

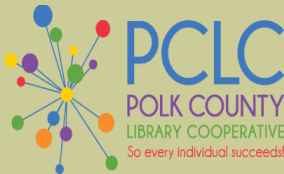


5 South Allapaha Ave., Davenport, FL 33837

Spring 2025

"News from 'The Port'"

Partners



President's Letter

Hello to All,

Here we are again ready to welcome Spring!

It's been a short minute since we have sent our newsletter. We've had a change in editors and now in the process of training another person to take this role. Please bear with us as we struggle to make this happen. The museum has completed the exhibit for Spring "Circus World and Baseball and Boardwalk". Please come by and see the new items that have been added to this event.

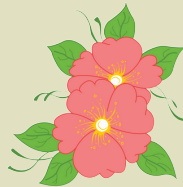
The Historical Society has been working with the City of Davenport to add two more historical plaques to promote the City Hall and the former pool along with the Peter Rust Civic Center. We are very proud of the small part we played to accomplish this fete.

I'm not sure if we mentioned a recent award that was presented to the museum. We were named the best museum in the Four Corners area. Thank you to all who voted for us.

We are always looking for Volunteers to help us at the museum and assist at special events.

Yours in History,

Freida Priest,
President DHS



Book Exchange a Hit

The Read & Share Book Exchange Club covers your choice of book within a theme. The Book Exchange meets the second Friday of each month at 11 AM. Please join us for some fascinating conversation about books! .

Butterfly Buddies to Meet

Butterfly Buddies is a group of people who love butterflies and wish to help Mother Nature overcome the adversities of habitat loss. Their next meeting at the museum will be on Saturday, May 10th from 10 to 11:30 AM.

Benefits of Membership

- Quarterly Newsletter
- Volunteer Recognition Program
- DavenportHistory.org Site with Latest News
- VIP Invitations to Special Events at The Museum
- Opportunities to Serve the Davenport Community
- Networking Opportunities with Partners & Providers
- Camaraderie with Fellow Residents Interested in History

Wish Corner:

We are currently in need of display cases. Would prefer cases that are older or historic looking. We have a member who is willing to purchase them as a donation to the museum. Please contact Freida Priest if you are able to help obtain items.

There are areas around the museum in need of flowers that are native to Florida. Contact Joyce Hunter if you are able to help with this project.

Thanks!

Museum Hours

10 AM to 4 PM — Wednesdays

10 AM to 3 PM — Thursdays - Fridays

10 AM to 2 PM — Saturdays

On Monday February 17th, the Historical Society along with Its partner "City of Davenport" Unveiled two new historical Markers.

One is located in front Of the city chamber building and The other is hanging on the wall Outside of the Peter Rust Civic Center.

These markers are sponsored By the Polk County Historical Commission and the City of Davenport. On your next walk Through town, take a moment And reminiscence.



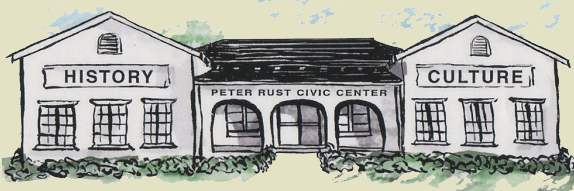
Are you looking for something to do?

How about one of our walking tours?

We have a Citrus label Tour or even Davenport's Quilt tour.



Stop by the museum and we will Give you information about our Local Tours and give you a map!



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Harriet Rust and Frieda Linder Priest

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THURSDAY 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. SATURDAY 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.



BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES!



Back in 2011, the Highwaymen Began displaying renderings of Florida's natural landscapes at An event in Davenport.

Unfortunately, most of these Talented people have passed And the 2nd generations are Taking their place.



If you are looking for information regarding this event that is no longer offered, Contact the Davenport Museum.



We're Searching for Volunteers

The Davenport Historical Society is seeking volunteers to serve as ambassadors in our museum. We need event coordinators, tour guides, and administrative staff. For more information, call Freida at 863-557-3452.



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Membership Invitation

Our Mission Statement

The Davenport Historical Society, Inc.'s purpose is to preserve the city's history and share this heritage by contributing to the records of the state of Florida and the United States of America in an effort that will embrace our past while working toward a brighter future for all of Davenport's citizens.

Please join us.

Become a DHS Member

- \$ 20.00 Individual
- \$ 25.00 Family
- \$ 100.00 Lifetime/Corporate

Share Artifacts or Personal Stories

Volunteer Time to the DHS & Museum

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Your contribution is tax deductible.

Meetings

Second Monday of each month
at the Peter Rust Civic Center.

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Upcoming Museum Exhibits and Events:

"Apron Strings and Kitchen Things" Exhibit for the 2nd quarter.

"Juneteenth" Exhibit and Banner for the month of June.

The Historical Society Annual Meeting will be scheduled in September.
(More info to come)

Veterans Day Event scheduled the Second Saturday in November (More
info to come)

"Volunteer Appreciation" is on the last week of April.

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