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Pioneer Settlement's
Quarterly Newsletter—
Winter 2016

From the Director's Desk

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How did it get so late so soon?—Dr. Seuss

According to the Farmer's Almanac, astronomically speaking, the spring equinox falls on March 20, 2016 at 6:29 a.m. (EDT). ... so this Winter 2016 newsletter has arrived to you in time—just in time to update you with all the wonderful news and upcoming events happening here at Barberville this spring and summer.

The warmer than usual weather this fall and winter was great for attendance at both the Fall Country Jamboree and our Christmas Remembered events. On January 9, 2016 we kicked off the New Year and our year-long 40th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Pioneer Settlement, with an Old Time Dance Party, a Special Concert and our Annual Meeting. These events along with now being open on Sundays have contributed to a 30% increase in general admission from November 2015 through January 2016. Now that is good news! Especially since we had a golf cart breakdown and our walk-in freezer is in need of repair.

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to fill out our membership survey; your input is appreciated and all responses were tallied and shared with the Board of Directors for future planning purposes. If anyone wishes to see a copy of the results let us know and we will forward you a copy. Overall the results were very good!

At the annual meeting, retiring board member and former Director, Marilyn Breeze was presented with the Lura Bell Award. Lura Bell was the founding President of the Pioneer Settlement and the award is given with a deep appreciation for Marilyn's many years of dedicated service. It's difficult to find the words to appropriately thank individuals like Marilyn who give so much in time and talent for the betterment of the Settlement. A few flowers and a plaque do not come close to conveying how significant a person's contributions are. Thank you Marilyn for all you have done and continue to do. Marilyn's plans are to continue to volunteer for field trips and events, however her participation on the Board will be missed . (Continued on Page 2)



Marilyn Breeze

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We are happy to welcome two new members to our team. Charlie Langrick (aka Charlie Cracker) and Lori Pinner both started with us as part-time employees in November. They both quickly become proficient as field trip demonstrators. Charlie has started a Sunday Jam Circle and Lori has expertly redone several of our exhibit displays in the Schoolhouse museum. Both Lori and Charlie have brought their own special talents to the benefit of the Settlement and we are delighted to have them.



Charlie



Lori



Norajean

We've also been fortunate to have another work camper with us. Norajean Miles-Harrell brings her many talents and years of experience as a historical demonstrator and is here until early in April. Along with many other volunteers and staff we have been able to get quite a bit accomplished these last few months and are looking forward to an equally busy spring season. We are lucky to have a remarkable group of dedicated folks. Each of us fulfills an individual niche and works good-naturedly as a team. It's just all around a great place to be!

As previously mentioned March 20th marks the spring equinox and is also our second special celebration for our 40th Anniversary. Join us for a very special and unique performance of Brian Smalley's "Chickens Pigs / A Cracker Opera". This is just the third time that this musical presentation set in Florida during the Civil War will be performed live and we are honored that the cast agreed to perform here. There are a few tickets left so don't miss your chance to be immersed in the moment as you support the Pioneer Settlement of

Barberville and our ongoing efforts to promote history and education in Florida.

We also have another special person to thank. She is not only responsible for bringing us Chickens Pigs, but Susan Jean Grandy (aka Suz) has taken lead of her fundraising idea to produce a musical CD about the Barberville Pioneer Settlement. Suz has recruited several musicians who are currently writing 24 songs about each of our buildings. And even our wagons, garden and animals will be featured in this very special production! We are so thankful and excited about this CD project that would not be happening without Suz's leadership, dedication, creativity and organization.

A big thanks also goes out to our supporters Lee and Kay Dougherty. Due to the substantial donation they made in December we will be getting a new roof on our beloved Bridgehouse in the near future.

Save the dates April, 23rd & 24th for our 12th annual Spring Frolic. New this year we are entering all of our email subscribers into a drawing to win \$40 to spend at the Arts & Crafts Show. Ten lucky winners will be drawn on April 15, 2016. Visit our website for more details and to subscribe to our E-News. We are also selling advance admission tickets to the Spring Frolic through our website store. Plus we are offering for the first time ever a two-day wrist band that will save you a few dollars on admission. Don't forget that we can always use donations for our silent auction and bake sale!

Our REALLY BIG and SUPER Special anniversary event is on August 20th. The LUCK OF THE DRAW is one you definitely want to be in on. See more information on page four. 2016 is going to be great, thanks for being part of it!

Debra

How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon? — Dr. Seuss



Susan Jean Grandy—SUZ

12TH ANNUAL

MUSIC,
DANCE &
LIVING HISTORY
FESTIVAL

ARTS & CRAFTS
SHOW



April 23rd & 24th 2016

Saturday 9am—9pm Sunday 9am—4pm

Admission: \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Children 6-12

Members & Parking FREE

In Celebration of our 40th Anniversary
10 lucky people will win \$40.00
to spend at our arts and crafts show!

- Seven Stages of Music—Folk, Bluegrass, Old-Time, Celtic and Gospel
 - 150+ Musical Performers
 - Arts & Crafts Show
 - Old Fashioned Barn Dancing
 - Music Workshops
 - Jam Tents
 - Silent Auction · 50/50
 - Children's Activities
 - Living History Demonstrations
 - Food
 - Antique Car Show (Saturday Only)



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Wouldn't you just love
a rewarding volunteer position,
of sharing and passing on
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We offer flexible hours and free training! Learn to teach the next generation about Candle Making, Butter Making, Farming, Woodworking, Spinning, Blacksmithing, Pinch Pots, Weaving, Seminole Patchwork and more.

Help us keep these traditions alive for our children and grandchildren.

Field trips are Monday – Friday 9am - 1pm. Once a week or once a month can be a big help! We can assist with period correct attire. Must be able to pass a background check.

For more information call 386-749-2959 or email directors@pioneersettlement.org

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LUCK OF THE DRAW

FEATURING A ONE IN 250 CHANCE TO WIN UP TO

\$4,000.00

The date on the Settlement's incorporation papers is August 20, 1976. Forty years later on Saturday, August 20, 2016 we are celebrating with a very special anniversary event called "The Luck of the Draw—a \$4,000.00 DRAWDOWN". A limited number of tickets (250 maximum) will be available for a chance to win up to \$4,000.00. The tickets are \$40.00 each and you do not need to be present to win but if you do decide to attend the LUCK OF THE DRAW event you will have the opportunity to enjoy other games of chance, door prizes, silent Chinese auction, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a beer and wine cash bar and musical entertainment. From 3pm – 7pm the Barberville Central High School will be transformed into a mini casino. The drawdown works like a reverse raffle and the object is to be in the last four left in the drawing. There could be four, three, two or one winner depending on the choices indicated on the tickets at the time of sale—to split or not to split. Either way \$4,000.00 is guaranteed to be given away at the Luck of the Draw! Detailed information and **tickets are on sale through our website.**



WANTED

Volunteers
for the
Spring
Frolic

Our events do not happen without our Volunteers!

There are many ways you can help.

From passing out post cards to working the admission gates,
setting up chairs and washing coolers,
every job is important for a successful event.

Sign up today! Call Shiloh for details 386-749-2959

Event Positions

Set-up • Admissions • Food Services • Desserts • Silent Auction
Members' Gate • Information • Booth sitters • Advertising • Clean-up

Saving the Joseph Underhill House

The crew from A. G. Pifer Construction Company began work at the end of November and have been working diligently on the Joseph Underhill House ever since. The stabilization of this 137 year old house has been absolutely amazing to watch and document. Many thanks goes out to Gregg Pifer for sending us his best crew and for all of the extras that they have provided along the way! Also thanks to the Volusia County ECHO Grant program without whose support this project would not be happening.



Originally the home had only an outside stairway to the second floor. Through the years an indoor stairway was added in the main hallway. In doing so about 4 feet of a major support beam had been severed and removed. A replacement beam was donated to the Settlement in February 2015 by Jeff Grezelak of Orlando. Jeff delivered the beam and with the help of a few volunteers they unloaded it onto the porch to dry, until the time came for it to be installed.



All six of the 20 foot front porch support columns were replaced. The columns were delivered and hand-mortised on site by Dan Cardin.

The rear porch supports were replaced. The porch floor had to be raised-up about 5 inches on one side to be level. New floor boards and steps were installed.



Throughout the years the support piers had been patched in with anything that would fit including a couple of car jacks.



Rather than go through the expense of removing the cement front porch we opted to mask it with wood and lattice to resemble the original wooden porch.



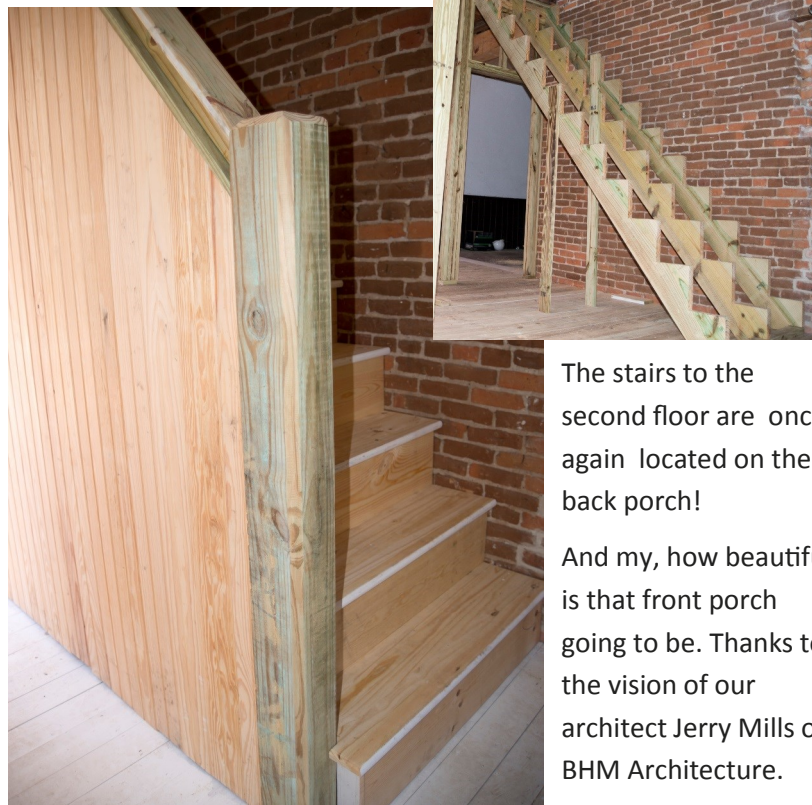
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The 1930's addition which had connected the house to the original summer kitchen and enclosed the original well underwent selective demolition. The summer kitchen has been boarded up and restoration efforts for it will be part of a future phase.



A doorway that had been cut out from one of the first floor rooms to access the rear is being bricked back in. Bricks are also being replaced on the second floor where the stairway opened up. The cement blocks you see in the photos are being used to fill the interior portion of the wall since the amount of exact matching bricks are limited. Some bricks were donated by Mark Shuttleworth of Florida Victorian and our friend Bill Crippen.



We are looking forward to welcoming the roofers here in the next couple of weeks! Once finished what a wonderful addition having the house to enhance our educational programs will be. Also a perfect venue for weddings and other celebrations. Be on the lookout! Fundraising for phase two — coming soon!

The stairs to the second floor are once again located on the back porch!

And my, how beautiful is that front porch going to be. Thanks to the vision of our architect Jerry Mills of BHM Architecture.



Discover what it takes to be a Living History Reenactor as
The Barberville Pioneer Settlement WELCOMES

The Golden Teacup Society's

16th Annual Ladies Encampment, Lectures & Workshops



April 8, 9 & 10, 2016

Public viewing is welcome Saturday & Sunday (with admission)

Pre- Registration & Fees Apply for Participation

Beginner and Veteran Tracks

Sample of Sessions — “Building the Look” for beginners, Victorian carved eggs, making your own ribbon trims, palmetto frond folding, trimming a hairnet and much more.

One-Day Exploratory Track — Saturday only — for girls & ladies interested in learning more about living history, and acquiring period clothing. \$25 per person — includes lunch

Encampment Participant — Saturday - Sunday—Adults \$60,
Girls age 10-17 \$40 — includes 5 meals

Registration & Payment deadline is April 1, 2015

For more detailed information and a registration form visit
**www.pioneersettlement.org or email Shorty Robbins—
goldteacup@aol.com**

Thank You! **Ambassador Members**

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Volunteer Salute

Steve Vrooman

Steve has been a volunteer at the Settlement for 25 years. Steve is most known for his expertise in weaving but the only field trip station he has not done is butter making. Steve began weaving rugs from plastic bags as a recycling project for a fifth grade class about 14 years ago. Since then those rugs have been a very popular item in our Country Store. Steve's first project here was rebuilding the steam boiler behind the Blacksmith's shop. He would run the engine and Lester Hollenback used the steam to bend wood for rocking chairs. Thank-you Steve for sharing your time and talents throughout the years with the Pioneer Settlement!



2016 Calendar of Special Events

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| March 20 | Brian Smalley's Chickens Pigs—A Live Cracker Opera |
| April 8-10 | Ladies Golden Teacup Encampment |
| April 23 & 24 | Spring Frolic Music & Dance Festival |
| June 11 | Celebration of Olde Florida |
| August 20 | LUCK OF THE DRAW
\$4,000 Drawdown 40th Anniversary Celebration—Ticketed Event |
| September 3 | Fire & Ice - Annual Chili Cook-Off and Ice Cream Churn Off |
| October 8 | Special 40th Anniversary—TBA |
| November 5-6 | 40th Annual Fall Country Jamboree |
| December 10 | A Florida Christmas Remembered |
- First Saturday Jams**—are held on the first Saturday of every month—Free Music Lessons with paid admission or membership.
- The Family Farm Swap** - the first and third Saturdays
- Fiber Arts Guild** meets on the third Saturday
- Rug Hookers** meet on the fourth Saturday
- Square Dancing** on Friday Night

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