



The Volunteer Dispatch

A quarterly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park
Fall 2024.

A Note from Manatee Village Historical Park:

Dear Volunteers,

It is a new season at Manatee Village Historical Park! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer, beating the heat as best as anyone can. In case the Halloween decorations in every store wasn't indicative enough, it is now Fall!

Please see inside this issue for important updates involving YOU and upcoming events. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Have a wonderful Fall season!

Best wishes,

Reba Bohlander

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Hours and Events Schedule

Upcoming Closures

Employee In-Service Training

October 3 (Thurs.)

Thanksgiving

Nov. 28—Nov 29 (Thurs.—Fri.)

Veterans Day

Nov. 9—Nov. 11 (Sat.—Mon.)

Christmas

Dec. 23—Jan. 1 (Mon.—Wed.)

Cemetery Tours

Saturday, October 12 at 9:30 am and 10:30 am

Join staff members Reba and Krystin on a free hour-long guided tour of the 1850 Manatee Burying Ground. Each tour is a little different but potential topics include burial traditions, iconography, Yellow Fever, family lore and history, and more!

Limited availability. First come first serve. Free to the public.

Saturday, October 26 at 9:30 am and 10:30 am

Join staff members Morgan and Matt on a free hour-long guided tour of the 1850 Manatee Burying Ground. Each tour is a little different but potential topics include burial traditions, iconography, Yellow Fever, family lore and history, and more!

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Hours and Events Schedule



Petals of Expression: Decoding the Language of Flowers

Saturday, October 26 | 2–3pm

Discover the Victorian art of floriography in this engaging lecture, where flowers spoke volumes without a single word. We'll explore how blooms were used to convey secret messages, emotions, and intentions during the 19th century.

Whether you're a history lover or curious about the language of flowers, this lecture offers a deep dive into the poetic power of nature's most eloquent messengers.

An Old Florida Christmas

Saturday, December 14 | 10am–3pm

Enjoy a festive day filled with holiday crafts, delicious food from local food vendors, live performances, and shop local artist vendors.



Additional Volunteer Opportunities

Manatee History Day

The start of the school year means the start of Manatee History Day season! We will need volunteer judges in order for this program to be successful.

All you need is a positive attitude, enjoy working with the youth, and a love for education! A background in history and education is NOT required.

Interested? Email:

history.day@manateeclerk.com

An Old Florida Christmas

Saturday, December 14th | 10am – 3pm

Our annual Christmas event, *An Old Florida Christmas*, will be here before we know it! Our volunteers are one of, if not the most, important component for this event to run smoothly.

Different volunteer positions might include:

- Parking attendant
- Greeter
- Line operator for pictures with Father Christmas (don't worry, we won't make you dress up as an elf)
- Craft station
- Supply runner
- Blacksmith assistant

Interested? Email:

rebecca.bohlender@manateeclerk.com

Greeters Needed

Tuesday 10am—1pm

Thursday 10am—1pm

Saturday 10am—1pm

Saturday 1pm—4pm

Call For Volunteer News

Have you recently learned a fun history fact? Have you started a new hobby? Got a recipe you'd like to share? A new addition to your family? Have you celebrated a milestone?

We'd love to feature your news in the newsletter!

Send in any fun facts, hobbies, recipes, pictures, and any other information you'd like to share with your fellow volunteers and staff.

**You can email your news to
Rebecca.Bohlender@ManateeClerk.com**

