



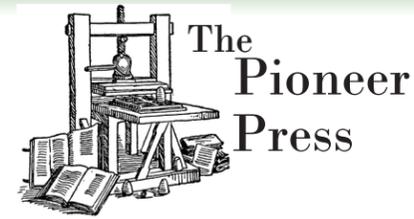
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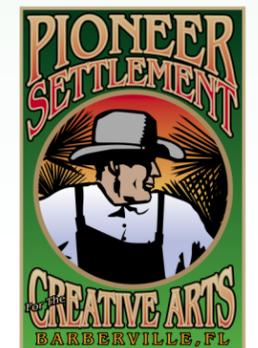
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From the Director's Desk

Welcome to the end of Summer! My, how time flies when you are having fun!

Although this newsletter is reaching you a little later than planned, it is for good reasons and chocked full of news!

Great things are happening here at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement and we wanted to wait for a few developments to come to fruition before publishing this edition.

We are hopeful that you will be pleased as you read about: the wonderful future for the Joseph Underhill House, our improved membership benefits, and the progress we are making with our marketing, fundraising and event planning efforts.

It has been a very busy six months since my arrival at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement and I am thankful for the unwavering support that has been shown to me by everyone. The support from our Board of Directors, demonstrators, musicians, volunteers and staff has helped enable me to implement strategies that ultimately are the foundation for success, sustainability and growth for the Settlement.

Having a shared vision for the future of the Barberville Pioneer Settlement is key and our vision *to become the premier living history destination in Central Florida*, is an impressive goal and one that I am honored to strive for and believe is achievable with your continued support.

Throughout the following pages you will see for yourself what we have accomplished so far. We have nearly 4,200 Facebook page fans and that number increases daily, our website is undergoing a complete overhaul (and should launch by mid August) and we have added a subscriber link on our current site where you can easily sign-up to receive our newsletter and other information via email. Our membership is growing which is a sign that folks like the new benefit of FREE Events!

Of course this is just the beginning and we have a long journey ahead, but we are off to a good start. Here's to hoping that you will hang on for the ride!

Debra

Volunteer Salute



Lester has been a volunteer at the Settlement for nearly 30 years and has shared his vast knowledge with thousands of school children and adults through demonstrations and workshops. This master blacksmith and wheelwright is highly regarded by his peers and his creative mind and playful spirit are cherished by everyone.

**Many Thanks Lester Hollenback
for your support
and Happy 92nd Birthday!**



Barberville Pioneer Settlement's WISH List

1. Old truck in good condition for running errands and advertising
2. Storage building
3. Golf carts
4. Nice tables and chairs to use for weddings and meetings.

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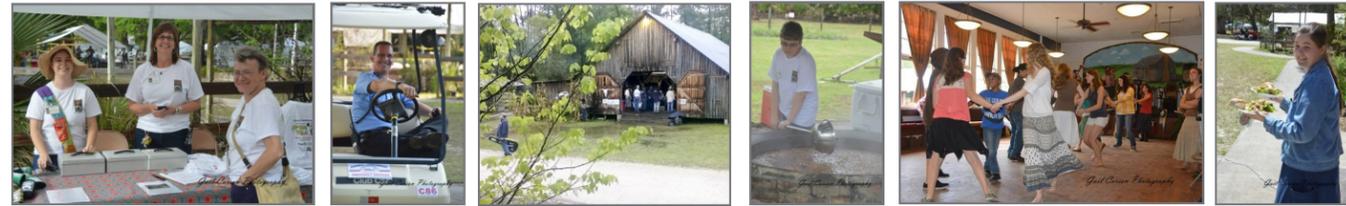
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SPRING FROLIC

The last weekend of March we had a successful 10th Annual Spring Frolic, in spite of the severe storm that rolled through on Saturday afternoon. When you have great music, dance, food and friends few care about the lightening, wind and rain. Sunday's awesome spring weather made up for some of the wash out on Saturday.



Happy Trails to Lyle



In May we said good bye to our friend and co-worker Lyle Behnke as he moved back to Wisconsin. It was bittersweet and we all miss him, but we are happy that he is now much closer to his family. Jack Whitman was going to retire too but much to our delight decided to stay on with fewer hours. He is usually working as our greeter on Saturday's and occasionally for field trips.



Membership Benefits

Barberville Pioneer Settlement's annual membership benefits have been revised. All members who are current now receive FREE admission anytime during normal business hours—even for special events. New benefits for businesses have been added which include sponsorship opportunities for those who contribute at the Ambassador level. In addition, our new category for Groups, Communities and Organizations provides annual passes that can be shared among members. We have already seen an increase in those that are taking advantage of the value of being a member of the Barberville Pioneer Settlement. Applications are available on our website and in the Bridge House Office.

Thank You! Ambassador Club Members

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| Hidden Valley Park | Joseph Schrader & Frances Holiday | Joe Underhill |
| Blackwater Inn / William's Landing | Jimmie, Lori and Ernst Rogers | Ed & Mary Rinderle |
| Parramore's Campground | Rick & Bonnie Stam | Gregory Popp & Sandy Fraser |
| Underhill Ferneries | Dennis Thomas and Family | Harriet B. Bolin |
| Gretchen & Dennis Delman | Marilyn & Rich Breeze | John Case |

We'll get by... with a little bit of help from our friends, like you!



Dear Friend,

For most people the month of August marks the time of year for End of Summer celebrations and Back to School shopping.

For us at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement it means that for the next several weeks we will not hear the chatter and playful laughter of your children and grandchildren as they line up to begin their visit with us; nor the pitter patter of their feet across the wooden floor of the schoolhouse as they move from the weaving room to the candle room to learn about beeswax and dipping candles; or their squeals of utter delight as they feed a farm animal, some for the first time.

This time of year for us is a time when we especially rely on friends like you who value what we do year round to preserve local history for your children, grandchildren and future generations. It is times like now when a little bit of help from friends like you is needed most. Because not only is it quiet here, our main source of cash flow, which comes from revenue generated by field trips, has come to a complete standstill, and as you know the bills, maintenance and repairs do not stop. In addition during this "down" time of year, while we are not busy with field trips and have the time to devote to making necessary improvements, we are often unable to move forward due to the lack of funds for improvement projects.

For example we would like to add a library in the Principal's office where we can display the numerous books we have collected from folks like you through the years. We also have plans to renovate and move the displays donated from the Volusia Museum so you have better access and they are more visible for all of our visitors to enjoy.

Several projects that we are working on for you include a new more interactive website and upcoming events like the annual open house in September (with a new twist) and the "38th Fall Country Jamboree"—all require preparations equaling added costs. Much like your household or business we never know what will pop up next that will need repair, like the recent breakdown of our walk in freezer.

They say that anything can be done with enough time and money. Right now we have the time and your timely contribution will help us complete many of these projects, as well as allow us to keep our vendors happy with prompt payments. No donation is too small and every dollar counts. If you happen to be in a position that does not afford you to make a monetary donation there are other ways you can help. Please consider sharing our event information and/or membership opportunities with others or by volunteering a few hours. There is always something that needs doing around here!

Enclosed you will find a self-addressed envelope and we thank you in advance for filling it out and sending your supportive contribution of the general operations here at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement. Like the song says... We know we will get by ... with a little bit of help from our friends.

Thank you,
Debra Ann West
Executive Director

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| Antique Alley | Children's Activities |
| Music and Dance | Food & FUN! |



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Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday 9am-4pm

\$8.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children Ages 6-12 Children under 6 and MEMBERS are FREE!

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Drawing will take place
Sunday, November 2, 2014

A Celebration of Olde Florida

On June 14th we hosted a new event. Our Celebration of Olde Florida was in collaboration with the June Arts & Multi-cultural Fest – JAM Fest and MAC DeLand. The day featured historical demonstrators and a special reenactment of a 19th century photo shoot at the Blacksmith's Shop by Eric Dusenbery. Visitors enjoyed an "Old Florida" Photography Exhibit, historical lectures about Florida Cracker Life by Mr. Ed L'Heureux, life along the St. John's River in the 1920's, by Eddie Lucas and Florida's Disappearing Lifestyles by Eric Dusenbery. Antique hit and miss engines and tractors were on display and the day rounded out with a Square Dance Lesson featuring the Wrangler Country Squares – and a Folk Music Jam by Leo Salter, Joe McNamara and Randall Herron. Thanks to all participants and volunteers—the day was a great success!



We have a few new additions at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement; two baby goats that we named Lyle and Jackie,



two Pea Chicks named Peeps One and Peeps Two, and our newest team member JJ Hathaway. JJ has helped out as a volunteer with projects in the past and literally hit the ground running since his first week we had him cutting palm trees for swamp cabbage. Welcome to Barberville, JJ!



Marketing Matters

We are excited to share, that after much thought and deliberation with the executive staff and the Board of Directors we have ultimately updated our mission statement, added a new vision statement, and decided on our slogan!

Vision Statement - To become the premier living history destination in Central Florida

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

Slogan – Discover Yesterday Today!

Joseph Underhill House circa 1879—Update



The Joseph Underhill House was built in 1879 and is believed to be the oldest brick residence in Volusia County. Joseph Underhill was one of the first pioneers to settle in this area so the house has very unique and significant historical value. The Barberville Pioneer Settlement purchased the property in 2005. In 2007 a Historical Grant from the State of Florida, which was ranked fifth out of 130, was approved for the restoration of the house. However that year due to the economy, the State of Florida could not fund the grant.

In the last recent years a group of volunteers and friends of the Barberville Pioneer Settlement began a selective dismantling of some of the interior walls to begin to get the house back to its original state. In doing so it was discovered that during a remodel to install an indoor stairway a second floor support beam had been severed and one side of the brick wall has settled about 2.5 inches.

In March of this year we began working with the Volusia County Preservation Officer with hopes to obtain funding to stabilize the house. On May 27, 2014, we received Historical Designation by the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board. On May 28, 2014 the Barberville Pioneer Settlement applied for an Emergency Stabilization Grant. The Echo Advisory Committee heard the emergency application on June 26, 2014 and voted unanimously to recommend the project for County Council approval. The County Council heard the application on July 17, 2014 and approved the allocation of funds. The grant will cover the costs for replacement of the severed support beam, a new roof, second floor access, selective demolition of the addition, stabilization of the front and back porch support columns, the architectural and engineering fees, permitting, insurance and bond fees.

The necessary paperwork has been submitted and we are waiting for the County's order to proceed which should arrive anytime. The next step is for our historical architect and structural engineer to complete their investigation, obtain some field measuring and prepare drawings that will address all six items represented in the WorkScope that were submitted with the grant. These drawings, once complete and approved by the Barberville Pioneer Settlement Board, will then be submitted to Volusia County for permitting and will be distributed to a list of General Contractors with restoration experience for bidding. The design/drawings to completion will take 60- 90 days, meaning we should be past the current hurricane and heavy rainy season before construction begins.

Although this is just the beginning we are very excited and once again have hope to see this valuable piece of history eventually restored. It adds another dynamic to the make-up of the settlement, makes a great addition to our educational programs and also will be a perfect venue for weddings and other celebrations.

The Bridge House Fundraiser is slowly but surely growing. Thanks to the DeLand Breakfast Rotary Club for their recent donation of \$500.00 from funds raised at the annual Wild Game Feast. To date we have raised \$7,100.00 of the \$40,000.00 we need to reach our goal. These funds will be used to stabilize the foundation, replace the roof, and add central heating and air. All of which will help to defray operating costs and enhance the longevity of our very important and historically significant entrance way to the Settlement. Proceeds from the Silent Auction at the Fall Country Jamboree will be dedicated to this project. If you have any items you wish to donate for the auction please let us know. Or if you would like to find out more about potential naming recognition possibilities and would like to contribute to underwrite some of the major project costs please contact Debra West (386) 749-2959.



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