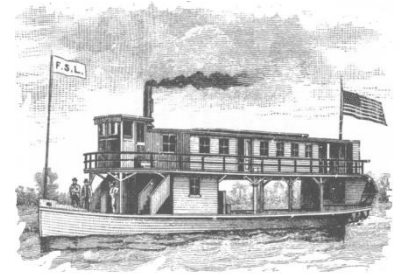


**Historic Melrose, Inc.  
Box 704  
Melrose FL 32666**



December 5, 2019

Dear friends and neighbors of Melrose,

1. **Christmas Home Tour, Sunday December 15, 2019, 1 pm to 5 pm.**

This wonderful tour features six homes ranging from the lovely 1878 Bayview to a spectacular 2018 Craftsman Revival house on Melrose Bay. Other sites include the newly restored Melrose Woman's Club, 303 Pine Street, where tickets (\$10) will be sold and refreshments available. Tickets will also be sold at the Baldwin General Store museum on State Road 21 across from the fire station. The Daurer Museum in Heritage Park, Trinity Episcopal Church and the Melrose United Methodist Church, the Vogelbach Drugstore/Homemakers Club, and UF Gator basketball floor will also be on the tour. Local musicians will play at several of the venues.

1:00—2:00 pm The Under the Porch singers at Heritage Park

2:00 – 2:30 pm Featured Program, Melrose United Methodist Church

1:00—5:00 pm Baldwin General Store, Daurer History Center, Trinity Episcopal Church, Melrose United Methodist Church, Sinclair house, Vogelbach house, Sipprell/Warren/Rodgers house, Johnston house, Willets/Mythaler house, Bay View/Cole house, Spencer/Peffley house

1:00—5:00 pm Homemakers Club: colors of the season quilt display, silent auction for original art work by Joe and Rosemary Daurer, Laurie Alsobrook dulcimer music, Christmas past exhibit, models by Pat Warren such as the mill at Banana, the *Alert* and *F.S. Lewis*, special items for sale from the Baldwin store, Trinity Episcopal church, and Melrose Library.

1:00—5:00 pm Tickets and refreshments at the Woman's Club

1:00—6:00 pm Historic Gator basketball court (note the extended time for the court)

Don't miss this amazing day in Melrose and please be sure to express thanks to all who are including their properties on the Christmas tour as well as all our hosts, hostesses, docents, and other helpers.

2. **Banana grist mill cleanup. Saturday, January 25, 2020, 830 am to 1030 am.** HMI is continuing a working-party tradition by cleaning the historic mill site. Meet at 0830 am at Heritage Park, corner of Cypress Street and SR26. We'll caravan to the site located at SR21, south of Melrose. The site is on the left on SR21 with an entrance just before the black mailbox marked "728." Bring yard tools, work gloves, water, and a snack.

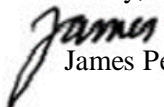
3. **Annual membership meeting is Sunday, February 16, 2020, 2 pm to 330 pm. Homemakers' Club,** corner of Centre and Park streets. Speaker is TBD. Copies of *Melrose, Florida: An Illustrated History* by Rosemary Daurer and Kevin McCarthy will be available for \$10 each at the meeting.

4. Historic Melrose is touring the historic **UF Ordway-Swisher property on Saturday, February 29, 2020, 9 am to 11 am.** Sign up at the annual meeting on Feb 16 for reservation. Meet at the facility entrance on SR21, south of Melrose. **The tram ride has limited seating of twenty-four.**

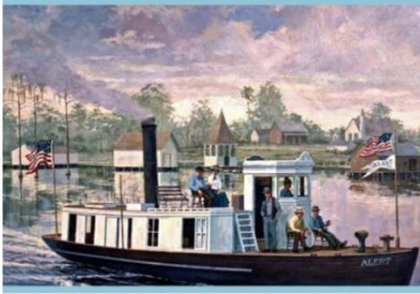
5. Thanks to all HMI folks who started the Q.I. Roberts Jr-Sr High student History and Archaeology Club! Board member Michael Weeks is the club sponsor and the students are enthusiastically exploring the historical and archaeological treasures of our area, earning service hours, developing leadership skills, and having fun with fellow Q.I.R. Knights! Q.I. Roberts Jr-Sr High School is Putnam County's Cambridge acceleration magnet school.

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Sincerely,

  
James Peffley

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### **Embark upon a self-guided tour of beautiful Historic Melrose, Florida!**

Visit a delightful mixture of 14 homes and historic structures.  
Tickets will be available at the Baldwin Store, 105 State Road 26  
and The Melrose Woman's Club, 303 Pine Street in Melrose  
on the day of the event. \$10 per person, cash or check.  
Call 352-339-0797 for more information.

**SUNDAY, December 15, 2019**  
**1pm - 5pm**

We see Florida as a place struggling to stay true to itself — struggling to maintain an honest identity. We, like everybody else, want luxuries and conveniences too, but we think it is possible to pay too much for them. Sometimes, we think that what we are getting is not as good as what we are losing. — Al Burt (1927-2008), beloved author and past president of HMI.