

# ARCHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Whistle Stop News

### Vintage Market Sale Saturday Dec 7th

Our second Vintage Market is scheduled for Saturday December 7th from 9 - 3:30. Held on the grounds of the Archer Community Center- 16671 SW 137th Avenue, it is a family-friendly venue with vendors selling a variety of treasures. Christmas is just around the corner and this is the perfect place to find special gifts for friends and family! The Archer Historical Society plans



to continue with this event quarterly and hope that it will become a go-to event for everyone and that, along with the Art at the Archer Depot Festival March 14th, it will highlight our wonderful small community to the surrounding areas. Hope to see you there!

### “Museum News”

We are in preparation of painting the the Ticket Office and rearranging some exhibits with in that space. This will be happening in the next several weeks. 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.

### Archer Community Christmas Gathering

Thursday December 12th, 6pm will be The Annual Christmas Gathering at the Archer Community Center. This has been an annual event for many years dating back to the late 1950's. It had several locations throughout the City. It had been sponsored by the Women's and Garden Clubs. Once the Archer Historical Society became the sponsor the event was moved to the railroad depot. After Archer acquired a community center it moved there and continues to be the setting for the event. It was originated as a kick off to the Christmas season and a time for friends and families to gather to wish each other a joyous season. The program for this years event consists of greetings from the mayor, music from various individuals and groups. Santa arrives and delivers toys to the children assisted by the Elves and Santa Clause. Toys and gifts are donated by the toys for tots program and other individuals. Various kinds of cookies donated by the community and hot cider and hot chocolate donated by Maddox and the Hope families. This years event is co-hosted by the City of Archer and the Archer Historical Society.

#### Depot Hours

Saturday 9-12 noon Close Holidays

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## The Meaning of Preservation

Preservation is a noun that means the act, or process of keeping something valued, alive, intact, or free from damage or decay. It is also the act of keeping something in its original state or in good condition. Restoration on the other hand is noun that means the act or process of returning something to its original condition by bringing back something that existed before. Many people confuse these two processes including those who are very good at both. One method of preservation for ferrous or iron items is the use of electrolysis. Materials such as brass, copper, silver or gold are cleaned and preserved through other methods. This method for iron is used by museums and amateurs alike. It is a great method to prevent further damage through decay. Rust is the number one villain to any artifact that is composed of ferrous material. Florida soil is notorious for this problem. Agriculture and the use of fertilizers and other chemicals compound the damaged object. And once, contact with the air, the decay will rapidly accelerate further destroying the artifact. To prevent this rust needs to be removed



by non destructive method. The use of acid, lemon juice, even olive oil is a destructive method. They will remove rust but over a period of time even the artifact its self. These solutions penetrate into the iron. Unfortunately use of these solutions is a quick fix. Electrolysis latches on to the rust only. Electrolysis takes more time, sometimes up to 12 hour with several cleaning episodes between times. Museums will some times use X-ray to determine if electrolysis is used. May use other methods in their arsenal. After electrolysis the object must be further protected, by sealing it from contact with the air. Sealing prevents any air and moisture penetrating the metal. Thus it is protected for ever more. With hot wax method this hoe is forever preserved. You may may see the results displayed in the Historic Archer Depot under Farm Equipment. It was found in Archer and it dates from the 1860'. Donated to the Museum by Bill Zettler one of our own dear members. Preservation:  
Electrolysis and Hot Wax  
Method :lmc

*Linda McMahon*

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

This Pot Bellied stove in stands in the Historic Archer Depot ticket office. It was manufactured by S.Cheney & Sons. This was made by Birmingham Stove & Range Co. in Birmingham 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. Preservation of this would need other methods. Let us know if you have the skills. If you wish to help AHS with this future project or any other, contact Linda 352-374-8240 or AHS at archerhistoric@gmail.com



## Archer Historical Society Membership Application

A local non 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](http://www.archerhistoricalsociety.org)

Or email us: [archerhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:archerhistorical@gmail.com)

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

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Archer FL 32618

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

-MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION-

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Number of memberships (if multiple dues submitted)

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*There are several architectural styles of homes in Archer. These are Victorian, Carpenter Gothic, Bungalow and Tudor Revival Style. To find out which houses are styled in this way you will have to read our next news letter.*

*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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