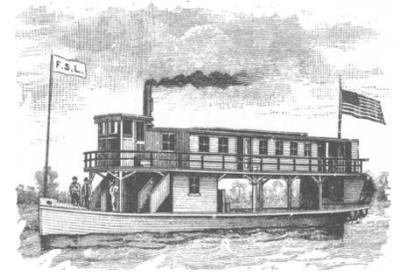


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24 January 2022

Dear residents and friends of Melrose,

1. **Annual meeting, Sunday, January 30, 2022, 2:00 – 3:30 pm**, Homemakers' Club. Mr. Ryan Kennelly is speaking on the 280-acre Black Lake preserve just west of Melrose. Free of charge with light refreshments.
2. Three parcels in the middle of Melrose were destined for development as a strip mall in the late 1990s. Instead, the land was purchased by HMI for **Heritage Park**. Please join us for the 20th anniversary of this community effort on **Saturday, 5 March, 2022 at noon in the park**. "Bring your own picnic" but there is a recent upswell of enthusiasm among the board of directors to have a catered picnic, instead. Stay tuned. A commemorative Live Oak is already planted south of the Daurer History Center and a time capsule containing 2022 mementos is planned... to be opened in 2072! Come for a free tour of the Daurer History Center on the first Friday of each month during the Melrose Art Walks.
3. Ed O'Bryan and his daughter Christina recently shared terrific stories and pictures of their friend Edna Pearsall Cooper (1902-1985), daughter of Leigh Pearsall. Pearsall volunteered as a "dollar-a-year man" in WWI and was eventually appointed to the rank of colonel. He made his fortune in the New York Cotton Exchange before coming to Melrose. Pearsall was a close associate of Louis C. Tiffany and owned all the Santa Fe waterfront between Dogwood Lane (off SR 26) counterclockwise to the mouth of Little Lake Santa Fe, SE 30th Street. Colonel Pearsall assembled one of the world's largest collections of American Indian relic and donated the items to the Florida Museum in 1964.



Pictured are *Indian Princess* (left) and the *Dannebrog* sailed by Captain L. Robinson. Thanks for the pictures, Ed! An area legend from Edna Cooper is that her father was angry at Germany and dumped his considerable collection of German-made silver in the middle of Santa Fe Lake. Another legend is that a person tragically drowned in the Punch Bowl Pond near Seminole Ridge Road and Pearsall Circle and the body eventually surfaced in Melrose Bay.

4. **Please mail in your 2022 membership dues.** Thank you for your generous support in preserving our heritage. Please check periodically at: historicmelroseflorida.org for updates. Volunteers are needed to lead our oral history program and to manage care of our historic St. John the Fisherman cemetery in Earleton.
5. A sincere thanks to all who serve Melrose and the many who help HMI. We are excited for the December **HMI Christmas Tour of Homes**, always one of the best days to live in in the lake region and spend time with our terrific friends and neighbors. Thanks to all who keep this great organization going.


James Peffley

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2022 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!



Leigh M. Pearsall and daughter Edna, circa 1905.