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I cannot describe the sorrow I felt when I heard that Elie Wiesel had passed away. Like most of my generation, his book Night was the first I had ever read about the Holocaust. I still remember the strained conversations in my high school classroom. How could this have happened? And why didn’t anyone do anything to stop it?

Over 70 years after the liberation of Auschwitz, we are still pondering the same questions.

Professor Wiesel was an extraordinary man, who used his personal experiences of the Holocaust to work on behalf of all oppressed people, to defend human rights and encourage peace throughout the world.

His mantra was: Education. Education. Education. He felt that the more tomorrow’s adults knew of the consequences of prejudice and hatred, the brighter humanity’s future would be.

Professor Wiesel had been involved with The Florida Holocaust Museum since its inception, almost 25 years ago, serving as Honorary Chairman and advisor throughout its journey from a small room at the back of a Jewish Community Center to its present site in downtown St. Petersburg. He was on hand to cut the ribbon when the downtown museum opened to the public in 1998.

In 2012, The FHM honored Professor Wiesel with the Loebenberg Humanitarian Award during its annual To Life gala. Speaking to a packed audience that included community leaders as well as high school and college students, Professor Wiesel cautioned them that silence is never the answer and “forgetfulness is close to a crime.”

Called a “messenger to mankind” by the Nobel Committee as they awarded him Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, and “one of the most important spiritual leaders and guides in an age when violence, repression and racism continue to characterize the world,” Professor Wiesel’s death leaves a large vacuum at a time when his words and deeds are desperately needed.

The most meaningful act each one of us can do to honor his memory is to be his legacy and his witness. To remember and pass down his story and the stories of all those who endured the incomprehensible anguish of the Holocaust and other genocides. To raise our voices whenever and wherever we see human beings enduring suffering and humiliation today.

And, most importantly, to not lose hope. In the words of Professor Wiesel, “Hope is like peace. It is not a gift from God. It is a gift only we can give one another.”

Elizabeth Gelman

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*T of blessed memory
The FHM opened our doors on Saturday, June 18th in honor of the Pulse shooting victims and their families. Before the Museum opened, there was a public vigil on our front steps and visitors laid down 49 flowers in remembrance of each individual victim. We also hosted a special one-day exhibition in remembrance of the Orlando victims that featured photos and shared the each victims individual stories. All admission fees collected that day were donated to the Pulse Victims Fund and due to an overwhelming response from the public, we were able to donate $1,940 to the victim’s families.

One of the victims, Christopher Leinonen, has a special connection to the Museum. Christopher was in our inaugural group of Anne Frank Humanitarian Award recipients in 2002. Christopher’s award nomination, written by his high school’s guidance counselor describes the way Christopher saw and was moved to action by the everyday struggles of gay and lesbian teenagers; struggles that left many feeling hopeless and silenced, exemplified at the time by a strikingly high suicide rate. Christopher had the presence of mind and personal leadership to start a chapter of the Gay Straight Alliance at Seminole High School, working with administrators and students to make the GSA a positive presence in the school.

All of the suffering and loss is meaningless if we do not challenge and educate those who promote hatred and intolerance. We teach Holocaust Education and Genocide and Human Rights Awareness to build public awareness about current and past genocides. Genocide is carried out by humans who choose to hate fellow humans and education is vital in ensuring that visitors learn to adapt the lessons of the Holocaust into their own lives by embracing different opinions and world views and the need for mutual respect among individual human beings as part of a multifarious, open-minded, democratic society.

The vision of The FHM is a future in which peace and harmony are a reality in our neighborhoods, in our nation and in our world.

The FHM’s Legacy of Hope Society

The mission of The FHM to use education to help prevent future genocides is now more important and urgent than ever. These past years have produced some of the ugliest, vilest anti-Semitic and racially-charged incidents since the Holocaust.

Your Legacy of Hope Society gift ensures that the Museum will be dedicated to teaching members of all races and cultures to recognize the inherent worth and dignity of human life in order to prevent future genocides. We must equip the next generations with tangible tools to combat injustice. We must ensure that the next generation is ready to challenge and educate those who promote hatred and intolerance.

Our Legacy of Hope Society donors are people like you, who want a future in which peace and harmony are realities in our neighborhoods, in our nation and in our world. To help support the future of The FHM, please remember us in your will or other estate plans.

Anyone can make a planned gift, regardless of financial means. Planned gifts of any amount help to ensure that children and adults alike continue to benefit from the Museum’s dynamic programs, learn about the dangers of intolerance and hatred, and receive tangible tools to create a better world for all.

The Museum’s Planned Giving and endowment professionals can help you create a legacy to meet your financial, tax and estate planning goals while supporting the Museum’s mission.

To learn more about creating a legacy gift, please contact The FHM’s Director of Development, Maria Johnston at 727-820-0100 x274 or mjohnston@TheFHM.org. If you have already included The FHM in your bequest, please let us know so that we can be sure to include you in our Legacy of Hope Society.
NEWS FROM EXHIBITIONS AND COLLECTIONS

The FHM’s Artifact Collection Program Brings in Large Donation

One of the best things about working for The Florida Holocaust Museum is meeting Survivors and children of Survivors and hearing their stories. Even better is being honored with the responsibility of retelling their stories when being entrusted with their original materials – family treasures, really – that help recount individuals’ experiences. In June, I had the opportunity to learn about the Neustein family while accepting an incredible donation of artifacts from Colin Jenkins.

After a recent visit to the Museum, Mr. Jenkins reached out to ask if we would have any interest in accepting his grandfather’s Austrian passport as a donation. When we met to accept the donation, he brought a treasure-trove of other objects related to his family. I asked why he chose to donate these important materials, Mr. Jenkins said:

On a recent visit to my mother’s home in Scotland, I came across a considerable variety of material relating to my family’s experience during the Holocaust. I am donating this collection to The FHM both to honor their memory and to share a written and visual record of their lives before, during, and after WWII. I hope this will be of interest and value to those who view it.

Included were identification papers belonging to his grandparents Lucie and Leopold Neustein, letters, a marriage certificate, original photographs from before and after the war and original artwork created by his grandmother Lucie- 118 items in all!

Mr. Jenkins’ grandparents were originally from Lvov, Poland but moved to Vienna in the 1920s. The couple had two children Erik and Marietta. Leopold was a Doctor of Law but worked with his father-in-law in their timber export business. Lucie was an accomplished artist, trained at Vienna’s Academy of Art. After Anschluss in 1938 and the institution of anti-Jewish laws, it became apparent to the family that they had to leave their home. Erik was sent to England first but since he was 17, he was sent to live in an internment camp in Canada. It was initially feared that German Jews arriving in England and Canada could be spies and as such they were sent to camps in Canada and Australia. Marietta followed on the kindertransport and was sent to a boarding school in Scotland. Lucie and Leopold fled Vienna for Agen, a small city in the south of France where they apparently lived as gentiles. Marietta worked as an artist in order to earn money. The couple remained in France even after liberation while Erik and Marietta, then adults, stayed in Great Britain.

While the exhibitions and collections department is still processing the donation and cataloging each item, we look forward to sharing parts of the collection in our permanent exhibition, as a feature in our “Hancock Bank Presents: Highlights from the Museum’s Permanent Collection” space on the third floor and on our website.

Erin Blankenship
Anita Treiser and Robin Warren have made an extraordinary commitment to The FHM and are volunteering their time as co-chairs for our upcoming To Life: The FHM’s 25th Anniversary celebration. Both are outstanding examples of the importance of devoted volunteers in the overall success of The FHM.

Anita Treiser retired after twenty-three years with the City of St. Petersburg, where she brought national and international attention to this city. Her most recent position with the city was as Marketing Director. This had her actively engaged in the tourism industry, marketing, community and public relations, economic development and numerous public/private joint ventures. Her strong St. Petersburg connections bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to The FHM.

“The Museum’s 25th Anniversary is extra special and I am thrilled to be co-chairing the To Life gala with Robin Warren. It is a joy to work alongside The FHM Staff, Board Members and the dedicated To Life Committee,” said Anita.

Anita’s current consulting work includes business advisory, tourism development, not for profit and for profit marketing, communications, special events and government and community relations projects. She has been recognized for her community and government service, as recipient of the Junior League Virginia H. Lazzara Community Service Award and the Tampa Bay Business Journal’s Up and Comers Award in Government. She also completed the USF Executive Fellows Program for leaders in the public and private sectors. Most recently, Anita was honored with the 2015 Life Time Achievement Award from Pinellas Opportunity Council/Retired & Senior Volunteer Program.

Anita maintains a very active volunteer life working primarily with human and social service agencies, health care, arts, sports and environmental organizations.

Robin Warren spent the majority of her career as a lawyer in the financial service industry doing legal compliance and public policy work. She retired early with the goal to live near the water and to become involved with her new community, the City of St. Petersburg.

In 2005, shortly after moving to Florida, Robin began her involvement with The FHM when her friend Bonnie Stein invited her to a luncheon at the Museum. She began volunteering as a docent and loved speaking to students and visitors about the idea of being an upstander and speaking out against hatred, as she is motivated by a passion for fighting prejudice and bigotry. Robin was also involved with the March of the Living, ultimately becoming the program coordinator for this initiative.

“I’m pleased that, by co-chairing the 25th Anniversary To Life event, I can play a role in helping to build a solid foundation for the future of The FHM,” said Robin.

In 2007, Robin, along with another docent Ann Haendel, created a nonprofit called Project Prosper, which provides small interest free loans for recent immigrants and literacy classes through a financial immigration program. They have since made 60 loans and close to 10,000 student hours of financial literacy classes, done almost entirely by volunteers. Having worked in financial services industry and having a strong interest in financial literacy and how people use financial services to improve their lives. In 2009, Robin unretired for about four years and became the Executive Director of a statewide nonprofit, Florida Council of Economic Education, which provides K-12 teachers with the education and tools to enable them to teach about economics and personal finance in classroom. Robin now sits on Board for the Florida Council of Economic Education and is Chair of the Social Action Committee at Temple Beth El.

Robin has been recognized for her community involvement and was presented with the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida’s Woman of Distinction Award in 2013. She loves spending time with her daughter, Becky Warren (who lives in Nashville as a singer/songwriter) and enjoys traveling throughout the U.S. and all around the world.
The FHM Kicks Off a Magical 25th Year with Oz Pearlman!
September 11, 2016
The Palladium Theatre
253 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

The FHM is excited to present a fabulous family-friendly affair to kick off the 25th Anniversary of The Florida Holocaust Museum! Featuring: Oz Pearlman, grandson of Holocaust Survivors, showcasing his unique blend of mentalism and magic.

This event will take place on Sunday, September 11th at The Palladium Theatre. There will be two performances; the first is a private lunch reception with Oz Pearlman beginning at 12:30 p.m. and the second is a public performance beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The cost to attend the private lunch reception at 12:30 p.m. is $100.00. In addition to lunch, this ticket includes a meet and greet and personal mentalist experience with Oz Pearlman, and admission to the public performance at 2:30 p.m.

The cost to attend the general admission public performance at 2:30 p.m. is $25.00.

To purchase tickets, please visit www.MyPalladium.org or call (727) 822-3590.

To Life: The FHM’s 25th Anniversary
February 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
The Renaissance Vinoy Resort
501 5th Ave NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

***SAVE THE DATE***

To Life: The FHM’s 25th Anniversary is a celebration of the Past, Present, and Future of The Florida Holocaust Museum.

As we continue to hear news stories regarding the hatred and intolerance throughout our nation and the world, The FHM’s mission to prevent future genocides is more important than ever. Therefore this annual fundraiser, which is the backbone of the Museum’s fundraising initiatives, is also more important than ever.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, please call (727) 820-0100 x274.

For additional information, please visit www.TheFHM.org/to-life-annual-benefit.

Additional information coming soon!
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Helen Suzman: Fighter for Human Rights
On display July 16 - September 25, 2016

The story of Suzman’s rise as the leading Member of Parliament to oppose apartheid legislation during 36 years of public service. Meticulously selected photographs, personal letters, speeches, political cartoons and news articles convey the tremendous strength she demonstrated while facing constant animosity, antisemitism and intimidation from other South African Parliamentarians, colleagues and citizens.

Reflections on Man’s Fate:
Artwork by Judith Weinshall Liberman
On display July 23 - October 2, 2016

Paintings and textile works by artist Judith Weinshall Liberman. Drawn from works from the Museum’s permanent collection, the show includes wall hangings and works on canvas from the artist’s Holocaust Paintings, Holocaust Wall Hangings, Skull Series and Genocide Series. Her work focuses on the present state of mankind as well as the relentlessness and enormity of history’s darkest period.

Women of Ravensbrück:
Portraits of Courage
On display July 30 - January 2, 2017

Ravensbrück, the Nazi’s major concentration camp for women, brought fear and terror to its imprisoned, tortured victims. Subject to unspeakable horrors, few survived. The faces of these triumphant women have been immortalized by artist Julia Terwilliger in one of the newest exhibits of Holocaust art to emerge today.
NEWS FROM EDUCATION

The FHM Summer Institute for Teachers

In recognition of The Florida Holocaust Museum’s upcoming 25th anniversary, we have prepared special programs for educators. Among our educational offerings, we have made our flagship summer program for teachers available in other areas of Florida. This way we are able to share our unique resources with educators who do not have easy access to our Museum.

Last year during Sam Gross Summer Institute for Teachers held at our Museum, we launched a special study guide I wrote for our partnering organization Yahad – In Unum and its traveling exhibition “Holocaust by Bullets: Yahad – In Unum, 10 Years of Investigation.” Maureen Carter, K-12 Holocaust Studies Program Planner for The School District of Palm Beach County, read the study guide online and decided to bring the program to her county.

Maureen and I both sit on the the Florida Department of Education Commissioner’s Task Force on Holocaust Education so doing a program together was a great example of Task Force members assisting teachers with Holocaust education. Yahad – In Unum is a Paris-based organization dedicated to collecting testimonies of eyewitnesses, and identifying and documenting sites of mass crimes committed against Jews and Roma by the Germans and their collaborators during World War II in Eastern Europe. Since 2004 the organization has conducted over 100 research trips, identified over 1,700 execution sites and interviewed over 5,000 eyewitnesses in 8 countries.

On June 6-7, 2016 Yahad – In Unum, represented by researchers – Patrice Bensimon and Marie Moutier, and the FHM conducted a seminar for 16 Social Studies and Language Arts teachers from the School District of Palm Beach County. Mr. Bensimon and Ms. Moutier examined the genocide of Jews and Roma during World War II and explored Yahad’s resources available to educators that help teach this subject matter, with a special focus on video testimonies of the last eyewitnesses to the crime. They discussed the main steps of the Holocaust by bullets as identified by Yahad – In Unum and looked at other past and current genocides within that context.

I led sessions with the study guide designed as a teaching tool featuring Yahad – In Unum’s research. Thanks to the generosity of Yahad – In Unum, each SI participant received a hard copy of the guide. Educators had an opportunity to work with activities from the study guide and explored case studies pertaining to Yahad – In Unum’s findings. I worked with participants on one of the video testimonies from Ukraine and prepared a detailed analysis of its content in conjunction with Yahad’s interactive map and database of execution sites. To emphasize the need to commemorate individual victims of this crime, I followed up with another activity focusing on researching Pages of Testimony collected by Yad Vashem within the Shoah Victims’ Names Recovery Project that helps retrieve and preserve the names of individual Jews murdered during the Holocaust. Educators worked with examples of Pages of Testimony submitted for residents of the area discussed by Ievgueni S. from the video testimony we analyzed.

Our organizations deeply appreciate the teachers’ role in educating students about this subject matter. By teaching about the Holocaust by Bullets, teachers help students commemorate individual victims, draw lessons from the past, and empower them to try to make a difference and help us prevent violence and mass killings in the future.

Law Enforcement and Society: Lessons of the Holocaust

The Florida Holocaust Museum, in partnership with the Anti-Defamation League and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, is providing the Law Enforcement and Society: Lessons of the Holocaust program (LEAS) for the first time in Florida.

The initiative started in 2014 when Chief Jane Castor invited The FHM and ADL to conduct the program for the Tampa Police Department officers. The program has been very successful and we have received enthusiastic feedback from participants. We continue to work TPD under the leadership of Chief Eric Ward. In 2015 we began working with Chief Anthony Holloway and Assistant Chief James Prevereta from St. Petersburg Police Department on providing the program to their officers. We have since trained around a hundred SPPD officers since the first session in 2016 and we will continue to offer LEAS sessions throughout this year.

The goal of the program is to investigate the role German police played during the Holocaust and examine the role of law enforcement in a democracy today. The program was originally designed by the USHMM and ADL in the late 1990s in Washington D.C., and is suitable for recruit, in-service, and command professionals in law enforcement at the federal, state, and local levels. This unique ethics program has reached over 100,000 officers from the US and 80 countries worldwide.

Our experience with both TPD and SPPD has been extraordinary. We highly respect the work that our Law Enforcement officers do and we appreciate being learning to learn from one another during the program.
The FHM’s Educational Programs

The Florida Holocaust Museum’s Senior Educator, Sandy Mermelstein was in Pensacola, FL (Escambia County) on June 6th and 7th for The FHM’s Summer Institute for Teachers program. The FHM’s Summer Institute for Teachers, which was offered in partnership with the School District of Escambia County, was a unique opportunity for educators to attend a special seminar led by The FHM, former Senior Historian of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Peter Black and Holocaust Survivor Mary Wygodski. In attendance were twelve teachers from Escambia County and two from Mobile, Alabama.

Through the Institute, teachers began an investigation of the history of the Holocaust, the systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other groups by Nazi Germany from 1933-1945. Educators were equipped to return to their classrooms with the knowledge and pedagogical resources to teach in a manner that leads to an investigation of the ramifications of prejudice, racism and stereotyping.

Mermelstein spoke about the history of antisemitism and how it contributed to the Nazi ideology towards Jews. She worked with the teachers on resources that the Museum offers to educators, including teaching trunks, skyping a Holocaust Survivor or educator into the classroom, and curriculum that the Museum offers on our website. Mermelstein presented Summer Institute attendees with a new online Museum Guide, written by The FHM’s Curator of Education and Director of Research Urszula Szczepinska, designed for educators who bring students on field trips to The FHM. The Guide helps educators incorporate a Museum visit into their curriculum and comply with Florida Standards.

The program was funded in part by Florida Department of Education Commissioner’s Task Force on Holocaust Education. Thank you to Florida Department of Education Commissioner’s Task Force on Holocaust Education and Rabbi Karl and Ruth Richter Fund for their support. Special thanks to Cherie Arnette (Social Studies Specialist for the Escambia County School District) for helping to organize this program!


Thank You To Our Docents

On June 15th, The FHM’s Education Department hosted a docent get together at Panera Bread to thank all of our docents for their hard work during the year. From September to June, close to 7,000 students accompanied by over 330 teachers had docent-led tours through the Museum. Docenting at The FHM is a vital commitment as we would be unable to fulfill our mission without our dedicated cadre of docents.

We had a wonderful turn-out of about 25 docents, who all enjoyed bagels, tea and cake. We shared personal stories about ourselves and several docents donated magazines to be used by students attending our Speak Up, Speak Now!® program this summer.

Speak Up, Speak Now!® is a 3-week summer outreach program (with sessions twice a week) offered by The FHM to middle school students in our area. Participants engage in discussions and activities that examine concepts such as: identity, “us and them,” bystander, upstander, universe of obligation, prejudice, stereotypes and propaganda. Students meet with Holocaust survivors, refugees, law enforcement officers and community activists. Throughout the summer program, students create artwork that is used as part of an ongoing public awareness campaign.

This year, as part of the program, students from Tyrone Middle School and artist Joyce Tawil engaged in a new project called “The Power of Words.” Interactive boxes were created by each student with words they found meaningful. The word or statement on the exterior of the box lid has its opposite inside the box. This play on words shows the power of words in expression, feelings, and importance for each participant. Their words matter! Speaking up changes lives. Speaking now gives them the power to make a difference in their lives and that of others.

Speak Up, Speak Now!® was conceived by a museum volunteer who wanted the museum to take its message of tolerance, respect for human life and obligation to others into the community. The program echoes The FHM’s mission, which honors the millions of men, women and children killed during the Holocaust and the people who risked their lives to help others.

Thank you to all students who took part in the program, their parents, and Tyrone Middle School staff and volunteers. A big thank-you to The FHM volunteers.

Special thanks to Amanda Saft, SUSN Chair on behalf of the Board of Directors, and to Dr. Jayme Joslyn, Assistant Principal at Tyrone Middle School.

The boxes for the project were generously donated by Blue Smoke Cigar Bar and Edward’s Pipe & Tobacco.
SUMMER MUSEUM PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Speak Up, Speak Now!® attendees from Tyrone Middle School visited The FHM, met with Holocaust Survivor Jeanette Bornstein, and toured the Museum.

In observance of Yom HaShoah, The FHM hosted a commemorative ceremony and candle lighting by Holocaust Survivors in memory of the more than six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust. (L to R) Halina Herman, Ed Herman, Jack Mayer, Toni Rinde, and John Rinde.

This year’s Walter R. Porges Teacher Appreciation Evening honored Holocaust Survivor Herta Pila (left), and thanked the teachers in attendance for their dedication to teaching the lessons of the Holocaust. The Walter R. Porges Memorial Lecture was founded by Walter’s sister Lisl Schick (right).

LEAS program participants from Polk County Fire Rescue visited The FHM as they participated in a new leadership training program specifically designed for first responders.

The FHM presented the first public screening of the recent Off-Broadway production Incident at Vichy at The Tampa Theatre. Post-film celebrity panel discussion featured Director Michael Wilson, Vichy Scholar Brian Phillips, Actor Richard Thomas, and The FHM’s Executive Director Elizabeth Gelman.

(L to R) Rachael Worthington, Elizabeth Gelman, Scott Anderson, and Don Burris shared with the community the powerful Woman In Gold art restitution story, “From Tragedy to Triumph: Altmann, Benningson and The Pursuit of Looted Art.”

For additional photos and information, follow The FHM on Facebook at facebook.com/TheFHM, Instagram @TheFHM, and Twitter @FLHolocaustMus
The FHM Honors Exceptional Teens with Anne Frank Humanitarian Award!

The FHM honored the humanitarian efforts of ninety-three exceptional students with its annual Anne Frank Humanitarian Award (AFHA) program, held May 24th and 25th at the Museum.

The AFHA program recognizes those humanitarian actions that better the lives of others. By “doing the right thing,” recipients hold true to the spirit of Anne Frank who, in the face of hardships, endured and did not abandon her ideals. The AFHA program was created to focus attention on the positive actions of today’s teens.

“This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Anne Frank Humanitarian Award. Each year, we continue to be enormously impressed by the character and accomplishments of our AFHA Honorees. These young people not only embrace the mission of The FHM but they are willing to do the hard work that is required to achieve the mission.” said Renée Walter, Co-Chair of the AFHA Program and member of The FHM’s Board of Directors.

The award, established in 2001, is presented to one Junior in each of the public and private high schools in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Sarasota and Manatee counties. The honorees are nominated by their principals, guidance counselors or teachers. These students are recognized both at their schools as well as at the Museum. Legislators, educators, family and friends were invited to join the Museum in honoring these students at the receptions.

This year’s programs featured retired Co-Anchor of WFLA News Channel 8 and Honorary AFHA Co-Chair Gayle Sierens and former Tampa Police Chief Jane Castor. The AFHA recipients each receive a Florida Holocaust Museum Family Membership and two guest passes.

Anne Frank Humanitarian Award Committee

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For additional Anne Frank Humanitarian Award photos, visit www.facebook.com/TheFHM/photos.
The Florida Holocaust Museum honors the memory of millions of innocent men, women and children who suffered or died in the Holocaust. The Museum is dedicated to teaching the members of all races and cultures the inherent worth and dignity of human life in order to prevent future genocides.

Visit
The Florida Holocaust Museum
55 Fifth Street South
St. Petersburg

The Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Student and group tours available. Docent led tours available with admission every Tuesday and Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

For more information on admission prices and visiting the Museum, call (727) 820-0100 or visit www.TheFHM.org.