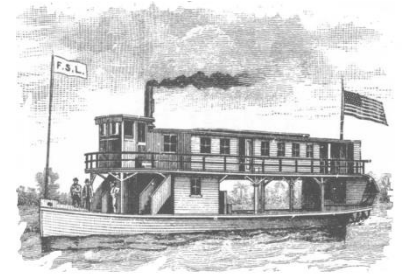


**Historic Melrose, Inc.
Box 704
Melrose FL 32666**



26 May 2019

Dear residents and friends of Melrose,

1. **Speaker Program, Sunday, June 9, 2019, 3 pm to 4:30 pm, Homemakers' Club.** Corner of Centre and Park streets. **Speaker is Dr. Mark Barrow, MD, PhD on the history of Gainesville and Alachua County.** Mark is a past-president of HMI, founder of the Matheson Museum in Gainesville, and a local historian. Copies of *Melrose, Florida: An Illustrated History* by Rosemary Daurer and Kevin McCarthy will be available for \$10 each at the meeting.

2. **Fall Speaker Program, Sunday November 11, 3 pm to 4:30 pm, Homemakers' Club. Speaker is Dr. Terry Marshall, MD.** Terry will speak on the history of Melrose including the 'gold rush' in the 1800's when orange groves sprouted up. He will also share his experiences with the American Pickers television show on the History Channel when they came to Melrose.



3. HMI president Keith Bollum passed away on March 15, 2019 after succumbing to cancer. **A memorial service is planned at Mossman Hall for Keith on Friday, June 28, 2019, 6 pm to 9 pm.**

Keith is pictured with his daughter Ella and granddaughter Korra on Lake Santa Fe.

The program includes the far-reaching impact of Keith on Melrose artists, poets, musicians, and historians. If you would like to contribute anything to the memorial, kindly contact Linda Kemp at lindakemp2013@gmail.com or 352-246-4545.

4. **Volunteers needed and 2019 membership dues.** Thanks to all who sent in their 2019 annual dues and donations. With this money, we are able to continue the important mission of HMI in mossy old Melrose. A sincere **thanks to the folks who donated to the St. John's Cemetery in Earleton.** We met our goal to cover lawn maintenance. We are grateful for all of our volunteers and humbly request folks who can take on one of the projects (big and small) that HMI needs to accomplish. Again, thank you for your generous support in preserving our fascinating heritage!

5. With many helping hands from the Melrose 4-H Club, the Homemaker's landscaping was spruced up including its lovely courtyard. Thanks to all who participated! Another HMI working-party tradition is cleaning the historic Banana Mill site. Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 25, 2020!

6. HMI is in the planning stages for a Q.I. Roberts Jr-Sr High student History Club. What a great opportunity to collaborate with young minds and share the region's history! We plan to assist with tours and trips throughout the local area. We'll keep you informed as we progress but one potential project is scanning HMI's treasure trove of documents and photos into the web page. [www. http://historicmelroseflorida.org/](http://historicmelroseflorida.org/)

7. The HMI Christmas Home Tour is *either* Sunday 8 or 15 December, 2 pm to 5 pm, depending on coordination with other Melrose events. This is a wonderful event that you should not miss! About 30 volunteers are needed to act as docents at the eleven tour sites and homes. More to follow in the fall.

8. We look forward to seeing you at the history talk on June 9. Sincerely,

James Peffley

2019 Membership Renewal (2nd Request).

Thanks to all who have already paid.

Please detach this form and mail your donation to: HMI, PO Box 704, Melrose, FL 32666

Make checks payable to: HMI.

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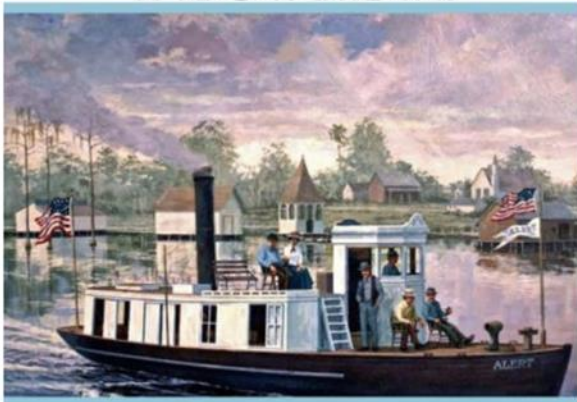
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 Heritage Park St. John's Cemetery (Earleton) McRae Grist Mill site

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