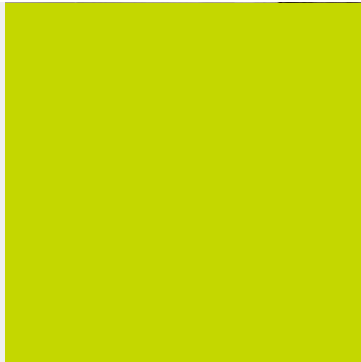




Alachua County Historical Commission

Annual Accomplishments Report & Work Plan



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Alachua County Historical Commission



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List of Accomplishments

Promotion of Historical Resources

Current FY Accomplishment related to Promotion of Historical Resources

- Members assisted with various local history societies and organizations.
- Dr. Jacob Gordon organized the first Biennial Roundtable of African American History, members participated as panelists and participants.
- Quarterly Historical Readings at BoCC regular meetings.

Protection of Historical Resources

Current FY Accomplishment related to Protection of Historical Resources

- Coordinated with State staff (FPAN); Keep Alachua County Beautiful, others for clean-up events.

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List of Accomplishments

Preservation of Historical Resources

Current FY Accomplishment related to Preservation of Historical Resources

- Work on “Truth and Reconciliation” including ongoing historic research on lynching history; participation of staff and some ACHC members on the Alachua County Community Remembrance Project (ACCRP) and attending events of group; Karen Kirkman is research lead. Melanie Barr has participated on the Micanopy Truth and Reconciliation Committee.
- Assisted County Ancient Records Clerk with transcription of documents.
- Ongoing work on documenting historic cemeteries.
- Conducting research on BoCC Assignment on history of BoCC from at least 1824; wrote narrative.
- Research into the history of the Historical Commission using BOCC historical meeting minutes.
- <http://apps.flheritage.com/markers/map/> - link to State Historic Marker website



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Preservation of Historical Resources

Preservation Current FY Work Plan related to Protection of Historical Resources

- Assist County Manager with BoCC Assignment on “Truth and Reconciliation”; Assist with Black Heritage Trail Website if needed.
- Continue Research BoCC Assignment on history of Florida Indians/Indigenous people.
- Discussion of research of any inquiries submitted by BoCC or County Manager.
- Continue work with EPD on Black Lake ACF project and Parks on possible Cuscowilla State historic marker.
- Continue work to add all documented cemetery sites to Florida Master Site File.
- Assist local property owners with research and preservation as possible.
- Continue to assist Ancient Records Coordinator with transcriptions; etc.
- Continue to research and write State Historic Markers. Organize dedications and help other organizations with organizing their dedications; Assist others as well.

Protection of Historical Resources

Protection Current FY Work Plan related to Protection of Historical Resources

- Finalize process for the local designation of historic structures (an Alachua County Historic Register) as part of Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- Work to achieve Certified Local Government status for Alachua County.
- Begin development of Historic Preservation Master Plan.
- Continue Historic Ad Valorem Exemptions administration (staff & Gainesville HPB).
- Assist local County organizations and agencies with grant searches & writing when possible, and letters of support for grant efforts.

WORKPLAN



Promotion of Historical Resources

Promotion Current FY Work Plan related to Protection of Historical Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive public input at a meeting of the BoCC to consider Certified Local Government status and establishment of County Historic Pres. Board.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in planning the observance of the Bicentennial of Alachua County Incorporation, and assist with events celebrating the history.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide support as necessary to community effort to preserve the Old Mount Carmel Church.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep apprised of the current condition of the Rochelle School and Church. If requested assist any community effort.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NR nominations & more; Assist with letters of support for NR nominations and sites as requested.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with county-wide historical societies and organizations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore options for updating historic tours of County small towns, coordinate with VisitGainesville.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue 3 Minute Historical Readings at BoCC meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue efforts for County scenic roads and vistas; assist Old Florida Heritage Highway efforts.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue collaboration with State Byway program and community support organization. Consider possibility to extend Old Florida Heritage Highway to include Barr Hammock access (Jubilee Rd.) and Gainesville Sweetwater Wetlands Park (portion of Williston Rd.) if community supports.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participate in community discussions of local history & interpretation.

Engaged In History

The Alachua County Historical Commission is thrilled to showcase its active engagement within our community! Our passionate Historical Commission members are dedicated to bringing local history to life through various events and collaborations. It's truly a celebration of our town's rich heritage when our members have the opportunity to connect with fellow residents and foster an appreciation for our past. Below, you'll find an exciting lineup of events where our members have recently shared their knowledge and enthusiasm, strengthening the bonds of our community through a shared love for history!

A brief listing of other Local History Activities of Current Members of the County Historical Commission. Individuals lead or participate in local history efforts including:

2023 January- March	✱
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundtable. Rosa Williams Center. 3/4/23 	
2023 April- June	✱
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micanopy ACCRP Sub-Committee ACCRP; visited Black and White Cemeteries, 4/10/23. Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center: History of Black Cowboys/Cowgirls in Florida. 4/12/23-4/13/23. Unveiling Sankofa Statue Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn, 6/19/23 	

2023 July-December	✱
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> La Florida with Kevin Kokomoor – at the Matheson History Museum. 12/10/23 Stories of Immigration: Sharing, Learning, and Supporting our Immigrant Neighbors in partnership with the Gainesville Immigrant Neighbor Inclusion Initiative (GINI) – 10/14/23 at the Matheson History Museum Tracing Your Ancestors with Tatanya Peterson and Karen Kirkman – 11/11/23 at the Matheson History Museum Native American Annual Observance at MorningSide Nature, 11/9/23 	



2024 January- March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ibram X. Kendi presents Barracoon – 1/26/24 Sponsored by the Matheson History Museum Alachua County African American History Task Force meeting / ACPS, 3/18/24 Santa Fe College Black History Month Observance, 2/1/24 Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center, African Treasures Exhibition, 3/2/24. MLK Annual Breakfast organized by Alachua County NAACP. Best Western, 3/28/24.
2024 April- June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Segregation to Solidarity: The Saint Augustin Episcopal Mission Church and School with George Guy – 5/22/24 at the Matheson History Museum UF Center for Arts, Migration and Entrepreneurship (CAME) College of the Arts Afro Roots Festival at the Harn Museum, 5/2/24 Tracing Florida Journeys: Explorers, Travelers, and Landscapes Then and Now with Leslie Kemp Poole – 4/6/24 at the Matheson History Museum The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Great Southern Music Hall panel discussion – 4/26/24 at the Matheson History Museum Once Upon a Time in Florida: Roots and Rivers with Jack E. Davis, Cynthia Barnett, and Jacki Levine – 5/1/24 at the Matheson History Museum

2024 Continued: April- June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UF African Studies Center, Summer Institute for History School Teachers, 6/18/24. 1968 Summer of Soul movie at the Cotton Club 6/15/24 at the Museum Cultural Center
2024 July- December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Making of Florida Universities at the Matheson on 9/2/24 Women Politicking Politely with Kimberly Voss – 9/21/24 at the Matheson History Museum Building Resilience to Mis/Dis Information with the League of Women Voters of Alachua County – 9/7/24 at the Matheson History Museum Documentary “A Class of Her Own” Gloria Jean Merriex, Math Teacher, Duval Elementary. Filmmaker, Dr. Boaz Dvir, Professor at Penn State Univ. 6/8/24. Juneteenth Celebration (Emancipation Day) 6/19/23. Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center. Black Farmers Association of North Centra Florida, Montechoa Park. 7/2024 Susan B. Anthony Award Luncheon on 8/24/24

2024 Continued. July- December



- UF African American Studies Program, Annual Convocation. 9/5/24
- Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony in Remembrance of Lynched Victim, Moses Smith (ACCRP). Scheduled for 11/2/24, in Montecocha Park.
- UF Oak Hammock, Institute for Learning on Retirement, Humanities Curriculum Committee, Monthly meetings. (African and US History)
- Nigel Rudolph on Florida Shell Middens at Hogtown Headwaters Park on 9/6/24
- Unveiling of Archer soil collection, Honoring, Tom Williams. 10/12/24
- The City of Gainesville Proclamation to rename NE 3rd Avenue from Waldo Road to NE 23rd Street as Magnolia B. Jackson Street. 7/30/2024.
- Annual Meet, ArtSpeaks (Poems and Poetries) Thomas Center, 9/8/24.
- Voices & Votes: Democracy in America traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution in partnership with Florida Humanities, the League of Women Voters of Alachua County, and Supervisor of Election Kim A. Barton - The Matheson History Museum was one of five host museums in Florida with the exhibition on display from 7/20/24 – 9/7/24

2023/2024 Ongoing



- Served on the Board of Directors for the Old Florida Heritage Highway and have participated in most of their activities.
- Alachua County African & African American Historical Society First Biennial
- The UF Active Learning Program (ALP) Interns Poster Sessions: Fall, Spring and Summer Sessions, 2023/24
- Alachua County Bicentennial Symposium Planning Quarterly Meetings, 2023/24
- UNA-USA Community Engagement Lecture Series, UN Day Observances, focusing on local and global historical and contemporary issues: The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), 2023/24.
- Alachua County Community Remembrance Project (ACCRP), Truth and Reconciliation, monthly meetings, 2023/24



2023/2024 Ongoing



- Participated in the Micanopy Historical Society programs and events.
- Worked with the Micanopy Friends of the Library and have presented a program for the group.
- Served on the Wood and Swink Preservation Society in Evinston.
- President & Historian, Historic Haile Homestead Inc.
- Elder for Church History and Cemetery Management, Kanapaha Presbyterian Church and Cemetery
- Alachua County Ancient Records Transcriber (over 16,000 pages transcribed).

Members of the 2023/-2024 Historical Commission

- Ashley Wood
- Melanie Barr
- Barry Baumstein
- Jerald Cheeseborough
- Dr. Jacob Gordon
- Kaitlyn Hof-Mahoney
- Karen Kirkman
- Cynthia White
- Gwentyth Thompson
- John McLean



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