



# Flagler Beach Historical Museum

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*"From the Stone Age to the Space Age"*

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## Museum Fun in Full Swing! Come join in. . .

Tourists and residents alike are visiting the Museum in record numbers this year; currently 25% more guests have signed in than in 2007. It has given us great pleasure to host and meet students like the MHS class below. Open late for First Fridays in conjunction with the Flagler Beach Music in the Park entertainment, we continue to increase the visitor count.



Students of Kim Halliday,  
MHS Life Skills Teacher

We enjoyed providing our annual presentation for the Flagler County Chamber's Leadership Class. The Rotary Club of Flagler Beach added to the fun

when they invited in over 500 visiting cyclists to come sign-up early for their Century rides. Nearly 100 stopped in to discover the Museum's many treasures -- and the history of the area they would be riding through the following day.

One day soon, you will be able to walk, bike, and/or drive along a historic site path in Flagler Beach. **Nancy Scarci** and many other Museum volunteers have partnered with the City's CRA, the Friends of A1A, and P.B.S.&J. to produce maps and pamphlets detailing historically significant sites.



*Old & New: Tom Hury's antique bike stands behind the Bicycle Built for 2 of Pam Armstrong & Norman Stuck. For a magnified look, view the newsletter online at [flaglerbeachmuseum.com](http://flaglerbeachmuseum.com)*

**Many Thanks to TDC & BoCC for 2008-2009 Grant.**

Further acknowledgement on page 7.



**Museum Gala  
Planning Underway.  
Save the Date:  
November 8!**  
See page 3 for more info!

### What's New at the Museum...

#### **50th Anniversary of the Flagler Beach United Methodist Church**

This season's temporary exhibit arranged for by **Betty Johnson** honors the 50th Anniversary of the Flagler Beach United Methodist Church. The items brought in by **Carol Elliott** include a 40th Anniversary commemorative plate; these will be displayed for a limited time only.

Over 20 other items have arrived at the Museum in the past two months and include artwork, artifacts, autographed books, research materials, and photographs. Donors included artists, authors, the City of Flagler Beach, and many others. Highlights include:

= Two wooden nickels (tokens) from the Flagler Beach Pier Restaurant. (Donated by the Flagler County Library.)

= Four store tokens from "Moody and Lambert" in Bunnell, FL. The 5, 25, 50 cent and 1 dollar tokens were paid to employees and used like cash in the company store. (**Patsy Durrance**)

= Also from Patsy were a small folding wooden chair from the Flagler Beach School. Her photographs (copies) include the 1917 County Commission, the 1909 Moody home and other Bunnell houses of that era, and the Palm Dairy.

= Narrow gauge railroad spike found near Favoretta. (**Tom & Conny Egan**)

= CD disc containing Flagler County Historic Maps. (**Bill Ryan**)

= Wooden cabbage shredder. (**John Timmons**)

Always new exhibits and photos are why you should come on by and see your ever-changing local Museum. Display coordinators **Rob Creal** and **Shirley Putnam** are at work every week to keep the displays fresh and fun. If you have something that would make a great history display, please call the Museum at (386) 517-2025.

# WE TREASURE OUR VOLUNTEERS

"Bill is the best!" says Museum Director **Teri Pruden**. "He always has a smile for everyone who walks in the door. He has been a volunteer with the Museum for many years and he is so good to us, it would be easy to take him for granted. But we don't, because we really appreciate all of Bill's time, energy, and friendliness."

When asked about his original interest, **Mr. Grady** explained, "I've always been a nosey guy. I drove around Flagler Beach to see what's on each road and what's behind it. I went into the museum and **Catherine Wilson** happened to be there. And that's what started my docent career!"

Museum President as well as founder Wilson laughs at that. "Bill is so gung ho, enjoys talking to people, and knows a lot about the area." Bill said that he enjoys telling stories about Flagler and the beach to people who visit so they may be educated in our local history.

Adds **Shirley Putnam**, FBHM Volunteer Coordinator, "Bill is extremely knowledgeable about the Museum and Flagler history. In addition, he is our Saturday volunteer which is so generous. It really takes a unique individual to give up their weekends on a continuing basis."

Bill is actually a one-man volunteer army as he shares his time with many other organizations besides the Museum. For several years he has been an ambassador for the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce. Working at the office and on-site at events, his volunteering lends chamber employees well-deserved hands of help.

No wonder that early this year the Chamber awarded him a certificate of special recognition for his many years of volunteering. **Meredith Rodriguez** reflects, "Bill attends the majority of events as a chamber volunteer. His attitude is great and the level of commitment as an ambassador is invaluable to the chamber. Without Chamber Ambassadors like Bill, the events would really be hard to keep up with."

The many hats Bill Grady wears include being a tutor in the school system and an active member of Road to Recovery, part of the American Cancer Society, which gives free



rides to patients with cancer who have no transportation to the hospital or their doctor for treatment.

He arrived here on May 15, 1986 freshly retired from 23 years of service to the Chicago Fire Department. He chose this area for the climate and warm weather. "I'm 81 years old. I don't fish or golf. If I didn't do this I'd go nuts!" We at the Museum are happy to keep Bill Grady busy and sane.

~Shelley Chapman

*Bill was recently honored by the Flagler Beach Chamber of Commerce and parts of this article have been reprinted from their newsletter.*

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## Docents Honored at Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon!

Listed below are the dynamic docents who were among those honored with a luncheon at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Day. Museum docents are greeters, hosts, tour guides, and fountains of information about Flagler Beach. It is their time and knowledge that literally open the Museum doors so visitors may enter to take a look back at our past.

Carson & Doris Balbach  
 Angie Black  
 Suzanne Bourne  
 Phyllis Carmel  
 Mary Ann Clark  
 Rob Creal  
 Martha Doughty  
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 Bill Grady  
 Pat Hagberg

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 Shirley Putnam  
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 Ella & Harvey Shriver  
 Catherine Wilson

Many of our special event volunteers were also included at the gathering. (Find them listed in the Winter 2007 newsletter [www.flaglerbeachmuseum.com](http://www.flaglerbeachmuseum.com))

### JOIN THE FUN - YOU CAN HELP!

Join the Gala planning fun or help out as a Museum docent. From as few as 3 hours a month to a few days a week, the time you offer is greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Teri Pruden at (386) 439-6262.

### 2008 OFFICERS

**President:** Catherine Wilson  
**1st Vice President:** Robert R. Creal  
**2nd Vice President:** Shirley Putnam  
**Secretary:** G. Matthew Wilson  
**Treasurer:** Cheri P. Reeves

**City Liaison:** Jane Mealy

**Museum Director:** Teri Pruden

*Board meetings are open to our members and the public. We meet quarterly on second Tuesdays at the Flagler Beach Fire Hall. Call Teri at 439-6262 for directions and to confirm when the next meeting will be.*

### 2008 DIRECTORS

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# Celebrate the Seventies by Hitchin' a Ride to The Disco Ball

**DY--NO--MITE!**



**No  
Streakers  
Allowed!**

## Announcing Gala 2008

# SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 8 !

### Hitchin' A Ride to The Disco Ball

Planning is underway for this year's trip back in time, so start digging through the back of your closets for your 1970s costumes. With a lot of ground to cover in one decade, the Gala Planning Committee is pulling out of all the stops.

The evening's music and entertainment will include the soft sounds of the early seventies, a Bicentennial Celebratory interlude to bid farewell to President Nixon, and a romp through Saturday Night Fever under the flashing glow of the Disco Ball.

To help the committee, reserve tickets, or to share your own memories of the era, call Teri at 439-6262. As always, plenty of surprises are planned.

To read about the past six annual galas with themes from the Roaring Twenties to the Summer of Love, visit [flaglerbeachmuseum.com](http://flaglerbeachmuseum.com). Click on GALAS to view photos of costume winners and to see how the Museum puts the FUN in FUNDRAISING every year.



*Museum founder and President Catherine Wilson learns some history from young visitors Neil & Olivia.*



### Did you know?

July 4th is the 80th Anniversary of the Opening of the Flagler Beach Pier!

For more information click on Flagler Beach Pier under History at [flaglerbeachmuseum.com](http://flaglerbeachmuseum.com) !

# MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS!

Museum members **Steve and Jean Kayworth** have the right attitude about Flagler Beach—community support plus fun! In 2006, the Kayworths bought the **Beach Bazaar**, located directly across South Central Avenue from the Flagler Beach Historical Museum, and they have been avid promoters of our Museum ever since.

When Steve and Jean decided to move to Florida in 2003, they chose our area to settle down in because they both had family locally. Jean loved the refreshingly quaint town, compared to Pittsburgh from where they moved, and she was amazed that such a small area is so rich in history. For Steve, Flagler Beach brings back good childhood memories of the small West Florida town where he grew up.

Steve wants to preserve that “flavor of Old Florida,” and he and his wife, Jean, do so by supporting the Flagler Beach Historical Museum. Steve urges awareness that, as people pass away, we risk losing hope of ever retrieving the stories each individual held. He appreciates our museum capturing these type stories about Flagler Beach and Flagler County and warns that if these stories are not preserved, they will be lost forever.

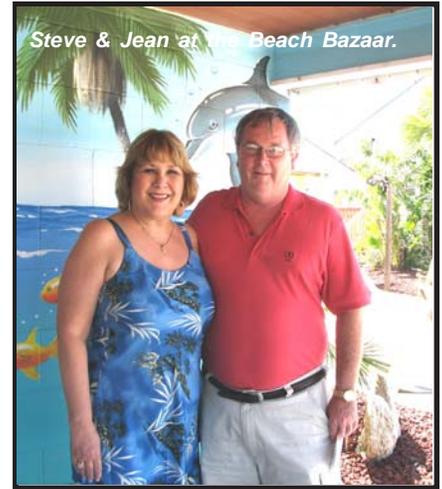
Steve’s passion for history may have been influenced by his history-buff father who has authored a number of historical novels and recently sold movie rights to one. Steve says there are so many things we can spend our money on, and helping to preserve history by supporting the Flagler Beach Historical Museum is definitely a worthwhile cause.

Although the Kayworths refer to their store as the “Beach Bazaar” for short, the full name is the Bizarre Sister’s Beach Bazaar, which refers to former owners of the store, **Rene Worthington** and **Regina Clemons**. When they decided to sell the business, it was their compliment to Jean that she was bizarre enough to be the new owner!

Steve says that Jean’s goal is for everyone who walks in the door to feel welcome and to enjoy themselves. As shoppers peruse the fun-loving boutique, the Kayworths frequently refer newcomers to our Museum across the street. These visitors often stop back by the store after visiting the Museum to thank the couple.

Also as good neighbors, the Kayworths have kept the Flagler Beach Historical Museum’s front door key for the volunteers to use when opening on weekends. Steve and Jean Kayworth are not only the keepers of the key for our Museum, they also hold the figurative key for fun and community support in Flagler Beach.

~**Judiann Rakes**



## Special Thanks To This Year’s Premiere (\$50 plus) Members...



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 \*Hein, Jaii  
 Johnson, Betty  
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 Gannon, Roger & Stacey  
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 Hebb, JoAnne & Len  
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 Mathias, David & Eleanor  
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**\*A very special  
 Welcome to our  
 Newest Museum  
 Members!**

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 Construction

**New!!**

The Museum now offers Premiere Member links from our Website to yours! Call Teri Pruden at 439-6262 for more information.

Members are the foundation of the Flagler Beach Historical Museum. Please continue your support by spreading the word and renewing annually. Give a friend this newsletter -- if they join, we'd like to thank you both -- so stop by with this page and receive gifts of appreciation for your support. Or better yet, make their first year a gift from you by using the application coupon below.

### **LEVELS OF MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP**

- = Individual \$12.00
- = Family \$20
- = Small Business \$24.00

### **LEVELS OF PREMIERE MEMBERSHIP**

- = Patron \$50.00
- = Bronze Member \$100.00
- = Silver Member \$200.00
- = Gold Member \$500.00

### **BENEFITS OF MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP**

- = Free quarterly newsletter
- = Recognition in newsletter
- = Discounts on museum merchandise and special events
- = Advance notice of new displays and upcoming events
- = Free gifts for bringing in new members

### **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR PREMIERE MEMBERS**

- = Recognition in **every** newsletter and on Museum website
- = Museum available for private parties or tours

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### Member Application / Renewal Form

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# The History Corner

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## Mammoths in Flagler County

*Editor's Note: We happily welcome our newest writer: Judiann Rakes. You can also read her interview with members Steve and Jean Kayworth on page 4. This article was inspired by her initial visit to the Museum where our bone display caught her eye and prompted a conversation with Rob Creal.*



Our museum's First Vice President, **Rob Creal**, came home from high school one day in the 1960s and found two excited parents and an ancient, giant tooth. Rob's parents found the huge mastodon tooth while fishing the east side of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Hammock Dunes Bridge.

This started a thrilling hobby for the Creal family. Rob said, "We went to that area regularly with prods and speared into the ground, feeling for hard objects." They'd dig up anything that felt like pay dirt and over time accumu-

lated an impressive collection of relics which have been identified by the University of Florida.

Rob says 25,000 to 100,000 years ago, his parent's fishing spot used to be a pond underlined with thick clay called "gumbo." Heavier animals, like mammoths and mastodons, were attracted to the water yet sometimes became stuck in the clay. Lighter animals, not weighing enough for their feet to reach the clay, would then eat the larger, trapped animals.

**The Creal Family** was kind enough to donate a very generous collection to our Flagler Beach Historical Museum. These gifts were not limited to mastodon teeth; ground sloth bones; and, last but not least, mammoth bones and teeth.

The mammoth remains are evidence of the largest land animal of the last Ice Age that ranged from approximately 100,000 through 10,000 years ago during the Pleistocene epoch. Mammoths common to warmer areas of North America are called Columbian, imperial, and Jefferson's mammoths, categories not yet proven distinct. The most massive, imperial mammoths, reached ten tons and a shoulder height of 14 feet.

It is estimated that one imperial mammoth ate approximately 700 pounds of food daily. Their diet, ascertained via dissection of preserved ball-shaped dung (approaching eight inches in diameter), was primarily grass and low-growing plants.

At the other extreme in size were one-ton dwarf mammoths whose ancestors adapted in size to isolation on islands lacking predators and adequate food sources. A variety of all-ex-

tinct species comprise the mammoth's genus, *Mammuthus*, including the best-known, woolly mammoths, of colder regions.

Woolly mammoth carcasses have been recovered remarkably preserved frozen with skin and hair intact and even with food still in the stomachs and teeth. We've probably all seen photographs of these frozen, shaggy-haired creatures. Our mammoths of Florida had thinner hair, more appropriate for warmer climates.

From illustrations one can see that these animals greatly resemble today's elephant. It's a common misconception that elephants are direct descendants of mammoths when, in fact, the two are more like cousins within the Elephantidae family, and share a distant ancestor. Mammoths gradually became extinct approximately 10,000 years ago. Members of the Elephantidae family have sturdy bodies, long trunks, tusks made of solid dentine, and ridged molar teeth.

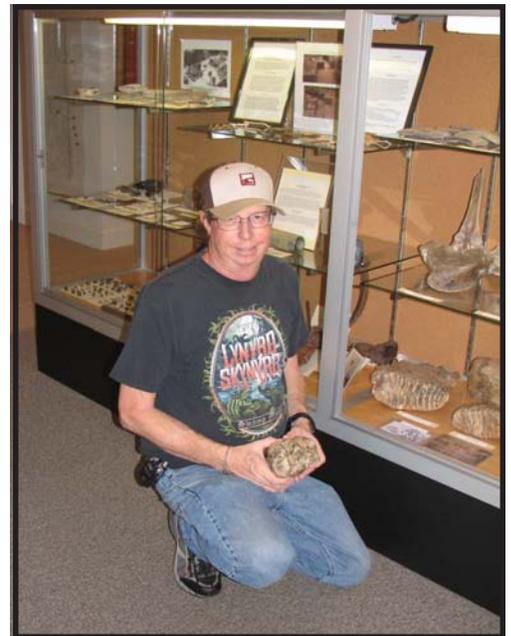
Like elephants, mammoth teeth are flat surfaced, depicting their herbivore diet. As their four flat, ridged teeth became worn, they shifted forward, fell out, and were replaced by increasingly larger teeth emerging from the rear. Some measured a foot, similar to our Museum's estimated 16-pound tooth.

A mammoth could have up to six teeth sets with the last growing in around age 43. After losing the last set, mammoths would die of starvation, usually at sixty years or older. This continuous tooth loss explains why mammoth teeth are such common finds.

Tusks are actually very large teeth, equivalent to other animals' incisors or biting teeth, and mammoths probably used them for defense and tools. The tusks grew throughout life, producing age and health-revealing rings. Columbian mammoth's particularly large tusks measured up to 16 feet 5 inches and exceeded 360 pounds.

Ivory hunters have been collecting mammoth tusks in Siberia for centuries. Mammoth ivory is slightly darker and courser than elephant ivory and is used to make piano keys, jewelry,

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The History Corner?  
Call 517-2025 or e-mail:  
teri@visitmemorylane.com**

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# Thank you TDC & County Commission!

All of us who care so deeply about the Museum owe a sincere "Thank You" to the Tourist Development Council for awarding us an operating grant for the year ahead. Thank you also to the Board of County Commissioners who approved the recommendation that will provide approximately 18% of this year's budget. Without the generous contribution, programs like those listed below would have suffered. We are thrilled to provide a home for Flagler area history for another year.

## Some of the Reasons Why...

Community pride, history, and education go hand-in-hand at the Flagler Beach Historical Museum. Now celebrating our 7th year, the Museum is visited by over two hundred fifty visitors each month. Your membership will help us grow and continue with many exciting projects including:

- \* Expanded Hours of Operation / Quarterly Newsletter
- \* Student Field Trips - Junior Historian Program
- \* Overview of Flagler County History for 4th graders
- \* Oral History Program Training - High School Students
- \* Oral History Program Archive - Videotaping Flagler County Elders
- \* Partnership Program (Other Civic and Historic Organizations)
- \* Family Movie Nights at Wickline & Special Events: Gala Fund-raiser, Annual Birthday Festivities, Holiday at the Beach, Fourth of July Celebration, and more...
- \* Downtown Historic District Identification & Walking Tours
- \* Building On-Line History Research Center

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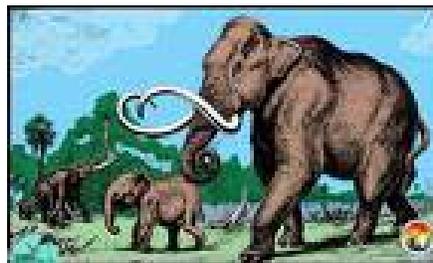
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billiard balls, and figurines. It was so abundant in medieval times that it was exported from Siberia, and it's believed that millions of mammoth tusks and skeletons remain there waiting to be found.

Although mammoths had high, domelike skulls, fat mounds on their backs, and ears smaller than elephants, their biological closeness to elephants leads scientists to believe the species behaved similarly. It is likely they communicated like elephants: through body movements and rumbling sounds. Females stayed with the herd their entire lives and males left the herd around ten years of age.

Young males tended to wander alone or in small inexperienced groups and sometimes got into trouble. The largest discovered accumulation of mammoth fossils—in South Dakota—consists of almost all young (between ages 11 and 29) male remains. A large sinkhole flaunting vegetation at its hot spring bed enticed and trapped hungry young males during food-scarce winters. Do these adventurous young males bring some human youth you know to mind?

We humans lived a period of time while mammoths existed. Cave art in Europe and the Ural Mountain region feature mammoths, and a few are pictured in the western United States. Rouffignac Cave in France wonderfully displays two long lines of parading mammoths with the leaders meeting head to head.



Excluding horses, mammoths are the most frequently pictured animal in prehistoric art.

Primitive humans used mammoth tusks and bones as tools, furniture, art, jewelry, and building material. Tools found alongside mammoth fossils indicate North American humans hunted and ate mammoths.

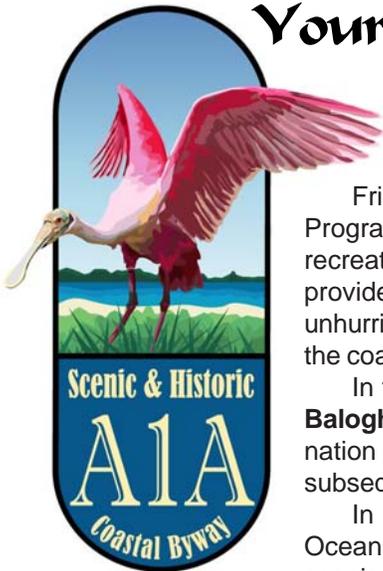
This hunting contributes to the mystery of the once plentiful *Mammuthus*' extinction. Some scientists think climate change, including flooding, vegetation changes, and possibly disease, was the primary cause. Others blame hunting since their North American disappearance occurred shortly after human arrival on the continent.

Regardless of how we lost them, when these huge trunked beasts walked Earth, our ancestors were their neighbors. Between prehistoric art, archaeological evidence, fossil remains, and elephants, we know more about mammoths than any other extinct Ice Age mammal. Thanks to Rob Creal and his family, visitors to the Flagler Beach Historical Museum can view some of the evidence first hand!

*~Judianne Rakes*

Additional resources:

1. Britannica Micropedia Ready Reference, copyright 2007, volume 7, pg 753
2. [When Mammoths Walked the Earth](#) by Caroline Arnold, copyright 2002, pub: Clarion Books, New York.



# Your Museum's Partner in Preserving History: Friends of A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway

Friends of A1A is a volunteer organization funded primarily through the National Scenic Byways Program. The mission is to protect, promote, and enhance the outstanding scenic, historic, natural, recreational and cultural resources of the A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway in a manner that provides a unique experience for visitors, and maintains for the communities along the byway an unhurried lifestyle and ambiance of "Old Florida." The A1A Byway stretches 72 miles along the coastal corridor in St. Johns and Flagler Counties.

In 1990 **Jim Darby**, then City of Flagler Beach Mayor began discussions with **Garry Balogh**, Florida Department of Transportation Environmentalist on scenic highway designation possibilities for A1A along Ocean Shore Boulevard. The City embraced the concept as did subsequently the County.



In 1997 **Charlie Helm** led a citizen's corridor advocacy group (CAG), known as Ocean Shore Scenic A1A, through concepts, designs and development plans for the scenic highway. These volunteers succeeded in achieving the Florida State Scenic Highway designation for Flagler Beach and Beverly Beach along A1A on June 6, 2001.



**Anne Wilson**, in the Hammock, concurrently led the Scenic PRIDE A1A CAG to designation as a Florida Scenic Highway on June 7, 2001. The PRIDE group oversees the segment of the highway where the River to Sea Preserve is located and the greenway parks from north of Beverly Beach to the St. Johns/Flagler County line.

In April 2002, St. Johns County joined Flagler County in their quest for the National Scenic Byway designation making the new Byway 72 miles in length. This status was awarded to the A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway on June 13, 2002, and dedicated November 4, 2006.



Friends of A1A Scenic and Historic Coastal Byway, Inc. volunteers advocate for improvements through local governments, perform community outreach and complete special projects such as scenic beautification. The scenic highway groups continue to focus on local issues of greatest concern to their sectors while the Friends of A1A focuses on the holistic Byway as one in the collection of 126 America's Byways and one of three such Byways in the State of Florida.

**Major Accomplishments** - Received over \$2.5 million in federal grant funds and have: [www.scenic1a.org](http://www.scenic1a.org)

- § Improved parks with picnic areas, trails, fishing piers, dune crossovers, and parking
- § Provided interpretive plans for the byway telling the "story" of what is special and unique about the corridor
- § Created a website for informing the traveler of history and events of interest along the corridor
- § Developed a full-color brochure for the byway with a map, points of interest, and info about these natural treasures

### How You Can Help - Get involved:

- § Volunteer to help in grant writing, organizing special events, and representing the byway at community events
- § Join the Board to lead progress and advocate for preservation and improvement by partnering with local government
- § Contribute financially – individuals, groups, and corporations are invited to become a charter member of the: "Crew of 72" – one member for each mile of the corridor!

For information: Contact **Sallie O'Hara**, Byway Program Administrator – 904-540-0402 or **Bernie Gay**, Volunteer Coordinator 904-425-8055

## ~~~~ Our Thanks to Other Partners in Preserving History ~~~~~

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- Flagler County Public Library**
- Florida Agricultural Museum**
- Tourist Development Council**