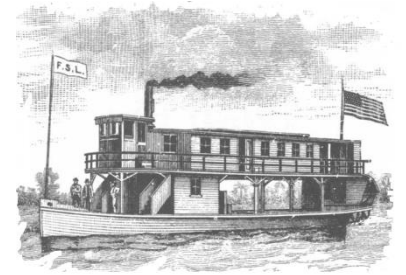


Historic Melrose, Inc.
Box 704
Melrose FL 32666
Historicmelroseflorida.org



12 June 2021

Dear residents and friends of Melrose,

1. Please join us on Saturday, Oct 16, 2021 for a tour of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park. It is open 9 to 5. Guided tours of the interior are offered at 11am, 1, 2, and 3 pm. Rain or shine, no reservations needed but the house tours are limited ten people at a time (first come, first served). The Yearling restaurant opens at noon. \$3 per vehicle for park entrance. For house tour: \$3 per adult and \$2 per child. We will provide updates via our website: HistoricMelroseFlorida.org

2. Thanks to our generous members, the Daurer History center has a new, period-correct metal roof. Read about its fascinating history on the back of this newsletter. Melrose Heritage Park was acquired and developed by the great citizens of Melrose and Historic Melrose, Inc. in 2002. The “Little House” was moved to the park from the bank. Pictured are Caiden Hebert, Eli Peffley, Joey Hess, and Annabelle Hess.

3. We look forward to an additional fall adventure on Nov 13, 2021 visiting the Micanopy History Museum. Open 1pm to 4 pm. 352-466-3200.

4. We sold out of the vintage china plates from the Homemaker’s Club and have a few wooden chairs remaining (\$ 6 each or three for \$15), and turpentine pots (\$10). To submit your order, contact Mrs. Jean Giesel. betty.giesel@gmail.com or 475-2762. Congratulations to the raffle winners who walked away with free, historic gifts!

5. We celebrated a wonderful annual meeting on January 24 in the Homemakers’ Club garden. We sincerely thank Mr. Ronnie Carnes and Ms. Meri-lin Piantanida for their presentation and efforts in historic Florahome. Please check out the photos at <http://historicmelroseflorida.org/florahome-history/>



6. Mr. Mark Manning, Gold Head State Park ranger, has volunteered to manage the Banana mill site property. Stay tuned. We congratulate Jessica, Mark, and sister Paige and welcome future HMI President Rowan Manning, born April 6, 2021! The Banana cleanup is 15 Jan 2022. The next HMI annual meeting is Sunday, 30 Jan 2022.

7. We are grateful to Mr. Colin Philips at Ace Hardware and the entire Ace staff for selling *Florida: An Illustrated History* by Rosemary Daurer and Kevin McCarthy. \$12 each. Stop by Ace and pick up a copy as a gift for a friend.

8. The Trinity Episcopal church historic marker is planted! Great things are happening in historic Melrose.

Lynn Hughes, Vice President

Sara Hebert, Secretary

2021 Membership Renewal, 2nd Notice

We have enjoyed a tremendous and generous response for 2021 memberships! Thank you...and if you already donated, please **do not** send in any money.

For those who need to renew, 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!

From 1982, reprinted with permission. Created by Lake Area State Bank, Zonira Hunter Tolles, and Joe and Rosemary Daurer. Tom Mallini of M&S bank coordinated the donation and future relocation of the Little House to HMI and Heritage Park.

The name "Little House" was recently given to the two-room building which provided a combined orange packing house, tool room, and maid's room. It had been called "the Packing House" until an antiquated orange washing machine was set up under a shed attached to the garage located on Pearl Street. Then it became the "Tool House." The garage housed one of the first cars in Melrose.

Visitors to the Little House museum may wish to walk to the foot of the [citrus] grove to view the relic from the days oranges were grown commercially in north Florida. In order to contribute to the preservation and enjoyment of Melrose's rich heritage, Lake Area State Bank established the museum, placing it under the direction of Joe and Rosemary Daurer, Melrose's photographers extraordinary. One room is devoted to Melrose photographs; the other to photographs of general interest. Displays are changed frequently. A permanent exhibit in the Melrose room features three generations of the Tolles family involved in banking and the story of their Florida home, Mont Clare Cottage, which became a bank.

