

# The Historical Society of Sarasota County

welcomes you to our January 2020 events!

## Sunday Afternoon Social

*A light, entertaining program presented cafe-style in the historic Crocker Church (c.1901)*

### Sarasota's Pioneer Family

Imagine Sarasota in 1842. Imagine being 21 years old and trading mullet from the Bay to start orange groves. Imagine courting, then marrying a girl from Manatee Village, a long hard ride from your homestead. Now imagine Bill and Mary Jane Whitaker having 11 children in the wilderness. Your local guide, Lizzy Webb Guptill, portrayed by our very own Kate Holmes, will tell the story of her neighbors in this visual presentation of Sarasota's Pioneer Family.

**Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 2 pm** Light Refreshments Tickets at the Door, Seating Limited Members \$5, Future Members \$10



## Conversations at The Crocker

A monthly happening, January's topic will be **The Mennonite Community in Sarasota**

J. B. Miller, a frequent lecturer on the subject who also teaches adult education on the history of the Amish and Mennonites, will help us understand who the Mennonites are, their connection to Sarasota, and the principles of their belief structure, including their dress, foods, and social restrictions.

**Tuesday January 14, 2020 7 pm** Tickets at the Door, Seating Limited Members Free, Guests \$10



## Private Tour of the Wisconsin Pullman Car in the Circus Museum

Jennifer Lemmer-Posey, Tibbals Curator of Circus and Pullman Car Historian David Duncan give us a special tour of John & Mable Ringling's first private railroad car, The Wisconsin. Our small group will learn about the Ringling life on the rails and about some of the amazing parade wagons used by the circus in the Ringling era. See the Circus through the eyes of the Ringling's experts and enjoy luncheon at the Muse on site with a special program delivered by David Duncan providing even more insight into the extraordinary experience of traveling by private railroad car in the early 20th century. Sarasota is synonymous with the history of the Circus, so join us for a deep dive into our heritage.

**January 22, 2020 8:30am - 3pm \$75 Membership in both the Historical Society and Ringling Museum Required for this spectacular Insider View; Reservations very limited, call for more info 941-364-9076 (M-F 10am to 2pm)**



The renowned Sue Blue's

## Downtown Historic Narrated Trolley Tour

The original, and still the most informative and entertaining, Sarasota history as seen through the eyes of a Sarasota native. For more information, see <https://hsosc.com/trolley>

**Saturday January 11, or choose Saturday January 25 10 am to Noon**

*Departs/Returns Crocker Memorial Church/ Free Parking / \$35 Reservations Required 941-364-9076 (M-F 10am to 2pm)*



## "Ask Me Anything" about Sarasota History

A free educational event featuring local history experts, local authors, and photo ops with John and Mable Ringling. Plus, the café that day will be serving Bertha Palmer's invention: the brownie! Your B&N purchases in-store or online will benefit the Historical Society.

**Sunday January 26 2 to 4 pm** at Barnes & Noble Books 4010 S. Tamiami Tr, Sarasota

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*in Pioneer Park just east of Tamiami Trail*

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