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WEB 2.0 Partnership Opens Doors

The <u>Library of Congress</u> (loc.gov) and <u>Flickr</u> have formed an innovative Web 2.0 partnership that has made more than 3,000 <u>historical photographs</u> (flickr.com/photos/Library_of_Congress) publicly accessible.

As befits the largest library in the world, "it's part of the Library of Congress's mission statement to make our collections as accessible as possible," explained Matt Raymond, director of communications. "We want to explore every way possible to make people aware of the almost limitless resources that are here."

Flickr created a new publication model called <u>The Commons</u> (flickr.com/commons) to accommodate the Library's and other publicly held photographic collections. The project will increase the availability of such content, which is held in cultural institutions throughout the world. In addition, it will allow the public to tag and comment on the photographs, helping institutions gather information about the people and places their collections represent.

The photographs are from two of the Library of Congress's most popular collections, the <u>George Gratham Bain News Service</u> (flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/sets/72157603624867509/)

and the Farm Security Administration/Office of War Information (flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/sets/72157603671370361/). They include high-resolution images—with no known copyright restrictions—of newsworthy events in the 1910s and color photographs from the 1930s and 1940s.

More than 5 million people viewed the photographs during the pilot program's first month, making more than 3,500 individual comments. This has allowed the Library to piece together missing information and replace inaccurate details. For example, one picture formerly titled "Street in

industrial town in Massachusetts" was renamed with the more specific "Sylvia Sweets Tea Room, corner of School and Main streets, Brockton, Mass." thanks to identifying information posted by viewers. The opportunity to comment is also sparking discussion about issues

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that were prevalent in the represented time periods, from farming practices to the role of women in World War II.

Raymond expects that the project will go on for at least another six months, at which point the Library will determine its next steps, including potentially expanding the online collections. He also noted that institutions around the world have expressed an interest in developing similar partnerships. To discuss adding your institution's holdings to The Commons, e-mail flickr-commons@yahoo-inc.com.

—Joelle Seligson, AVISO, AAM, March 2008.

http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/aama/issues/2008-03-01/index.html

Shacks condemned by Board of Health, formerly (?) occupied by migrant workers and pickers, Belle Glade, Fla. Image courtesy of the Library of Congress.

www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/2179073160/



Presidential Address



Burt Altman

Dear SFA members:

While last fall proved to be an active season for the Society and for archivists in Florida's historical records community, this spring has proven to be just as brisk in terms of accomplishments and developments in our profession. While the SFA Board is continuing to work towards goals that benefit your membership in the Society, here's just a quick rundown on what SFA has achieved since last fall:

Thanks to the research in the SFA Archives conducted by Gerard Clark's administrative assistant Jackie Uhler at the State Archives of Florida, an SFA history has been written that will be included with the new 2008 Directory you will receive at the annual meeting in Bradenton.

With the help from Vice President John Nemmers' student assistants, all issues of **The Florida Archivist** since our founding in 1981 have been digitized and many of them will be available on the SFA website shortly, in commemoration of our 25th anniversary.

The SFA Board created a policy and description of benefits for archival companies, book publishers, and non-profit institutions serving the archival and museum community that wish to exhibit or support the goals of the annual meeting.

Our membership brochure has been updated and revised.

I would certainly be remiss if I didn't credit Cindy Russell, SFA's Local Arrangements and Program Chair, who almost single-handedly has put together a wonderful and highly informative annual meeting, now just less than two months away. Be sure to make your reservation and register now! See http://www.florida-archivists.org/meeting.htm for further details.

And on the topic of the annual meeting, please keep in mind two very notable SFA awards:

The SFA Student Scholarship, which offers scholarships for selected students to attend the SFA annual meeting. It includes free registration at the SFA annual meeting plus a stipend to defray travel and lodging costs. Further information can be found at http://www.florida-archivists.org/scholarship.htm

The SFA Award of Excellence, which recognizes any person, institution, or exemplary program that has made outstanding contributions to the preservation of Florida's documentary heritage. Information about this prestigious award can be found at http://www.florida-archivists.org/award.htm

On a matter affecting all of us in the Florida historical records and preservation community, I would like to thank everyone who contacted the Florida House and Senate Committees or other state legislators expressing urgent concern about the proposed 10% budget cuts to the Florida Department of State, in which the State Library and Archives will be forced to shut down the Conservation Lab and eliminate the position of Preservation Officer on June 30th. I am sure that the resources available from the State Library and Archive's Conservation Lab have been an asset to you and your institution, and while the budget has not been finalized at the time this newsletter is going to press, we can only hope that our appeals have been heard.

So to close my message on a positive note, I wish to see all of you in Bradenton soon!

- Burt Altman, SFA President

LACCHA Roundtable

The Society of American Archivists Council approved the creation of the Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Heritage Archives (LACCHA) Roundtable.

The new LACCHA Roundtable will serve as a forum for discussing and advising on issues related to the management and preservation of archival materials originating from the Latin American and Caribbean area and housed in U.S. repositories and also those created by Diaspora groups who come from these regions and are living in the United States.

"Our mission is to create a space in which to exchange ideas, provide support, and create collaborative projects among U.S., Caribbean, and Latin American archivists, historical societies, and immigrant community organizations that are interested in preserving cultural heritage materials in the United States, as well as with similar archival institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean," noted Marisol Ramos, Curator of Hispanic History and Culture Collections at the University of Connecticut Libraries and provisional co-chair of the LACCHA Roundtable.

In August 2007, at SAA's Annual Meeting in Chicago, a working group met to discuss the need for a forum for archives and archivists working with Latin American and Caribbean collections. The meeting was convened by Ramos, who led subsequent efforts to establish the LACCHA Roundtable. After its first meeting, the working group mobilized to gather signatures for a petition to form a Roundtable and also created an online discussion list to move its agenda forward.

The LACCHA Roundtable will hold its first meeting at SAA's 2008 Annual Conference at the Hilton San Francisco on Tuesday, August 27, at 3:15 pm.

"We hope that SAA members who work with Latin American, Caribbean, and Diaspora collections will join us and help to launch this vital new forum," said Maria R. Estorino, Deputy Chair of the Cuban Heritage Collection at the University of Miami Libraries and provisional co-chair of the Roundtable. "We extend a special invitation to our colleagues working in archives in Latin America and the Caribbean to attend our meeting and exchange ideas about the challenges and opportunities in acquiring, managing, preserving, and providing access to these multilingual and multicultural archival materials."

Contact: Maria R. Estorino (contact info, pg 7.)
Join the LACCHA discussion list by subscribing at http://saa.archivists.org/Scripts/4Disapi.dll/4DCGI/person/ListServ.html.

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 4 Registration 8:00 to 3:00

Florida History Fair, 10:00-11:30

KC Smith Florida History Fair Coord. Museum of Florida History Liz Dunham, Vice President of Programs Tampa Bay History Center, Dean Dixon Supervisor Historical Resources Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court.

<u>State Historical Records Advisory Board Meet</u>, 11:45-1:00 This meeting is open to the membership.

Florida Oral History Initiatives, 1:15-2:30

Burt Altman C.A. Librarian/Archivist, Special Collections Florida State University Libraries, Karen Thomas, Associate Director of the Reichelt Oral History Program at Florida State University

Historical Documents, 2:45-4:00

Debbie Walk, Curator, Circus Museum and Ringling Museums Bus leaves at 5:00 for the Manatee Village Historical Park.

Thursday, June 6 Registration 8:00-12:00

Discover NARA's Resources, 9:00 -10:15

Donna Read CRM Senior Records Analyst NARA Southeast Office

Various grant opportunities available for Florida nonprofit organizations, 10:30-11:45

Susan Lockwood, Grants Director, Florida Humanities Council

25th Anniversary luncheon, 12:00-2:30

Vital Records and Disaster Preparedness, 2:45-4:00

Candice Odom Consultant State Library and Archives of Florida

Bus leaves 5:00 for **Sarasota History Museum**. Sponsored by Friends of the Sarasota History Center

SFA Board Meeting, 8:30PM

Friday, June 6 Program TBD, 9:00-10:15

Pam Cooper Supervisor Archive Center & Genealogy Department, Indian River County Main Library

Restoration of the 1912 Cortez schoolhouse and the development of the Cortez Archives, 10:30-11:45

Roger Allen, Manager Florida Maritime Museum and Cortez Historical Sites.

For the most up-to-date schedule information, please check the SFA website.

Communiqué

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EXHIBITS

..."Call for Papers" - The editors of Tampa Bay History, a journal published by the Tampa Bay History Center and the University of South Florida Libraries' Florida Studies Center, are now taking paper submissions for the 2008 edition. Entries from the fields of history, political science, geography, anthropology, archaeology and other related fields are welcome, as long as the topic relates to the Tampa Bay area or greater West Central Florida. Any era, from prehistory to the end of the 20th century, will be considered. Contact Rodney Kite-Powell at 813. 228.0097 or email rkp@tampabayhistorycenter.org. Deadline is June 15.

... MayDay! Protecting our collections is one of our fundamental responsibilities as archivists. Take charge of that responsibility and do something simple to make a difference when and if an emergency occurs. Update your contact list or see if the fire extinguishers need to be replaced. For more MayDay activity ideas and resources, visit http://www.archivists.org/mayday/index.asp.

... The Henry B. Plant Museum newly opened exhibit Mementos From Under the Minerats will evoke the tourist and the collector in all of us and give visitors a



glimpse of the Tampa Bay hotel Henry Plant publicized so enthusiastically when he began developing

Florida.

... In celebration of Black History Month, a new collection was added to the Florida Memory Project Web site. The <u>Kingsley Collection</u>

(www.floridamemory.com/Collections/kingsley/). Kingsley was a wealthy planter and slave owner in northeast Florida.

... For this year's International Museum Day on May 18, the International Council of Museums is challenging institutions to explore the idea of "museums as agents of social change and development." Suggested activities, many costing very little in resources or staff time, can be found on the ICOM website (icom.museum/imd.html).

Participation can pay dividends for your institution. Last year, 16 museums in the greater Miami area partnered with the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau to offer free guided tours, free or reduced admission fees, behind-the-scenes tours, gift shop discounts and promotions for new museum

members. By combining forces with the bureau and one another, the museums garnered more publicity and first-time visitors than any of them could have alone. "We have an incredibly sophisticated, diverse cultural community," noted William Talbert, GMCVB president and CEO. "International Museum Day is a very successful annual program that uses special offers and programs to entice people to visit museums they may never have visited or haven't visited in a long time."

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

...The 25th Anniversary & Annual Meeting of the Society of Florida Archivists will take place, June 4 - 6, 2008 in Bradenton/Sarasota. "The Future of Archives" at the Holiday Inn at Lakewood Ranch, 6231 Lake Osprey Drive, Sarasota. Room rate is \$112 per night or suite for \$139. Ask for the SFA rate when making your reservation, 866.782.4401. The hotel conforms to Florida's Green Lodging Program.

... The South Florida Chapter of SABR will be hosting a meeting at the Tamarac Public Library at 8701 West Commercial Boulevard on Saturday May 24th at 12 pm. John Virtue, author of "South of the Color Barrier" will speak. Contact Sam Zygner, zyg626@hotmail.com.

... Digital Directions, Fundamentals of Creating and Managing Digital Collections, June 10-12, Jacksonville, a conference presented by the Northeast Document Conservation Center, register at www.nedcc.org. Kudos to SFA member William Modrow, special collections librarian at FSU, received a \$1500 scholarship from PLAN to attend.

... SABR - Society for American Baseball Research, <u>sabr.org</u>, Annual Meeting 38, June 26 to 29, Cleveland, OH.

... Florida Association of Museums Annual Meeting, September 7 – 10, Miami, "Authentic Experiences in Florida Museums".

... Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, August 26 - 30, San Francisco, "Revolution & Identities".

...2008 AASLH Annual Meeting, Rochester, NY, September 9-12, Discovering the Power of Transformation, www.aaslh.org.

... Florida International University offers all Florida residents 60 and over with a current Florida ID the opportunity to audit any course FIU offers for free. You must register at the registrar's office at either University Park or Biscayne Bay. On May 6, Seth Bramson will offer the following FIU courses: *AMH 4914 South Florida History Research* at the Biscayne Bay campus in North Miami; in September *AMH 4930 History of Florida 1870-2000* at Biscayne Bay; and *AMH 4930 Florida and the Three Henrys* at the University Park campus. Audit students do not have to turn in papers or take exams as they are not taking the course for credit.

... <u>National History Day</u> (NHD.org), an education program for middle and high school students, needs judges who are familiar with historical research methods and want to help young people. State contests take place from March until May; judging at the national level will take place at the University of Maryland, College Park, on June 16–18. Archives/museum professionals

Contact Seth for more info at <u>mrfec@yahoo.com</u>.

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who are interested in becoming state-level judges can contact: KC Smith, Museum of Florida History, 850.245.6326 or kcsmith@dos.state.fl.us. Florida History Fair will take place May 1-3, www.flheritage.com/museum/programs/historyfair/.

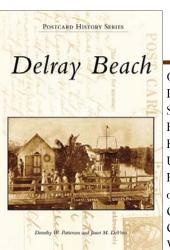
BOOKS RELEASED

Postcard History Series, Delray Beach by Dorothy Patterson and Janet DeVries available for \$19.99 from Arcadia Publishing, contact Emily Higgins at 888.313.2665.

...Contact Stephanie Williams at 352.392.1351 for the following new books from the University of Press of Florida: The New Deal In South Florida, Design, Policy, and Community Building, 1933-1940 edited by John Stuart and John Stack, Jr., \$29.95 (Lower Right). Silver Springs: The Underwater Photography of Bruce Mozert by Gary Monroe, \$29.95. Beach Racers: Daytona Before NASCAR by Dick Punnett, \$25. The Enduring Seminoles: From Alligator Wrestling to Ecotourism, by Patsy West \$24.95. Voices of the Apalachicola compiled and edited by Faith Eidse, \$26. Final Countdown: NASA and the End of the Space Shuttle Program by Pat Duggins, \$24.95. A Most Disorderly Court by Martin Dyckman, \$29.95. The American Beach Cookbook by Marsha Dean Phelts, \$19.95. Government And Politics In Florida, Third Edition Edited by Edwin Benton, \$24.95.

GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services and its cooperator, the American Association for State and Local History awarded the following Florida grantees a set of the IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf: Boca Raton Historical Society -Boca Raton, Boynton Beach City Library - Boynton Beach, Old Davie School Historical Museum - Davie, Deerfield Beach Historical Society - Deerfield Beach, The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens - Delray Beach, Destin History and Fishing Museum - Destin, Destin Library - Destin, Lake Eustis Museum of Art - Eustis, Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art/University of Florida - Gainesville, Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville - Jacksonville, Loxahatchee River Historical Society - Jupiter, Monroe County Public Library - Key West, Roux Library, Florida Southern College - Lakeland, Heritage Village - Largo, Florida Institute of Technology -Melbourne, East Coast Zoological Society of Florida, Inc. -Melbourne, St. Thomas University Library - Miami Gardens, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens - Miami, Miami Woman's Club -Miami, Virginia Key Beach Park Trust - Miami, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden - Miami, Lemur Conservation Foundation - Myakka City, Collier County Museum and Archives - Naples, New Port Richey Public Library - New Port Richey, Appleton Museum of Art of Central Florida Community College – Ocala, Special Collections and University Archives –

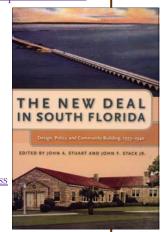


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History Archives - St. Petersburg,
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Florida History — Tallahassee, University
of South Florida — Tampa, Winter
Garden Heritage Foundation - Winter
Garden, Rollins College Archives Winter Park, Winter Park Historical
Association - Winter Park. For more

information on the conservation initiative see: http://www.imls.gov/news/2007/www.imls.gov/collections.

...Upcoming grant deadlines and resources can be found at http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/aama/issues/2008-04-01/26.html.

... The Library of Congress and the Foundation Center recently announced a new Web-based fundraising guide to help the preservation community save the nation's millions of at-risk artifacts. The guide, "Foundation Grants for Preservation in Libraries, Archives and Museums," is available for free download on the Library of Congress website. It features information on 1,725 grants awarded by 474 foundations from 2003–2007 for



projects related to preservation and conservation. ... The Florida Association of Museums received a planning grant from IMLS for the Connecting to Collections program that will be used to create conservation plans for collections held in libraries, museums, and archives. SFA wrote a letter of support for this planning grant.

...Candidates applying for the \$3,000 2009 Rhea Marsh and Dorothy Lockhart Smith Winter Park History Research Grant should select an aspect of Winter Park history for research and study. The range of topics is unlimited and may be either historical or current. Deadline is May 31. For info: Ruth D. Edwards, Ph. D., Coordinator, Lifelong Learning Institute, Winter Park Public Library, 460 E. New England Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789.

CAREER MOVES

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries is proud to announce the arrival of Laila Miletic-Vejzovic, who joins the Libraries faculty as head of the Special Collections & University Archives department.

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Complete list: www.florida-archivists.org/ officers_committees.htm ... David W. Baber, *right*, has been appointed by the Broward County Board of

County Commissioners as the Broward County Historical Commission's Administrator and Historic Preservation Officer.

...Sam Boldrick, below, retired from the

Miami-Dade Public Library, May 2. He will be the incoming President of the Florida Historical Society, continue to volunteer at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum, tend to his garden and travel the world.



ODDS & ENDS

Archivists in the Blogosphere: Coca-Cola Conversations [Phil Mooney at www. coca-colaconversations.com] and ArchivesNext [Kate Theimer at wwwarchivesnext.com]. ... Here's a link to a brand new site that allows you to post free job announcements, www.museumprofessionals.org.







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In accordance with our Bylaws, President Burt Altman made appointments to two committees (with approval by the SFA board) on February 27, 2008.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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SFA Membership Application

Mail to: Society of Florida Archivists P.O. Box 2746 Lakeland, FL 33806-2746



We invite you to join the Society of Florida Archivists. Don't miss the continuing education opportunities offered by SFA each year, information about what's happening in archives in Florida in **The Florida Archivist,** and the chance to mix with other archivists at the SFA Annual Meeting.

Specific benefits of Individual Membership are:

- Reduced registration fees for all of the Society's events.
- Subscription to *The Florida Archivist*
- Full voting privileges in elections and at the annual business meeting.
- Eligibility for leadership positions in the Society.
- Discount on selected archival publications.

Membership in the **Society of Florida Archivists** helps all of us keep in touch with important archival developments and make a valuable contribution to the profession in the State. We hope you will become a part of this effort!

Section 108 Study Group Releases Report on Copyright Law

The final report of the Section 108
Study Group, on which SAA member
Peter Hirtle served, has been released.
The report, which examines what
changes should be made to the
exemptions for archives (and libraries)
in copyright law in order to address
changes brought about by digital
technologies, will be of interest to any

Student (school - if applicable)



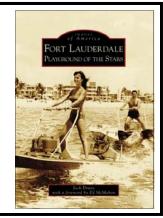
archivist who is engaged in preservation or who makes copies of works for users. Among the recommendations are:

- Museums should be included for Section 108 eligibility, as they perform many of the same functions as archives and libraries.
- A new exception should be added to Section 108 to permit certain qualified archives and libraries to make preservation copies of at-risk published works prior to any damage or loss. (The law currently allows preservation of unpublished materials.) Access to these "preservation-only" copies will be limited.
- A new exception should be added to Section 108 to permit archives and libraries to capture and reproduce publicly available websites and other online content for preservation

- purposes and to make those copies accessible to users for private study, research or scholarship. Rights holders would be able to opt out of this provision.
- Archives and libraries should be permitted to make a limited number of copies, as reasonably necessary, to create and maintain a single replacement or preservation copy. This alteration to the current three-copy limit would, among other things, enable libraries to more securely preserve digital materials, which often involves making copies.

You'll find the report and executive summary at http://www.section108.gov.

New book released from the Images of America series, Fort Lauderdale, Playground of the Stars by Jack Drury. Arcadia Publishing, \$19.99.



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Please Renew Your Membership!

SFA Annual Meeting June 4 - 6, 2008 Bradenton/Sarasota See SFA website for schedule.

The Society of Florida Archivists is an organization of individuals and institutions who share a concern for the identification, preservation, and use of records of historical value. It is dedicated to the dissemination of information about such records and about sound archival methodology.



Governor Jeb Bush's Records Preserved At State Archives

Over two and a half years of close collaboration between the State Library and Archives of Florida and the Governor's Office have resulted in transfer to the Archives of a wealth of invaluable documentation of the administration of Governor Jeb Bush.

Beginning in May 2005, State Archives staff consulted regularly with the Governor's Director of Administration, Chief of Staff, Office of Policy and Budget Policy Director, and Information Technology Director regarding preservation of the Bush administration's historical records. These

contacts enabled State Archives staff to identify and transfer to the Archives over 140 cubic feet of paper files and, in November 2007, 129 gigabytes (132,530 megabytes) of electronic records providing significant historical source material regarding Governor Jeb Bush's two terms.

These records are all available for research at the State Archives, and provide in-depth documentation of Bush administration initiatives, policies, and activities. This rich documentation includes:

•Records of the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development, which assists the Governor, Lieutenant



Governor Bush speaking with Air Force Corporal Hale while visiting troops in Kuwait, April 14, 2006.

Governor, and Legislature to formulate economic development policies and strategies.

- First Lady Columba Bush's correspondence files, scheduling files, project files, and addresses demonstrating her initiatives and activities in her main interest areas of substance abuse, the arts, and domestic violence.
- •Thousands of digital images documenting public events and activities in which Governor Bush participated, appeared, or had an interest, including bill signings,
- ceremonial events and observances, and meetings. Other Bush administration officials and First Lady Columba Bush appear in many of the photographs.
- •Emergency preparedness press releases, videos, and other materials designed to inform the public about the government's preparedness and response to hurricanes and disasters, as well as information on how individuals, families, and businesses can prepare themselves.

For more information, visit the State Archives Online Catalog, http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/barm/rediscovery/default.asp