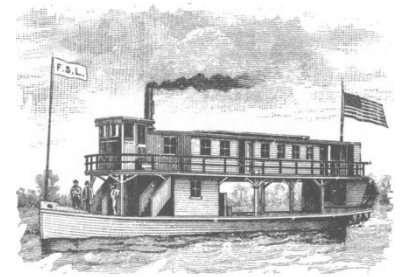


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10 January 2021

Dear residents and friends of Melrose,

1. **Annual meeting, Sunday, January 24, 2:00 – 3:30 pm**, Homemakers' Club, outside in the garden (inclement weather date is Sunday, Jan 31). Speaker information: We are delighted to hear the **history of Florahome and its friendly folks from longtime Florahomer Mr. Ronnie Carnes**. We look forward to getting an update on the restoration of their historic clubhouse, too. Chairs provided but we suggest bringing your own comfy lawn chair and wear masks. Corner of Centre and Park streets. Free of charge with light refreshments.

Copies of *Melrose, Florida: An Illustrated History* by Rosemary Daurer and Kevin McCarthy are still available for \$12 each.

2. **Working party for historic Banana site, Saturday January 16, 2021, 9am**. Please join us for our annual cleanup of limbs and small debris at the remains of Banana, Florida south of Melrose. Bring work gloves and limb-cutting tools. You can visit the huge, iron grist mill ("McRae's Mill"), remnants of the Orange Springs-to-Starke road, Banana Post Office markings, and the bridge abutments along Mill Creek.

3. Own a piece of Melrose memorabilia! At the annual meeting, we are offering vintage china plates from the Homemaker's Club (\$3 each or four plates for \$10), wooden and metal chairs (\$6 each or three for \$15), and turpentine pots (\$10). If you cannot attend the meeting, we will gladly take your order for any of the items. Contact Jean Giesel. betty.giesel@gmail.com or 475-2762.

Everyone paying membership dues at the meeting receives a raffle ticket to win two items (chairs, pots, or plates)! The plates are about 9 1/2 inches and marked "Mcnicol Clarksburg WV" and "Sterling East Liverpool OH."



4. We eagerly await the new historic marker at Trinity Episcopal church. Stay tuned for the unveiling!

5. **Please mail in your 2021 membership dues.** Thank you for your generous support in preserving our heritage. Please check periodically at: historicmelroseflorida.org for updates. A volunteer is needed to manage the lawn service that we hire for historic St. John the Fisherman cemetery in Earleton. Thank you!

6. We leap into 2021 with optimism and gratitude. A big thanks to all who serve Melrose and the many who help HMI. The **2022 HMI Christmas Tour** is right around the corner! Thanks to all who keep this great organization going. Please contact us to arrange a tour.


James Peffley

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2021 Membership Renewal.

We would be truly grateful if you renew your membership to HMI. Please detach this form and mail your donation to: HMI, PO Box 704, Melrose, FL 32666

Make checks payable to: HMI.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____

My check includes the following:

- Individual membership \$15
- Family membership \$25

\$ _____ *additional support for the* HMI General Fund Homemaker's Club
 Heritage Park St. John the Fisherman Cemetery (Earleton) Banana Grist Mill site

\$ _____ **total amount** (all contributions are tax deductible) Thank you!

Update on the HMI Daurer Collection

Archiving continues apace on the 2,000+ documents received from Rosemary and Joe Daurer's estate. Our professional archivist, Laura Nemmers, is making great progress. Pictured here is Sara Hebert, HMI Secretary.

Did you know?

While organizing our historic documents, we learned that stained glass windows from the former St. Luke's Lutheran church in Melrose (now a residence) were rescued and are in a Mandarin, FL home. Below is the newspaper excerpt from the *Times-Union* (1987)

