

ARCHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Whistle Stop News

ART AT THE ARCHER DEPOT FESTIVAL

March 14th Saturday 9-3pm

The fourth annual Art at the Archer Depot Festival, a family friendly day will be held in and around the Archer Depot 16994 SW 134th Ave. on Saturday March 14th, 9-3pm. There will be vendors of all kinds. Artist, artisans, crafts, plants, and information booths. Musicians on and off stage. The Masonic Lodge will host free, a children's magic show and child I.D. Visit our



museum, take a self guided walking tour of some of our earlier homes. Tour Information and maps can be found at AHS information booth. There will be food vendors available.

Thanks to our generous sponsors and the City of Archer, who have helped make this event a success.

"Museum News"

We are in preparation for painting the the Ticket Office and rearranging some exhibits within that space. If you would like to help with this please contact us through our gmail archerhistorical@gmail.com. We will have continuing projects with this historic building and the artifacts displayed within its walls. One such project is highlighted in this newsletter. Please come and join us.

February's Presentation: Thursday, 20th 7pm. Frank Roberts

Archer Historical Society is pleased to present Frank Roberts.

Frank will be sharing with us his experience in the plumbing trade down through the years. He will be demonstrating his treasure trove of old tools that he and his Dad used. Frank Roberts was born in Daytona Beach, Florida and his Dad was born in Daytona Beach also. Frank graduated from Mainland High School in Daytona. After graduation he joined the Seabees. Frank is a member and Director of our Archer Historical Society. He is also on the board of Directors of the Levy County Historical Society. For those members who are unaware, he is a Master Gardener and successfully grows blueberries, guavas, making jams and jellies, along with other edibles. The talk will be held February 20th, at the United Methodist Church, 17121 SW 137th Ave. Archer, Florida. Light refreshments and food will be available. For more information visit our web page.

Depot Hours

Saturday 9-12 noon Close Holidays

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Archer Historical Society Accomplishments and Achievements 2020

Achievements: To show our appreciation to all out members AHS would like to share many accomplishments achieved over the last few years.

MOVING TO A LARGER SPACE: In the past the *Archer Library* graciously let us hold meetings at their facility. When it was necessary to move the meeting to a larger space, Ann Green suggested the United Methodist Church. We then found we had ample space and time to conduct meetings. Later we added more formal talks. Refreshments could be served, making it a more of a community event. Consequently it has turned out to be probably the most serendipitous thing to have happened to AHS! We now have member increase of 30%. with room to grow.

MUSEUM HOURS : Another decision was to have The Depot Museum to be opened every Saturday. With the help of advertising it promoted more awareness of the Museum. It increased awareness of our goals and has strengthened community ties.

GOALS: At this time we would also like to acknowledge and thank Shellie Banfield for her expert assistance with our very first grant application. Shellie's help is making it possible to restore and preserve the Archer Depot, the corner stone of the mission of AHS, and keeping history of our community in place for the future.

ART AT THE DEPOT FESTIVAL: This event continues to promote community ties. Bringing new visitors by being a family friendly and fun event, while working as a fundraiser for the restoration of the Depot. It brings new visitors by being a family friendly and fun event while working as a fund raiser for the restoration of the Depot.

VINTAGE MARKET: A new community event that we hope will promote Archer, Archer Historical Society and the people of Archer.

*On behalf of the Archer Historical Society
with great appreciation we thank you.*

Would you like to help with the preservation of this Pot Belly Stove?

On behalf of the Archer Historical Society with great appreciation this Pot Bellied stove stands in the Historic Archer Depot ticket office. It was manufactured by S.Cheney & Sons and was sold by Birmingham Stove & Range Co. in Alabama during the late 1880's to the early 1900's. All the parts appear to be present. This would make a wonderful center piece for the ticket



office, instead of where it currently sits, badly needing a cleaning! Preservation of this stove requires professional methods...let us know if you have the skills. If you wish to help AHS with this future project or any other, contact AHS at archerhistorical@gmail.com.

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To the people and business who help make Art at the Archer Depot Festival possible. Without you, the festival would not be possible.

Archer Historical Society always welcomes contributions. If you have a story to tell, item to donate or wish to help with the Historic Archer Depot please let us know. No contribution is too small.



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