



The Volunteer Dispatch

A monthly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park

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A Note from Manatee Village Historical Park:



Courtesy of Manatee Village Historical Park Collection

See inside for important updates regarding our upcoming holiday closure, *An Old Florida Christmas*, and more!

Best wishes,

Allyson O'Leary

Education & Volunteer Coordinator

Important Updates

AN OLD FLORIDA CHRISTMAS

An Old Florida Christmas will take place on Saturday, December 10th. Join us for food, crafts, and vendors!

GIFT SHOP

MCHC will open the gift shop on Saturday, December 10th during *An Old Florida Christmas*.



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PUBLIC CLOSURE

Manatee Village Historical Park will be **closed to the public** for the holidays.

The closure will be **Friday, December 23rd through Monday, January 2nd.**

No need to come in for any volunteer shifts at that time.

Happy Holidays to you and your families!



Volunteer Opportunities

An Old Florida Christmas

An Old Florida Christmas will take place this year on Saturday, December 10th. We will need volunteers for this event.

If you are interested in helping out, please click [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, reach out to:

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Pomander History

Oranges were a luxury in the 1800s. They would be given as a gift at special times, such as Christmas.

As they became plentiful and more affordable, oranges were used as decoration. The citrus scent kept bad smells at bay and looked pretty. They would be worn around the neck, carried, or used as decor in the home.



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Volunteer Spotlight

Thank You!

A big thank you to family volunteer team, Esther, Halle, and Hanna!

The three of them helped staff decorate the Courthouse and Settlers House.

Be sure to stop in and check out all the holiday decorations!



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Christmas Past



Christmas Queen Contest, 1902

Courtesy of Manatee County Public Library Historical Digital Collections



Pooser Family's Christmas Egnog Party, 1890

Courtesy of Manatee County Public Library Historical Digital Collections

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 allyson.oleary@manateclerk.com or call 941-749-7165.

