
ARCHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Whistle Stop

Archer Vintage Market Saturday October 19th 9 am-3:30 pm

A new and wonderful event will be coming soon to the city of Archer. It is sponsored by the Archer Historical Society with the collaboration of the City of Archer. This will be our first vintage market. With it we hope in the future to include a Farmers Market for our local farmers and gardeners. The Vintage Market will be held on the grounds of Archer Community Center. All funds will be used for historical preservation of collections, and files,



Museum Hours

The museum will be opened for the public starting in September. Saturday's from 9—12pm. Brenna Lee has been the curator of the Museum for many years. Docents are always needed. Volunteers are needed for one morning a month. You will be accompanied by another docent. There is always something to do so come and join us and learn even more about Archer's rich history.

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necessary equipment and supplies. To continue with this endeavor we hope to make this event yearly if not quarterly. If you have vintage themed items that you would like to sell come and join us. You may find an applications on our web site www.archerhistoricalsociety.org Also email us with any questions to archerhistorical@gmail.com. Food and refreshments will be available. We hope this will be a fun day for the Archer community.

MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 19th Thursday 7pm

HITUP MADDOX COMES TO TOWN

We are pleased to announce a lecture and slide show by Bill Zettler PhD., Author and lecturer. There will be books available to be autographed by the author. To be held at Archer's United Methodist Church 17121 SW 137th Ave, Archer. Free. Light refreshments will be served.

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Special People in Archer's History

Thomas Cobb Skinner was born in Archer in 1922. At the age of 8, he joined the local 4-H club and with that developed one of the great loves of his life. As a 4-H member he made frequent trips to the UF campus which stimulated him toward higher education.

After graduating from Archer High School he went to UF graduating in Agriculture Engineering. He was professor of Ag Engineering at UF and that kept him closely tied to the Cooperative Extension system and he was able to continue to contribute to the success of 4-H programs. He



established the first 4-H Tractor Driving contest, securing funding from the Ford tractor company's Florida division.

Tom was deeply involved in designing and building of Florida 4-H camps and was diligent in seeing to the upkeep. When asked why 4-H meant so much to him he said he thought it afforded young people some background training for becoming productive adults; developing a level of responsibility and dependability and to make a contribution to society.

Tom died in 1998, and is buried in the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

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MADDOX COMES TO TOWN Archer's economic potential as a railroad intersection was enhanced by the discovery of rich phosphate ore deposits in the surrounding areas of Hawthorne, High Springs, and Newberry. This optimal situation resulted in the influx of many people from elsewhere looking for work. One of them, William Emory ("Hitup") Maddox was an enterprising young man from Fort Valley, Georgia, who arrived in 1892 to work in the open-pit phosphate mines. This era was a time when steam-powered machinery began replacing hand labor. Thirteen years later, in 1905, he seized his opportunity and created the Maddox Foundry & Machine Works Company, strategically located in Archer and designed to make and repair mining equipment. Before long, however, the local mines closed down, thereby mandating changes in the services provided by the foundry. Beginning in 1942, for example, the foundry supported the war effort by manufacturing 88mm trench mortar shells. Today, 114 years later, the Maddox foundry remains in Archer, continuing to remain viable by being "adept at adapting" to meet ever-changing market demands. *Bill Zettler*

Bill Zettler PhD. Bill has had a life long interest in the subjects of biology and history. A native of Pennsylvania, he was a faculty member for 37 years at the University's College of Agriculture before retiring in 2003, and has continued to teach on an ad hoc basis ever since then. One of his most popular courses was "Bio-history: Plants, Plagues, and People". He is also the author of the book, "The Bio-history of Alachua County, Florida." He and his wife, Carol, continue to live near Archer itself rich in both biology and history.

A Brief History of Archer's Depot's

Did you know that there were four depots located in Archer.?

The one still standing was constructed in 1893. It is the second depot and houses the Archer Historical Society Museum. It was originally a freight depot that later in 1907 was raised and enlarged around the exterior with a deck for passengers and freight.

The first Depot however was constructed in 1860. It was located west of town.

Another depot (Union Station) and tracks were built further east in 1914.

Archer had two depots in operation until 1900, when the first depot was torn down.

The Archer Historical Society has played a major role in the restoration of the remaining Depot. It was donated by the Seaboard railroad in 1978 and the society leased the land it was on.

In 1983 because of success in raising money through yearly fairs and events, the Society approached the railroad with an offer to purchase the land.

In 1987 again money was raised this time for the painting of the exterior of the building.

Today again through events, and donations, money was raised to have some restoration of the exterior and add a much needed exterior coat of paint.

The railroad played a major role for the growth and success of Archer. Visit the museum and learn the fascinating history of Archer and its railroad.

If you are not already a member please join us in learning about Archer's past history. We welcome anyone who would like to share their own knowledge about the history of the surrounding areas of Central Florida



Membership Application

A local not-for profit volunteer historical society striving to
 "Identify Protect, Preserve and Promote our past well into the future..."

Join Today: Annual Dues- \$10.00 per person
www.archerhistoricalsociety.org

Museum Hours - Saturdays from 9:00 am till 12 noon

Please complete the application information below and submit with your initial dues to the following address:

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Make checks payable to : Archer Historical Society
 Thank You!!

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