



Manatee Village Historical Park
1404 Manatee Avenue East
Bradenton, Florida 34208
Manatee County Historical Commission
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Historical Resources Division

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Education Programs

Guest Speaker Topics

Fifteen Minute Presentations

- **Annual Events at Manatee Village** – presented by Kathryn Rohlwing
 - Learn about Manatee Village’s three major annual events: Spirit Voices of Old Manatee, A Florida Cracker Christmas, and HAIRitage Days Beard & Mustache Competition. This presentation will include highlights of smaller events that Manatee Village has planned for the coming year.

- **Get to Know Manatee Village Historical Park** – presented by Phaedra Carter
 - In this brief presentation, audiences will be introduced Manatee Village, how it started, the main historical structures that are located there, and their dates of construction and primary uses.

- **Who is the Manatee County Historical Commission?** – presented by Phaedra Carter
 - Learn more about the public-private partnership that formed, maintains, and grows historical preservation activities and programming at Manatee Village Historical Park.

- **Education Programs at Manatee Village** – presented by Melissa Porter
 - This brief talk outlines what educational programs are offered through Manatee Village Historical Park, both on-site and off-site.



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- **Civil War Highlights from Manatee** – presented by Kathryn Rohlwing
 - What role did Florida and specifically Manatee County play in the Civil War? This presentation will highlight five of this area’s major roles in the war.

- **Black History in Manatee** – presented by Kathryn Rohlwing
 - This presentation will highlight five main aspects of Black History in Manatee County from 1860-1920, including slavery, the Seminole Wars, the Civil War, the turpentine industry, and the cattle industry.



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Twenty Minute Presentations

- **Pioneer Women of Manatee** – presented by Phaedra Carter
 - Behind every founding father is usually a tough woman who helped lay the foundation for their community. Learn more about the trials and triumphs that pioneer women of Manatee encountered while settling the area we call home today.

- **Volunteer Opportunities at Manatee Village** – presented by Melissa Porter
 - Manatee Village Historical Park would love to welcome you to our team of volunteers! Learn how you can help others enjoy the heritage of Manatee County.

- **Leroy Leslie: A Tampa Settler with Manatee Ties** – presented by Melissa Porter
 - This interesting settler was highly involved in military affairs that brought him into Manatee several times. Learn how this circuit preacher-turned-military man impacted our county.

- **Billy Bowlegs and the Third Seminole War** – presented by Bridget Donahue-Farrell
 - Learn about the influential chief Billy Bowlegs, and how Manatee County was brought into the conflict known as the Third Seminole War.



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- **Victorian Mourning Customs** – presented by Bridget Donahue-Farrell
 - Learn about how the Civil War and English traditions influence the way American families mourned their loss loved ones. This discussion will focus on topics ranging from fashion, photography, and how these traditions eventually influenced a few of our own President’s and First Ladies.

- **Joseph Atzeroth and the Plight of Immigrants in 19th Century America** – presented by Bridget Donahue-Farrell
 - Learn about the political atmosphere in American during the 1850s, and how it may have highly influenced a court trial that occurred here in Manatee County.

- **Spirit Voices: Tales from Our Crypts** – presented by Phaedra Carter
 - In 2010, staff at Manatee Village set out to breathe new life into the stories of settlers from our community’s past via the creation of a dramatic cemetery tour. Learn what went into this process and how it has grown over the years to impact the preservation of the 1850 Old Manatee Burying Ground.



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- **Manatee History Day** – presented by Melissa Porter
 - Learn about an exciting educational program available to Manatee County students and the adult volunteer opportunities that make it possible. Find out how you can help inspire future historians!

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- **Turpentine Workers in Manatee County** – presented by Bridget Donahue-Farrell
 - Learn about the political atmosphere in American during the 1850s, and how it may have highly influenced a court trial that occurred here in Manatee County!

- **Afternoon Tea Victorian Etiquette Traditions** – presented by Kathryn Rohlwing
 - Afternoon tea gained popularity in the 1840s, in large part due to Queen Victoria's enjoyment of the practice. Learn how the tea etiquette traditions that arose in Great Britain the 1840s were seen in Florida and are still practiced today.