

# The Palm Coast Historian

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## "On the Road Again"

The Road to the  
Grand Opening of the Historical Society Center

On April 11, 2007

By Debby Geyer, President

The Palm Coast Historical Society was formed when the City Council, in 2000, appointed Margaret Davie and Art Dycke as Co-Historians. Margaret became the first President and Art the first Vice President. Art Dycke is now the official Palm Coast City Historian, on the Board of Directors, and Margaret is a Lifetime Honoree Member.

The By-Laws of the Historical Society state "The purpose of the Historical Society is to promote and foster the study of the history of The City of Palm Coast, Florida. To accomplish this, the Society shall serve as an educational and historical organization in The City of Palm Coast."

The former building of the Flagler County Library in Palm Harbor shopping area became Palm Coast's City Hall and they saved 2 rooms for our very first office. When the city's staff required additional space we moved all of our office to a storage building on PC Parkway. Our next move was to USA Storage on Pine Lakes Parkway because the rental cost was lower. Then we moved to 3 Hargrove Grade to a building rented by Family Matters. In August, 2004 we once again moved because the building was going to be padlocked due to nonpayment of rent by Family Matters. All of our data and office furniture was again placed in storage at USA Storage located behind Wal-Mart.

Oh Happy Day! Our, we hope but not likely, final move was the end of January 2007 to a room constructed in the warehouse of the current Palm Coast City Hall. The Palm Coast Historical Society Center grand opening was April 11, 2007!

There are three people we all must say a huge thank you to for their hard work in preparing for the opening. The people listed below worked every afternoon on Tuesday and Thursday, February thru the beginning of April assembling furniture, placing Palm Coast history data into boxes, hanging pictures etc to prepare the Center for the Grand Opening Day. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to each of them at the Palm Coast Outback Steakhouse fundraiser luncheon September 12.

Jack Pitman, Art Dycke, and Don DeVito

The day of the grand opening of the Palm Coast Historical Society Center finally arrived! The weather cooperated with a light breeze and sun all day.

The Palm Coast Historical Society  
Requests the pleasure of your company at  
The Grand Opening of the Historical Society  
Center Wednesday the 11th of April at 9:30 am,  
2 Commerce Blvd.  
Debby Geyer, President

### Additional Activities

**11:00 am-12:30 pm** -- "The Historic Core Area of Palm Coast" slide presentation, at the Historical Center, by Art Dycke, City Historian.

**1:30 am-3:30 pm** -- Historical Society Meeting in first floor conference room of City Hall. Speaker is our new City Manager Jim Landon.

**3:30 pm-4:45 pm** -- "History of Old Kings Road" presented by Bill Ryan, Director, at the Historical Center.

**7:00 pm-9:00 pm** - "The Historic Core Area of Palm Coast" slide presentation by Art Dycke, City Historian at the Community Center.

## Program for April 11, 2007 Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening of Palm Coast Historical Society Center

Pledge of Allegiance -- Alan Smolen, Charter Member

Recognition of Dignitaries -- Debby Geyer, President,  
City Manager, Jim Landon

P. C. Coast Society -- Art Dycke, City Historian

Mayor James Canfield

Dedication of Historical Center -- Debby Geyer

Ribbon Cutting -- Jon Netts, Director

Official Opening of Historical Center -- Debby Geyer

April 11, 2007

## Dedication of the Palm Coast Historical Society Center

By Debby Geyer

The Historical Society Center is being dedicated the memory of Mary Ann Canfield and Robert Crocetta.

**Mary Ann** was among the first members of the Palm Coast Historical Society and one of the Society's first Directors. Art Dycke, City Historian, wrote an article for our October thru December 2004 newsletter titled "A Tribute to Mary Ann Canfield" which best describes her interest in preserving the history of Palm Coast. "Mary Ann was a guiding force of the Historical Society even before it was officially organized. Upon the appointment of myself and Margaret Davie as City Co-Historians in April 200, she provided us with the names of long time residents to contact for our audio taped interviews and she participated in some of the tapings. Mary Ann typed the forms and popularized our 'Who Was the First in Palm Coast' history project." Mary Ann became Vice President in January 2002 when I became President. She passed away in the summer of 2004.

I want to end on a light note so I will tell you how Mary Ann and I became officers. When Margaret Davie announced she was stepping down as President Mary Ann suggested I be nominated as President. I replied "oh no I can't do that". Well, she then began to address me as Madam President whenever she called me or saw me. Finally I said okay BUT only if you will be Vice President!

**Bob Crocetta** was also among the first members of the Palm Coast Historical Society and the Society's first Treasurer and remained Treasure until three months prior to his passing on December 6, 2006. Once again Art Dycke wrote an article for our newsletter issued January through March 2007 titled "A Tribute to Bob Crocetta 2005 Citizen of the Year" which best describes his interest and involvement in all facets of Palm Coast. "Bob Crocetta received the

2005 Citizen of the Year Award at the City of Palm Coast 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration in January 2006. Bob has consistently been Palm Coast's model citizen in all the years since his active participation in the incorporation of our city. He attend the first City Council meeting and Workshop in 2000 and never missed either meeting until late 2006 when illness prevented him from continuing his unbroken record. He described many meetings when he was the only citizen there. Now we have pretty good crowds.

ITT had mostly departed Palm Coast in 1995 and thereafter the Civic Association helped combine a number of incorporation groups into one with a committee chaired by Jim Canfield and Marty McLean. Bob was soon completely immersed in the activities of the Palm Coast Home Rule Coalition and participated in planning sessions and a long series of public meetings in preparation for the vote on incorporation. Bob organized car trains, tooting horns and playing band music plus delivered scores of "Vote Yes" signs all over Palm Coast. He admitted he enjoyed the personal contacts in front of Wal-Mart and Publix and at the Home Show the most. Bob was named by Flagler County to the 5 member transition team that guided the city before its formal incorporation date of December 31, 1999.

Bob has also been a mainstay of the City of Palm Coast Historical Society having served as Treasurer (with liberal assistance from Kathleen) from the time of the groups inception."

*Note from Debby:* I attended the meeting that Bob became Treasurer. Margaret Davie was President then and asked Bob "Will you be Treasurer?" Bob's response was "I will do whatever you want me to do Margaret." This statement from Bob speaks volumes about him—he was always ready to volunteer and help where he was needed!

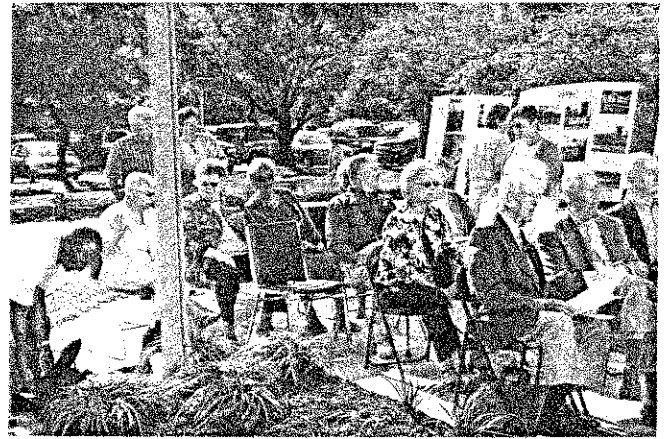
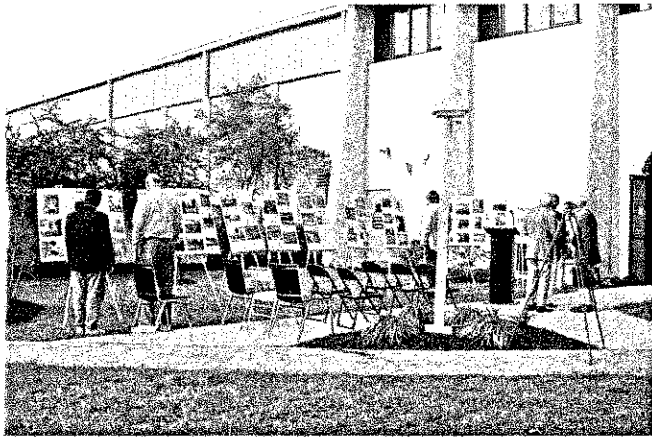
### Dedication Plaque

**Palm Coast Historical Society Center  
Grand Opening on April 11, 2007**

**Dedicated to the Memory of  
Mary Ann Canfield and Robert Crocetta**

**In Recognition of Their Outstanding  
Dedication and Service to the  
Palm Coast Historical Society**

Grand Opening of Palm Coast Historical Society Center  
April 11, 2007



## Welcome to our New Members

Karen & Barbara Crocetta,  
Patricia Eldridge  
Richard Hamilton  
Janet Geyer Jennings  
William & Anita Karback  
Louis Kiss  
Diana Minotti

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## Events

**October 10**, City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. MEMBER MEETING & guests are always welcomed!

**October 13 & 14, 2007–Sat. 10 am–6 pm Sun. 10 am–pm.** CREEKSIDE FESTIVAL

**January 9, 2008**, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Location to be announced. **ELECTIONS.** MEMBER MEETING & guests are always welcomed!

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## Outback Fundraiser, September 12, 2007

This event was a social and financial success according to feedback from many attendees! The donated door prizes were spectacular thanks to Art Dycke, Debby Geyer, Historical Society, Joe's New York Pizza & Pasta-2 gift certificates, Mary MacLean, Jon Netts-2 donations, and Betty Rhatigan. A new member, Diana Minotti, won the 50/50. When I called to her I said "have a good shopping spree" she responded "no, I'm going to save it for other Society events." Thank you, one and all, for attending and supporting us! Special thanks to the Outback for their support of Palm Coast's non-profit groups!

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## Members and Non-Members

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
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Volunteers needed to assist in organizing historic materials at the History Center, 2 Commerce Blvd. (City Hall). Great opportunity to learn about our community's past. No experience necessary. Hours to be arranged to meet volunteer's schedules.

## Sample Tasks

1. Cataloging – going through boxes of materials to list and categorize contents. A computer listing will then be created.
  2. Clippings – clip, duplicate and organize relevant newspaper articles.
  3. Trace the history of golf, tennis, organizations, businesses, churches through the years from old newspapers, magazines and contacting people associated with the groups.
  4. Help computerize a photo file and produce historical CD programs.
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## CREEKSIDE FESTIVAL

*~Celebrating Northeast Florida Heritage~*  
**October 13 & 14, 2007 – Sat. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Visit the Creekside Festival on the stunning grounds of the Princess Place Preserve in northeast Flagler County on the shores of Pellicer Creek.

There will be live music, historical tours, children's games, arts & crafts vendors, great food and much more. Fun for the entire family!

<http://www.flaglerchamber.org/creeksidefestival/>

**Palm Coast Historical Society**  
**will be there!**

**GUESS WHAT? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
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Volunteers needed to:

1. **Saturday:** Load tables, chairs, canopies, and historical material into vehicles at History Center. Unload and set up at Princess Place.
2. **Saturday & Sunday:** Help man our display by volunteering for an hour or more.
3. **Sunday:** Load tables, chairs, canopy, and historical material into vehicles at Princess Place. Unload at History Center.

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Officers - January 2007 - December 2007

Debby Geyer, President (446-9031); Jack Pitman, Vice President; Debby Geyer, Interim Treasurer; Kay Stafford, Recording Secretary; Claire Sheekey, Corresponding Secretary

Directors - January 2007 - December 2007

Don DeVito, Webmaster; Art Dycke, City Historian; Connie Horvath; Jon Netts; Betty Rhatigan; Bill Ryan

Visit the Historical Society Center

September thru December 20, 2007.  
Art Dycke, City Historian, will be there.

**Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday  
1:30-4:00pm**

Check out the Center's Items for Sale

**Images of America:** Palm Coast by Art Dycke, City Historian—Donation of \$19.99

**Palm Coast License Plate**—Donation of \$10.00, also available at the Community Center, across from Fire Station on Florida Park Drive.

**Star Coale's**, local artist, B&W Prints of Palm Coast's original buildings and golf courses.

Donation of \$10.00 for 1 or \$15.00 for 2

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Historical Society information.**

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Key in the website exactly as shown

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