

Pompano Beach Historical Society

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Mission Statement

The Pompano Beach Historical Society's mission is to collect, preserve and publicize the history of the greater Pompano Beach area.



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MOVIE IN THE PARK

**Wednesday
May 18, 2016
7:00 PM,
Founders Park
217 NE 4th Avenue,
Pompano Beach**

Bring your lawn chair or use the chairs in the Hood Center. For our May program. We will be sitting in the park under the stars while watching "Safe at Home", filmed in 1962 right here in Pompano Beach (and Ft. Lauderdale). The movie stars baseball greats; Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris and William Frawley (you probably know him better as Fred Mertz). Prizes for those who can identify the most Pompano locations in the movie. A big thanks to Bruce for suggesting this great program! Social starts at 7:00 pm with Ballpark Franks and Popcorn. Movie starts at sunset: 8:01 pm



POMPANO BASEBALL!



The Pompano Beach Municipal Stadium was opened March 22, 1957 and was home to the Pompano Beach Cubs. It also was the spring training home of the Washington Senators, from 1961 to 1971 and Texas Rangers from 1972 to 1986. Some of the notable players from this time are 1st baseman John Milner, future Mets/ Braves reliefs Danny Friscelli and Buzz Capra. Texas Rangers left Pompano in April 1986. The stadium was last used for professional baseball in 1999. Between hurricanes and lack of use the buildings and field deteriorated and were demolished in 2008 for the new Baseball complex .

SAMPLE-MCDOUGALD HOUSE CELEBRATES IT'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

SAMPLE-MCDOUGALD CENTENNIAL GALA

Saturday May 14th, the Sample-McDougald House is celebrating it's centennial with a "down home" gala. Tickets include entertainment, beverages, and lavish BBQ cooked on site by Porky & Beth. There will be a silent art auction as well as a live auction by guest auctioneer Mayor Lamar Fisher. Bid to win a ride for two on the Goodyear Blimp or a long weekend at A Tranquil Landing in Hopetown, Elbow Cay, Abaco, Bahamas. Tickets are \$100. and must be purchased in advance at: www.samplemcdougaldhouse.com/shop-1.html

The celebration continues on Sunday, May 15 with Family Day. Bring the family: pony rides, petting zoo, arts and craft demonstrations and more. Admission \$10. with children 12 and under FREE. No reservation required.



ACCUTOUR WILL SHOW THE KESTER COTTAGES TO THE WORLD.

We are working hard on organizing, labeling and spit-polishing the two Kester Cottage Museums at Founders Park. We hope to have them ready by the first week in May for their movie debut. Eddie Acevedo and his team at AccuTour will be filming the cottages using 3-D technology to create an interactive virtual tour. We can't wait to see the finished film! To see what we are doing go to accutour.com or check out the preview they did for the Sample-McDougald House on the SMH Facebook page. We can always use some more hands to help get the cottages ready. Call Pat at 954-782-3015

MEETING PROGRAMS

We are working to organize a sunset tour of the Hillsboro Lighthouse for our June program. We would have to change the day from Wednesday to Thursday the 16th. In addition to a spoken history of the lighthouse and the chance to climb the 175 to the top of the lighthouse, our program would include use of the keepers cottage and facilities for a BBQ. We would need to charge \$10.00—\$15.00/ person to cover expenses related to the tour depending on how many sign up. Saying that we would need to have the names ASAP. All names would need to be submitted to security for entry, so if you are interested make sure we have your name!

This an exciting opportunity to see the lighthouse at sunset as the light comes on while standing right next to the Barefoot Mailman statue.

If interested please email: info.pompanohistory@gmail.com or call: Pat @ 954-782-3015

There will not be any programs for July or August. We hope you all have a Happy July 4th and a great summer!

We will be back in September for our Traditional Covered Dish Supper on the 21st. Bring your favorite dish to share, and if it's not a secret, the recipe. Anyone is welcome, just bring a dish!

We will provide the drinks and tableware. A fun time to reconnect with friends and neighbors after the summer break and talk about plans for next year.

We have reached out to a couple of organizations for our October and November programs, but nothing is confirmed.

And of course December 21 will be our Holiday Party. Details later.

IN REMEMBRANCE



E.L. "BUD" GARNER

January 16, 1927 - April 21, 2016
Edward Lee (Bud) Garner was born Jan. 16, 1927 in Alabama.

He was the 2nd of 4 children born to J.E. and Dausia Garner. In order for his father to take a job with the Florida East Coast Railroad, they moved to Pompano when Bud was 9 months old. He lived in Pompano his whole life, except for the time he spent in the US Navy. He and his wife Doris are Pioneers of Broward County and Bud is the Historian of the City of Pompano Beach. He has been active in the Historical Society of Pompano Beach and The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society. In his retirement, he became a prolific writer, telling stories of growing up in Pompano and documenting the history of the area in his own words and through his own eyes. Those stories have been published in several books over the years. Bud joined the US Navy at the age of 16 in 1943. He served both in the Atlantic and the Pacific, spending time on the USS Niblack. He was very proud to have served his country in WWII. He returned home in 1945 where he went back to Pompano High School and graduated in 1948. (Go Beanpickers!) He married his high school sweetheart, Doris Evelyn Corbett on May 22, 1949. They would have celebrated their 67th Wedding Anniversary in a few weeks. Bud is survived by his wife, Doris, his brother Jim Garner and his two sisters Rose Chambers and Alice Mainguy. He and Doris have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Bud was an active member of his church, First Baptist Church of Pompano Beach. He and Doris were married in that church. They became founding members of the church plant, North Pompano Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon for many years. Bud passed away suddenly on April 21, 2016 after a brief illness. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to : The Ministries of First Baptist Church of Pompano Beach or The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society. See more at: <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Edward-Garner&lc=7098&pid=179724500&mid=6900888>

JOHN W. ROBERTSON, SR.



Age 80, Born and raised in Pompano Beach, FL, passed away on February 17, 2016, in Fayetteville, Ga. He was born to the late Mary Christine and George Ervin Robertson. He was a Beanpicker, class of '55 and served two years in the U.S. Army. John retired from FPL after working there for over 20 years. He was a founding and lifetime member of the Fort Lauderdale Coin Club. John is survived by his wife, Jackie; his children, Nancy, Gail, John, and Frances; grandchildren, Barry, Jr., and Julie; and sister, Jeanette. A memorial gathering will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016, from 4-5 p.m. followed by a service from 5-6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church - Chapel in back (210 NE 3rd St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to the Pompano Beach Historical Society. www.pompanohistory.com/in_memory_of_john Or mail check to: Pompano Beach Historical Society, PO Box 154, Pompano Beach FL 33061.

See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sunsentinel/obituary.aspx?n=john-w-robertson&pid=179720233>

MARION FAY KESTER



July 11, 1928 - April 4, 2016
Kester, Marion Fay of Lighthouse Point, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 4, 2016 She was born July 11, 1928 in Bridgeport, CT. She married Stewart Randolph Kester on September 23, 1950 in Devon, CT and settled in Pompano Beach, FL in 1955 where they resided until 1970 when they moved to Lighthouse Point. Fay was a member Pompano Beach Historical Society and active in the Pompano Beach Exchange Club . She devoted countless hours volunteering at the First Presbyterian Church of Pompano Beach by serving as a deacon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the First Presbyterian Church or ALS Association Florida Chapter 3242 Parkside Center Circle Tampa, FL 33619

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Program Schedule for 2016

May 18: Meeting 'Movie in the Park'
June 16 - Thursday - Lighthouse Tour
July 20: No Meeting
August 17: No Meeting
September 21: Covered Dish Supper
October 19: Meeting TBD
November 16: Meeting TBD
December 21: Holiday Party

Green Market

Thank You to those who came out and supported us during the season.

We will be back on Saturday, October 8th in the newly designed Plaza right on the corner of Atlantic and Dixie. The green fence will be gone and there will be lots of visibility and space for all our current and new vendors and special events.

See you next season!



Trolley Tours

Seats are still available for our May 14th tour!
Tour starts at the Pompano Beach Historical Society at Founder's Park where you can tour the Kester Cottages from 9:00 until boarding the bus at 10:00. The two-hour narrated tour will include the Sample-McDougald House, Old Downtown, the Hillsboro Lighthouse Museum as well as a number of 'hidden' historic sights.

Open Tour dates:
May 14
July 9
September 10
November 12



Call Judy at 954-609-7974 to purchase tickets