

The Historical Society of Sarasota County Calendar of Events 2024-2025

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Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 10 to 2.
Check back often, as we will be adding events as they are confirmed.
Follow on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/historicalsociety.sarasota for up-to-the-minute information and changes.

Saturday, October 12: From 9 a.m. - Noon. Annual Autumn Garden Clean-Up. Bring your own tools, come when you can and make our Members' Garden beautiful. Weed, prune, shape, rake, etc. Bottled water provided. We could use a few bags of donated mulch and those big paper bags for yard waste.





Sunday, November 3: 42nd Annual LeBarge History Cruise. 11 a.m-1 p.m. Our guide through history is the incomparable John McCarthy. A relaxing way to learn about the people and places that made Sarasota what it is today. Sip a cold drink, enjoy a snack, feel the sunshine and gentle breeze on your face as you float back in time. **NEXT CRUISE Sunday March 2.**



Sunday, November 17, 2-4 p.m. Memorial for Linda Garcia/ Celebration of Her Life. Crocker Memorial Church. If you missed it and would like to see the presentation of Linda's 13 years as Site Manager, visit our blog post.

Sunday, November 24, 3 p.m. Conversation at The Crocker. Acclaimed lecturer and historian Liz Coursen presents a fascinating illustrated program, "Wish You Were Here", using vintage post cards to tell the history of Florida.



Sunday, December 8. Annual Holiday Party. "Sweets, Savories and Spirits" in the Crocker Memorial Church. 4-6 p.m. Cafe style seating. Door prizes. Live entertainment. Members are invited to bring a guest who is perhaps interested in joining our organization.

NEW!! Sunday, January 12. 2pm Conversation @ the Crocker. Sunday, January 12, at 2pm in the Crocker Memorial Church. Dr. Josh Goodman, Manager of the county's History Center, will fascinate us with his pithy **history of Turpentine Camps** in the region. Not sure what a catface is, or what naval stores are? Or who worked in these camps? Free to members, not-yet-members, \$10 at the door.

Thursday, January 23. Hero of History event. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Michael's On East Ballroom. HSOSC officially designates Dolly Jacobs as Hero of History and celebrates with a luncheon and program event. Mayor reads proclamation declaring Dolly Day. Tickets \$100. Circus theme, of course. Reserve by phone or online. https://hsosc.com/celebrate/

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Saturday, February 1: Sparkly Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A huge show/sale of costume jewelry at bargain prices (thank you Linnea Appleby) in the Crocker Memorial Church as well as a curated Designer Tag Sale (thank you Jerry Chesley) on the porch of the Bidwell-Wood House. Admission free, but donations of costume jewelry to pay it forward warmly welcomed.

Saturday, February 8: History Day in The Park. (Not an HSoSC event) A gathering of all historical organizations in the County at Phillippi Estate Park. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Food, music, lectures in the mansion, demonstrations, authors, games, and activities at all booths. HSOSC will have a tented station. We need volunteers to staff our exhibit, educate, and introduce visitors to HSoSC membership. Free admission.





Sunday, February 23: Conversation @ the Crocker. 2 pm at the Crocker Memorial Church. Norm Luppino will present an illustrated program on the historic Powel Crosley Estate. Built in 1929, the impressive bayfront mansion on 60 acres was winter home to Ohio native Powel Crosley, (inventor, manufacturer, baseball team owner) and his wife Gwendolyn. Beginning its life as a private home, the estate has been owned by Manatee County and affiliated with a local university. Learn about how this estate, adjacent to the

John Ringling estate, has impacted Sarasota and Manatee history through the decades. Free to members, not-yet-members, \$10 at the door.



Sunday, March 2: LeBarge History Cruise. From 11 a.m-1 p.m. Our guide through history is the incomparable John McCarthy. This is our 43rd History Cruise. What a relaxing way to learn about the people and places that made Sarasota what it is today. Sip a cold drink, enjoy a snack, feel the sunshine and gentle breeze on your face as you float back in time. Reserve soon because seating is limited. Boat leaves from Marina Jack. General ticket, \$75 and \$100 for VIP.

Saturday, April 5: *NEW!!!* From 10-4, Gardens Tour. A stroll through several charming cottage gardens in the historic Cocoanut District. Park at the Historical Society, buy your ticket and get a map to tour the gardens nearby. Included in ticket price is a tour of the Bidwell-Wood House in Pioneer Park and the Historical Society's Members Garden. Tickets \$20 each, purchase the day of.



Tuesday. April 8 at 2:00: Earlye Musicke Consort presenting a delightful concert on their Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque era instruments and in costume. Music dating from the 14th century to the 21st century on recorders and viols. Programs are varied, with descriptions of the instruments and commentary about the music shared at each performance. This concert is open to the public and no reservations are required. A \$5 donation is requested and appreciated.





Saturday, April 12: HSOSC Annual Meeting 11 a.m. Members only. Election of Officers, annual Board reports, a look back on the year and forward to our future. Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards, Light buffet luncheon. Door prizes. General merriment.