Your new Associate Director is Erick Nielsen. Erick has worked at the Settlement since 2019, most recently as Public Liaison. You have probably met him or seen him around the Settlement. He might have served you BBQ pork in the Summer Kitchen or taught your kids about pioneer and/or Seminole lifestyles on a field trip. You might have seen him working on countless maintenance and



**Erick Nielsen**  
**Associate Director**

preservation projects around the grounds. Or maybe he greeted you at the Bridgehouse when you arrived at the museum. If you've already met him, you know that Erick is a bright and cheerful fellow who loves the Settlement and is always willing to get his hands dirty to help out. If you haven't had the chance to meet Erick yet, stop by the Settlement when it's open, Thursday through Sunday 10 am — 3 pm, and introduce yourself. He is always eager to make new friends.

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# Announcements & Tidbits



- We love our volunteers! However, like many other non-profits over the past several years our **volunteer base has diminished drastically**. Especially as the Jamboree and our other hoot-n-nannies approach, we could really use more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at the Settlement, you can find applications at [www.pioneersettlement.org/volunteers](http://www.pioneersettlement.org/volunteers) or call us at 386-749-2959.
- Speaking of volunteers, we are delighted that **Dennis and Gloria Graves** have stayed on with us as work campers through the summer with commitment to stay through the fall and winter months as well. Joining them are veteran Settlement work campers, **Bob Povlechko & Page Harris**. The wealth of knowledge, the work ethics, and the enthusiasm these two couples bring to the Settlement makes the endless list of tasks here so much more manageable. Thanks All'y'all!
- If you are a volunteer, demonstrator, or musician we encourage you to join our group on **Facebook**. This is a closed group which means that unless you join and become an approved member you cannot read or see our posts. The group's name is **Barberville Pioneer Settlement Demonstrators, Volunteers and Team Members**. It is a great way for us to share ideas and Settlement related information with a large group at once.
- Have you ever wanted to learn how to be a **blacksmith**? You're in luck. We offer Blacksmith classes! 1st responders, military, and teachers get a \$25 discount on classes. Learn more at [www.pioneersettlement.org/blacksmith](http://www.pioneersettlement.org/blacksmith)—coal. We also sell Blacksmith coal.
- **Board Member Opportunities**— Those interested in joining our Board of Directors are encouraged to send a letter of interest along with a resume via email to [directors@pioneersettlement.org](mailto:directors@pioneersettlement.org). Our Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Settlement at 7pm. Directors are expected to attend all meetings, hold a minimum annual level of a Patron membership, and contribute to the annual fees for Directors & Officers Insurance.
- We need your **old Christmas Cards**! One of the lessons during our Old Fashioned Traditions field trip program in December is the history of the Christmas Card.
- We are still accepting **Sponsorship of The Settlement's Animals**. Keeping our farm animals hale and healthy is expensive! If you'd like to help us care for them, we would be deeply grateful — AND you can score some cool merch! Learn more at [www.pioneersettlement.org/animal-sponsorship](http://www.pioneersettlement.org/animal-sponsorship).
- Membership has its benefits. FREE general admission including special events, 10% discount in our country store and Bridge House Gallery! Discounts on workshops and seminars! Half-price Guest Passes! And even more benefits for those in the **AMBASSADOR'S CLUB**! Learn more at [www.pioneersettlement.org/membership-opportunities](http://www.pioneersettlement.org/membership-opportunities).
- We're getting super excited for **Barberville's Inaugural International Florida Saw Festival**! **Tim & Carol Martin** have been working tirelessly to put together this sensational new event in October. They have musical saw players coming from around the world — places as far away as Finland & Argentina — to perform for us! Mark your calendar & save the date!
- The fall garden is getting ready to go in the ground at **Ellis's Garden**. We'll have lettuces, greens, cabbages, and tons of other plants germinating. If you have a green thumb and want to help grow some veggies, we typically have working-in-the-garden parties Saturday mornings.
- If you haven't seen them yet, check out our **History Matters videos** on YouTube. We made these during the pandemic shut-down. **Joanna & Jonathon Demarest** did a lot of hard work producing these. Check them out; they're cool and informative. Here's a link to the one on the Lewis Cabin (it already has over 43k views on YouTube!) <https://youtu.be/rsspRzcGI3E>
- We are a drop off location for **Christine's Blankets**. They need new blankets, towels, and socks to distribute to the homeless. Christine's Blankets provide blankets and other essentials to the homeless for comfort and encouragement in order to remind them that they are loved and not forgotten.
- We'd like to welcome back to the Settlement our caretaker, **Heinrich Hole**. Although Heinrich took about a year and a half off from caretaker duties, he was still here as a FABA ambassador and blacksmith instructor. We are so happy he also back to take care of the animals. **Igor** is especially happy his buddy Heinrich is back everyday!

# In Memoriam

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die." —Thomas Campbell

This is by far our least favorite part of the newsletter to write. But we should be happy when we think of our friends, even if we know we will not see them again in this life. We take solace that they will forever live in our memory and in the Promised Land, but we are saddened that the spark of life they brought to the Settlement is gone.

Edgar John L'Heureux (1939-2022) had two distinct careers in his long and fruitful life. For 26 years Mr L'Heureux was an insurance agent and financial advisor. Later in life he delved into his creative side, writing books and lecturing about his beloved state of Florida. Ed L'Heureux wrote 20 books in his life and was the owner/ editor of *The Sabal Palm Review*, a literary magazine designed to showcase the work of emerging Florida poets and writers. Ed would often lecture at the Settlement and his lectures were always entertaining, informative, and well attended.



Ed L'Heureux (1939—2022)



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