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Letter from the Editor

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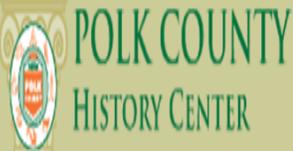
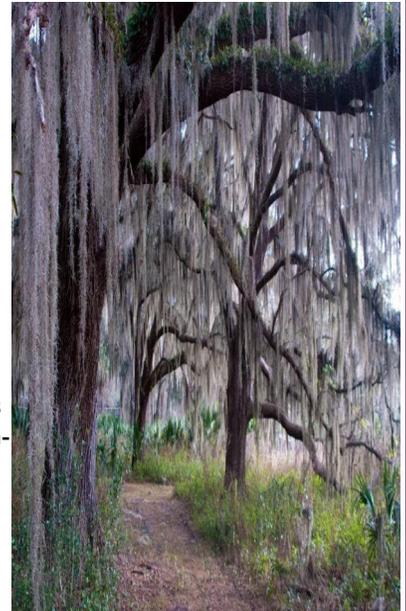
Here we are in 2020!

How did it get here so fast?? What lies ahead? Wonderful projects, events and challenges for us all.

One of the goals of the DHS is surely to extend a welcoming hand to citizens throughout the NE sector of Polk County, I am sure you all have many questions to ask about the area as well as much to offer. We will be happy to answer and if we can't we will research them together. It is fair to say we all learn something new everyday, old and new alike; get out there and find new interest and upgrade some old ones. There is always something just around the corner that will excite us. History is

just story telling at its best. We have discussed but perhaps we need to call history and museums something new like vintage or perhaps something that doesn't conjure up dust and old things. Its really only stories that remind us of how we got here and perhaps where we need to be going. Reflecting on one's past sometimes gives us a whole new perspective of who we need to become. Somehow we've gotten off track and a little reflection might just bring us back to the people and country we are supposed to be. Take time to find out who we really are. Not difficult, just be quiet and listen to who and what has gone before.

Happy New Year.



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President's Message

By: Kathy B. Linder

Hello Friends,
Happy New Year to everyone. Hope you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year Celebrations.

Our January 13, 2020 meeting at the Commission Chamber at 6:30 pm will be presented by Steve and

Laura Larsen speaking about the Turpentine Industry in our area. Many other exciting activities are planned for this year. Come and Join us.

Kathy B. Linder
President and Treasurer

*** Larsen's had a conflict for January meeting. This program will be at the February 10th meeting.

Additional workshops for "A Purse of Her Own" Tea will be called during the next couple of months.
All volunteers WELCOME !

If you missed Judith Thompson's first book you have another opportunity to read her second edition. For Sale at Linda's Hair Salon



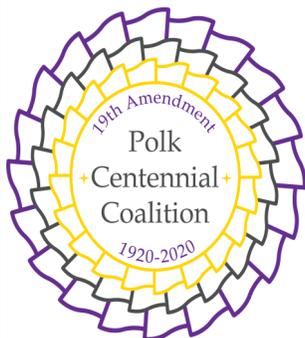
J. Lenora Bresler (Ruth Bryan Owen, Florida's 1st female representative to Congress,) at Exhibit Opening, Polk County History Center. The 19th Amendment at 100 years:

J. Lenora will present her awesome portrayal of Ruth at the DHS tea. "Every Woman Should Have a Purse of Her Own."

**Tickets on Sale
Very limited Seating
\$25.00**

**Call Linda Tyler
863-514-0886 or**

**Judy Thompson
863-207-2521
Today!**



Following the Heritage Trail

By Judith Torgersen Thompson

On the Heritage Trail: Centennial of Women's Right to Vote

It is now 2020, this year the Historical Societies, Associations, Commissions, Leagues and Clubs are joining the 19th Amendment Suffragette Coalition of Polk County and are hosting events to celebrate the centennial of the passage of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote.

The Davenport Historical Society has been preparing to host a Tea Party in March as our celebration.

Susan B. Anthony was a woman who fought for Women's Rights and has been honored by having her image on a U.S. dollar. The theme of the Tea is based on the following quote from Susan.

**"Every Woman Should
Have a Purse of Her
Own"**

The décor will include vintage purses and other articles. Many women will be dressed in clothes of that period of history, so feel free to "dress-up" along with us.

Entertainment is still in the planning stage with some very talented individuals being considered. A group is working hard analyzing data from the original minutes of the City of Davenport to determine the first women to accomplish certain goals, how many years the employees worked and other significant achievements. Once the data has been compiled and analyzed, a decision will be made concerning which women in Davenport's history (pioneers until 1989) are the winners.

The name of this coveted award is to be "The Golden Purse Award." Since it is anticipated that many people would like to attend, a ticket must be purchased ahead of time to reserve your spot. So, start getting your vintage clothes, purses and hats ready! You don't want to miss this event.

(Editors note)

The stories of these special ladies of Davenport can only be described as Awesome. Of course the ladies doing the research are awesome too.

Thank all of you in advance for your hours of reading and calls to get the scoop. It's going to be fun!!

Thanks Rachel Castillo
Davenport City Clerk.

Past minutes are so valuable.

The 19th Amendment at 100 Years

The Celebration of the milestone of Democracy for Women's Suffrage is being celebrated across the Country and Polk County and it's municipalities are on board with the Polk Centennial Coalition Committee to host events all year long.

The Centennial kick off was held at the Polk County History Center Jan. 9-11 and was a sell out.

Additional Events:

Daughters of the American Revolution, Ponce de Leon Chapter, Winter Haven Garden Club, Tea 3/14/2020
DHS "A Purse of Her Own" Tea 3/28/2020

Imperial Symphony Orchestra, Lakeland, a Program featuring Women Composers.

The Women's Suffrage Movement in Polk County, Kathleen Area Historical Society, 4/16/2020.

More events and programs to be announced.

Visit:

Polkhistorycenter.org for additional information and events.

Organizations partnered with Davenport Historical Society, Inc.



Festival of Trees

A big Thank You to all who helped decorate the DHS Christmas tree for Festival of Trees. In 2020 more additional decorations will be added to the Gazebo and surrounding area to celebrate this festival in December. Festival of Trees 2020 will be December 7th Plan on volunteering and kicking the holiday season off with friends and Family.

For Festival of Trees
Contact: Linda Tyler 863-514 0886 or
Marqueen Jordan 863-221-0696

Winterfest & Parade, December 12th

Vice President's Notes: Deborah Burress

Looking Forward to an exciting year with the historic society.



Eastern Polk County Plein Air

EPCPA Welcomes any one interested in painting outdoors. The Jan. 18th invites all who would like to draw or paint at this beautiful natural setting to join them. They welcome those who wish to come and observe and decide if you want to become a member of this friendly group. They also offer still life clas-

ses at MacKay Gardens in Lake Alfred. They started their group painting historic locations in the area and have grown to be quite a large gathering of friendly artist. A visit to Circle B Bar Reserve is worth the trip even if you don't paint. For more info email bliss@pxgx.com



You are invited to join our friendly group of local artists to draw and paint

Circle B Bar Reserve 4399 WINTER LAKE RD • LAKELAND, FL 33803

Beautiful preserve with nature trails and loads of wildlife.

Meet at the Discovery Center. Hike to cypress trees, swamp, waterfront.

Artists of all levels invited. Bring your own painting supplies and join us for a morning of outdoor painting/drawing. Meet other area artists share ideas and tips and find out about other local happenings.

Show and Tell / Lunch at 12:15 pm Pack a lunch and gather at pavilion.

For more information contact Bonnie at (863) 207-0407 or bliss@pxgx.com



EasternPolkCountyPleinAir

ARTISTS PAINTING ON LOCATION

FSS- Cross Roads Stitchers



Florida Sewing-ciety has been doing remarkable things since moving from the Davenport Community Building to Heartfelt shop in Winter Haven. These are a few of the hearts made for the neonatal units at Nemours in Orlando. They make pillow cases, a special dress for little girls and dog beds for the Humane Society. They have grown to more than 25 members and meet monthly

in Winter Haven as they have outgrown our city building. Everyone is welcome to join them no matter your level of sewing. Contact Margaret eazypeazyquilts@gmail.com

We should be proud of all the partners we have and that we have been a part of their beginnings.





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TO:

Meetings:
Second Monday
Each month at
6:30pm
Davenport
Commission
Chamber

Quarterly Meetings with
Special Programs.

No Meetings:
June, July, August

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Davenport Historic District.....National Registry.....

**HISTORIC BUILDING
WHERE AM I NOW? MY ADDRESS? WHO AM I?**



National Registry Historic Map

