
Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society

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Newsletter

April 2012



Photo of picnic on Deserters Hill January 13th 1887 (Faklis photo)

Annual Picnic

Annual picnic will be held

Saturday April 28

11:30 am ~ 2:00 pm

Howard Park Shelter # 4

Bring your memories and photos of "Pleasure Pier" aka "The Pier" aka "Sunset Beach" to share

Food and drink will be provided but please let us know if you are coming so we will have plenty!

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The American Dream

On Thursday evening April 19th at 7:00 PM
Mrs. Anna Faklis will speak at the Historic Train Depot
160 East Tarpon Avenue
telling the story of her Grandfather
“the inventor of the propeller guard”
Gabriel Peterson

Starting in May!!
A new series !!
Brown Bag Lunch & Learn!

Join us for a Brown Bag Lunch and learn about the history of this area on Wednesday, May 16th at 12:00 pm to 1 pm at the Historic Train Depot. The first in a series of talks to celebrate our City's 125 years of exciting history will be “An Archaeologist Explores Pre-history in Tarpon Springs in the 1890's.” The talk will be presented by Phyllis Kolianos, M.A.,RPA. Bring a brown bag lunch and we will furnish drinks and deserts.

Blue Star Museum

The Historic Train Depot and the Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society are joining with the National Endowment for the Arts to become a Blue Star Museum. Between Memorial Day, May 28th and Labor Day September 3rd 2012 we will be

inviting active service personnel and their families to visit our museum. The military exhibit during this time will be enlarged to honor these men and women in uniform.

Collection Corner

After serving in the Civil War, on the side of the Confederacy, Alfred Grable moved to St. Louis, Mo and was a well known architect in that area. He moved to Florida around 1880 and farmed around 200 acres near what is now the Bay Pines Veterans Hospital. In 1911, he moved to Tarpon Springs, building a house on the corner of Grosse Ave. and Orange St. He built a total of four homes on Grosse Ave., and also was the architect for the Cretekos and Kelly

brick homes on Tarpon Ave. His son, Walter Grable, remained in Tarpon Springs with his wife Winifred and their daughter Amorita. With Walter playing the trumpet or coronet, Winifred the violin and Mrs. Mae Hollister on the piano, they entertained at the Tarpon Hotel and the silent films at the movie theatre in town. Amorita married Elmer G, Murphy, a pharmacist who had come to Tarpon Springs to work at The Old Reliable Drugstore. They had one daughter, Catherine Patricia, who still resides in the area. Linda Timmins Kolianos, granddaughter, and Catherine Patricia (Pat) Timmins, daughter, recently donated many photos, newspapers and documents from the early 1900's through the 1940's to the Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society. This is another valuable addition to our growing archives.

Openings on Executive Board

The Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society is seeking volunteers who want to participate as a member of the Board of Directors in directing the policies and programs of the Society. There are vacancies on the Board of Directors as well as for the office of Secretary. If you are interested, please call the society office and an information sheet and application will be sent to you. All Directors must be a member of the Society, available for Board meetings on the first Thursday evening of each month and be an active participant in Society functions.

For all those interested in preserving Tarpon's unique heritage, this is the volunteer opportunity for you!

For more information, please call President Cyndi Tarapani at 642-2030 or the Society office at 943-4764.

A set of keys was found at the Remembrance Tea. You may claim them at the Train Depot.

For information on any events, call 727- 943- 4624