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PLEASE JOIN US

Saturday, February 13, 2010

3:00 P M

Melbourne Public Library

540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne

The Legacy of Harry T. Moore



**A presentation by Juanita Barton,
Director of the Harry T. and
Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park
and Cultural Center**

Born in the Florida Panhandle town of Houston in 1905, Harry Tyson Moore came to Brevard County to teach in Cocoa in 1925. He met and married Harriette Vyda Simms and they settled in Mims to begin what would become an extraordinary life together.

He became a respected teacher and later principal in Brevard's segregated education system. He founded the Brevard Chapter of the NAACP, led voter registration drives, organized political campaigns. He pursued civil rights in areas such as housing, pay for teachers, education, voting rights, and justice in the courts.

On Christmas night, 1951, a bomb exploded under the Moore's home killing Harry and later Harriette. It was the first murder of a prominent civil rights leader and was felt nation wide.

Join us to examine his contributions and his role in the continuing struggle for equality for all Americans.

Dear Members and Friends...

Welcome to new board member Patsy Oliphant and to Shirley Baccus who is returning to board service after some time off.

Patsy will be working on the Collection and has agreed to be in charge of the Kellersberger Fund book sales. History minded people seem to really love books so I know her efforts will be well appreciated.

Thank you to Ed Vosatka who's agreed to serve as Collection Chairman. His knowledge, love of research, and organizational skills will serve us well.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Several months ago I visited the Moore Cultural Center in Mims and spent about an hour in the exhibit room. As I read the time line and viewed the exhibits, I got a better sense of the continuum in the civil rights movement in the United States....how much activity took place in Florida surprised me.

Harry T. Moore may be an under sung hero of this movement. But... his life and contribution toward achieving social and political justice reveal something magnificent about the nature of the human story.

I recommend a visit to the Center in Mims. It may expand your view of Florida and Brevard's history.

Carol Andren
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MARCH IS FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

We'll celebrate with a program by Gregg Harding of the Florida Public Archaeology Network:

Life Before Home Depot
Saturday, March 13, 2010
Melbourne Public Library, Fee Avenue
3:00 PM

Native Americans were extremely resourceful and made the various habitats of Florida into their own hardware stores. Gregg shares his knowledge of these techniques in our version of an "early tool time".

AND IN APRIL

We continue to explore the ingenuity of Native Americans in making tools and weapons with Gregg Harding of FPAN.

April 10th

Around South Brevard

Rossetter House Ghost Tour

March 5th 5:30 PM

Reservation Required 245-9855

located at 1320 Highland Avenue Melbourne

The City of Palm Bay is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year. As part of the celebration, City Clerk Alice Passmore is collecting photos, documents, stories and items that reveal Palm Bay's past. If you have something to share with her, you may reach her at 952-3414. Check the city website for events and information. www.palmbayflorida.org

Did you know?

Our local FPAN has moved to a new location at the Florida Historical Society in downtown Cocoa Village.435 Brevard Ave. We wish them well in their new home.

The SBHS thanks **AAA Malabar Mini-Storage**, located across the street from the Malabar Town Hall, for their generous donation of air-conditioned secure storage for the Society's collections and archives.

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About our Speaker: Juanita Barton

Juanita Barton was born and raised in Mims in Brevard County. She was one of several students who entered Titusville High School when it was integrated in 1965. She worked at Martin Marietta for 22 years. Considered a community activist, she served on local boards such as the Mims Comprehensive Planning Committee and was involved in other projects. She now serves as the director of the Moore Cultural Complex. She'll share her research and the lessons and inspiration she learned from the Moores' friends and students with us.

Visit the Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Center

2180 Freedom Avenue Mims Florida
Mims, Florida
(321) 264-6593



The Cultural Center and Park property is the former home site of the Moores. The Center offers a historic timeline of the Civil Rights Movement proceeding from The Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863 through The Civil Rights Act of July 2, 1964. Major contributions of Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore to the Civil Rights Movement are depicted parallel to other events of national renown in American history.

website: www.brevardparks.com/hthvm

Kellersberger Fund Publications

The following books published by *the SBHS Kellersberger Fund* are available for sale by the SBHS: ***Tales of Old Brevard***, by Georgiana Kjerulff; ***Rooted in Florida Soil***, by Julia Lake Kellersberger; ***Historic Florida: A Closer Look at the Photographs of a Century Ago in Three Dimension***, by Clement Slade; ***Troubled Paradise: Melbourne Village, Florida***, by Georgiana Kjerulff; and ***Pineapples are Never Black or White***, by Harry Goode, Sr.

New SBHS board member, Patsy Oliphant, will be in charge of sales of the Kellersberger books. Publications will be on sale at most general meetings.

The SBHS thanks *Andren Software Company* for donating our website.