



The Village Post

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The Heritage Village Museum Newsletter - compliments of the Pinellas County Historical Society

Circle of the Senses Welcomes All



Daniel and Cindy Peacock smile proudly.



Cutting the ribbon: left to right: Kent Ward, Heritage Village volunteer and Seminole Lion; Thomas Barnhorn, Mayor of Seminole and Seminole Lion; Cindy Peacock; Rosemarie Kafer, PCHS board member; Daniel Peacock; Mrs. Gloria Tribiano; Russell Neaman, Richard L. Sanders School; and Meredith Taylor, Lighthouse of Pinellas.

On a beautiful November afternoon, the Pinellas County Historical Society and community partners rededicated Heritage Village's "Garden for the Blind" as the "Circle of the Senses."

Thirty years earlier another ribbon cutting in this same location dedicated the "Garden for the Blind." This first project was initiated by the Area Beautification Council and the county's Bicentennial Committee and was funded by the Council and Sears and Roebuck of Countryside Mall. Other early partners included Channel Markers of the Blind (formerly Lighthouse of Pinellas), the Garden Club of America, Williams and Walker Architects, the Pinellas County Historical Society, and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

A few years ago one of our most exceptional and observant youth volunteers, Daniel Peacock, noticed that our "Garden for the Blind" needed some major sprucing up and approached our staff with a plan for refurbishing the garden. Plants were overgrown, Braille signs had become difficult to read, and the brick

pathways were unsuitable for visitors with mobility issues.

A small committee made up of Heritage Village staff, PCHS then-president RoseMarie Kafer, Daniel, and his mother Cindy Peacock sprang into action. The Seminole Lions Foundation donated funding for new Braille signage in memory of Lion member Charles Tribiano, and the Pinellas County Historical Society purchased the new plants.

Daniel and students from Richard L. Sanders School in Pinellas Park dug up the brick pathway around the gazebo, loading up 6 pallets of bricks in the process. Once the brick was up a county contractor laid the new ADA compliant flexi-pave pathway. On another day, volunteers from the US Navy Recruiters pledged a Day

of Service here at the Village and pulled up the enormous palmetto roots around the new garden.

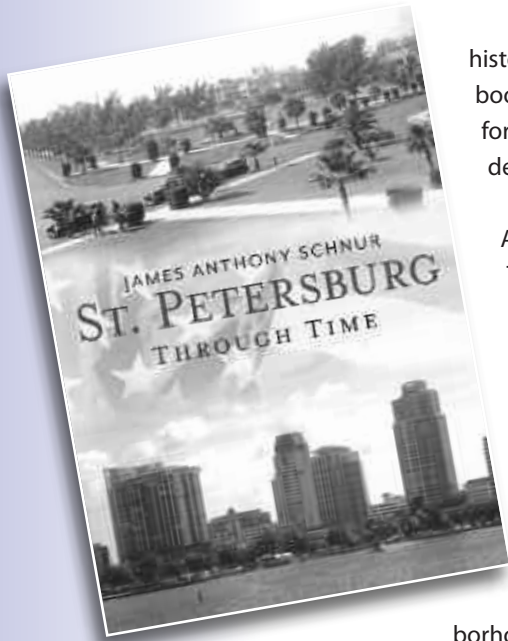
Meanwhile, Daniel and his mother, a University of Florida Master Gardener, planted new plants and restored others back to good health. These represent butterfly plants, turn of the century plants, and sensory plants. Some you can touch, some you can hear when the wind blows, others you can smell when you are close by or you touch them. And the garden will look, see, smell and feel differently by the season!

Come out and enjoy your delightful "new" garden – another beautiful, serene place to reflect on how the old becomes new again every day at Heritage Village!



Charley Hamrick and Meg Longoria entertain the audience.

New Books Celebrate St. Pete and Seminole Area History



Jim Schnur, PCHS President, continues to research and publish histories of local communities in Pinellas County. A recently-released book offers a new photographic history of St. Petersburg, while a forthcoming publication will examine the settlement and development of the Seminole area.

St. Petersburg Through Time, a new release in Font Hill Media's America Through Time series, became available in November 2014. This 96-page book captures the history of the "Sunshine City" through archival and contemporary images—including full-color photographs—that richly detail transitions along the waterfront, in the downtown area, nearby and adjacent neighborhoods, and other parts of the city.

More than a "then-and-now" photographic history, the images and descriptive captions illustrate how significant landmarks have changed, how areas of the city have evolved, and how a small village grew into a substantial city while still retaining the charm and character of its many unique neighborhoods.

Author royalties from *St. Petersburg Through Time* support the USFSP Digital Archive at USF St. Petersburg's Nelson Poynter Memorial Library.

Slated for release later in 2015 or early 2016, *Images of America: Seminole* will become the third Pinellas County history book Schnur has written for Arcadia Publishing's Images of America Similar to Largo (2011) and Madeira Beach (2013), the forthcoming history of Seminole will examine the Greater Seminole Area from a chronological perspective, focusing as well on themes such as pioneer life along the ridge, the development of groves and agriculture, and suburbanization after World War II.

Incorporated in November 1970, Seminole is Pinellas County's newest city. This book travels beyond municipal boundaries and examines the entire region. Royalties for Seminole will benefit both PCHS and the Seminole Historical Society.



St. Petersburg Yacht Club, mid-1920s

Roser Park, St. Petersburg, mid-1920s.

