Celebrating Bunnell’s Centennial

In honor of their 100th birthday, the City of Bunnell is planning a potpourri of events -- like January’s cool Scavenger Hunt -- throughout the coming year. Next up is their Centennial Beautification Day from 9am to 1pm on April 20th at their historic Coquina City Hall. See Bunnell flourish with new plants, benches, a fire hydrant decorating contest, and the cleanup blast topped off with a community cookout. For more information, contact the Centennial Committee at 386-437-7425, or visit the City of Bunnell’s page on Facebook.

In this issue, pages 6-7 feature two of the eight page 100-year-old inaugural edition of “The Bunnell Home Builder.” Published in December 1912, it is probably the area’s first marketing publication! Visit the Museum to read more of these fascinating issues. At the same time, peruse our display of photos depicting the early days of Bunnell and St. Johns Park.
Ismaeel Orabi (photo below) is a senior high school student from San Diego who proved a great asset to the museum staffers last summer. The math and science fan, who enjoys classes that challenge him, wanted to do more than just laze around on his summer vacation, so he decided to research nearby places in need of volunteer work, and he found the Flagler Beach Historical Museum.

He quickly filled out an application and in a flash he was trained and busy devoting his youthful energy to various projects. Utilizing his impressive organizational and computer skills, Ismaeel created and logged various spreadsheets like the Visitor Count by Day and the Visitor Count by Zip Code registers; he reverse categorized ten years of newsletters, then indexed and inventoried the gift shop items.

Ismaeel believes he made the right decision to spend time contributing to Flagler Beach’s museum, “I greatly enjoy the vibe and ambiance presented when you walk into the museum. It’s a great mood that’s set by both the volunteers and neatly kept exhibits.”

When asked what he was doing so far from his home on the west coast, Ismaeel’s sly wit emerged as he joked about seeking refuge from arrest warrants, but the truth is he spent last summer visiting family in Florida. Ismaeel greatly encourages everyone to volunteer, “There are certain things in life which one can only achieve through doing, and this is one of them. Furthermore it’s a greatly needed contribution to a great museum which provides the community with priceless information.”

Museum Director Teri Pruden agrees that Ismaeel’s contributions were greatly needed. “Often when students still in high school volunteer, they lack the maturity to stick with projects, or to focus on the organization’s bigger picture. Not so with Ismaeel. There was no project too big or too small for him. And he handled each exactly as I hoped -- without requiring constant supervision. He was polite, mature, and deferential to his co-workers as well as to our visitors.”

Teri also was impressed with his generosity of time. “We have projects that are not urgent, but as I like to say, ‘they sit there taunting us to get them done!’” Ismaeel repeatedly offered to work extra days and from home as well. At one point, I sort of worried that we might run out of things for him to do! What a great problem to have.”

A Note From the Director... After this article was complete, (written by another of our favorite student volunteers, Nylah Rampersad, photo above right), Ismaeel was back in San Diego at school, but he took time to email an offer to upgrade the Museum’s website if time permits. We look forward to hearing of all his future successes – of which we are confident there will be many.
Below and at right are the artist renditions of the Museum’s unique keepsake tapestries featuring historic landmarks of Flagler Beach. The fringed washable cotton throws are light enough for the beach, warm enough for winter, and charming enough to decorate your furniture or walls. Great gift for yourself or others! Purchase with check or cash at the Museum 10am-4pm seven days a week.

“Landmarks of Flagler Beach” is a full size tapestry perfect for snuggling under on cold winter evenings or stretching out on for a day at the beach. It is just $40.00 for members and $45.00 for non-members. (At right.)

“Flagler Pier through the Years” below is a smaller, lighter, mini-throw perfect for laps, chairs or kids. It is just $30.00 for Museum members and $35.00 for non-members and features 3 memorable Flagler Pier buildings from 1925 to today.

...You can also gift shop early for your 2013 birthdays and special occasions. See our Parachuting Santa holiday greeting cards, Flagler Pier bottle stoppers, ornaments, and magnets, plus a great assortment of books and gift memberships.
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Meet Your Fellow Members: Flagler County Corvette Club: Cruisin’ Toward Columbus Day!

The Flagler County Corvette Club’s popular annual show is tentatively on the docket for Columbus Day Weekend in 2013. It has been held in almost every month of the fall and even in December. We don’t care when it is -- as long as they keep coming! The event feels like a reunion between club members like Sue & Greg Norton and long-time volunteers like Linda Jones. We also owe the Corvette Club a big thank you for their community spirit, evidenced in the picture at right as Museum Founder and President Catherine Wilson happily received a $250 donation from Corvette Club President Paul Kachura. Stay tuned here for more info on the 2013 event coordinated this year by Mark Slack.

We’d like to feature you here! Call 439-6262 or e-mail: info@flaglerbeachmuseum.com
The Truth About Florida

The Bunnell Home Builder
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Scene at Bunnell Barbecue, November 8th, Thos. A. Verdenius Addressing Colonists from Auto—See Page 3

THE EDITOR'S PERSONAL PAGE

For some time there has been felt the need of a regular monthly publication, to be sent to all Bunnell-Dupont Colony land owners, and others who are interested in securing homes in the Sunny Southland. The BUNNELL HOME BUILDER has been the result, and it goes to you—in this it's first issue—with a message of good cheer. It goes with the hope and belief that it will receive a welcome from you, and that you will find every word in its pages of vital interest to you.

We expect to publish the HOME BUILDER during the coming winter months, and should it meet with the favor we predict for it, it will undoubtedly be enlarged and continued indefinitely. "THE TRUTH ABOUT FLORIDA" is our motto. You are seeking the truth about this much talked of state, you are anxious to hear what is going on in the BUNNELL-DUPONT colony, what your future neighbors, who are already located there, are doing, and what others think of Bunnell. It is just such information as this we propose to give you from month to month in the columns of the HOME BUILDER.

And doesn't the name of our little paper appeal to you? The "HOME BUILDER." The highest institution of our land is the home, be it a palace or the most humble cottage. The possession of a home is the dream and aspiration of practically every man and woman. We want to tell you how you may obtain a home in Florida, or we want to help you plan for the most successful development of the home you already have there.

The folks who are buying land in the Bunnell-Dupont colony are not speculators. They are earnest men and women who are seeking permanent homes for themselves and their children, and they are wise enough to see the future of our colony, and to appreciate the advantages to be found in our part of the State.

To make the HOME BUILDER a success we wish it to be, we must ask the cooperation of each one of our land owners. Keep in mind that this is your paper, and we shall count on you to write us occasional letters, and to give us suggestions as to what you think would be helpful to our people.

There is going to be a QUESTION BOX in the HOME BUILDER, beginning with the next issue. If you have any questions you wish answered regarding the colony—its soil, climate, crops, etc., etc., send them to the Editor of the HOME BUILDER at once, and they will be answered to the best of his ability in the following issue. If he is unable to answer your questions, he will refer them to other heads. Make these questions as short and concise as possible, as we cannot give too much space to the Question Box.

Let us have a "heart to heart" corner in this little magazine, and won't you land owners and interested friends write us short letters for publication? If you have been to the colony, tell us what you thought of it. Write us of your plans and aspirations for the future. You can help each other in this way, and what, after all, is the Bunnell-Dupont Colony, but one large family, all working toward the same end, the making of homes?

We shall hope to have an occasional letter from Mr. J. L. Moody, President of the Bunnell Development Company. We will ask Mr. Moody to tell us of developments in the colony, of the new roads being built, public buildings being erected, etc. As Mr. Moody is a resident of Bunnell, and in close touch with every feature of its progress, all of his information will be first-hand.

You will find a portion of the paper devoted to local happenings in and around Bunnell and Dupont. You will learn of the new arrivals in the colony, of the crops being raised, and many little things pertaining to the social life of our people.

The Editor will also endeavor to give you from month to month some general information of interest to all Florida land owners. He will write you of his own experiences in the State, and give you the opinions of men of authority on various subjects.

In this issue you will find a most interesting letter from Mr. Thomas A. Verdenius, General Manager of the Bunnell Development Company, which gives you the very latest and most up-to-date news of the colony. Mr. Verdenius has just returned from an extended trip through Florida, and a delightful visit to Bunnell. The pictures found in this issue were taken by him while there.

The Editor hopes to have a number of letters before the next issue of the HOME BUILDER. Tell him what you think of the paper, and ask any questions you wish to have answered.

Address all communications to

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Bunnell is to have a barrel factory, and in time to supply the farmers for their next crop of Irish potatoes.

R. P. Kelly of Canada arrived last week and inspected his farm in the Bunnell tract. Mr. Kelly was delighted with conditions as he found them here, and will begin to improve his farm as soon as possible.

Some fine hunting is being had near Bunnell on the canal, and yesterday two bears were brought in and shipped to Jacksonville.

Mr. G. C. Taylor of Colomdo arrived a few days ago for the purpose of inspecting his farm near Bunnell, and he expects to begin improving it soon.

The Bunnell public school opened November 4th with Mr. J. H. Barnes as principal. Miss Irene Botts is the assistant, and the school has an enrollment of about 60 pupils at the present time.

Sweet potatoes are being hauled to Bunnell every day by the wagon load and shipped to the northern markets.

Thanks for Thanksgiving. Do your duty and make somebody feel good.

Hon. I. I. Moody is spending this week in south Florida, combining pleasure with business.

Mr. Robert White and wife of Lucas, Kansas, are here. Mr. White has purchased the Howe property on Church street, where they will make their future home.

One trip to “Mack’s Place” will convince you. There you will find beans, cabbage, radishes, tomatoes, lettuce, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, pineapples, strawberries and frying-size chickens growing to perfection.

This part of the country is being filled up with sleek, high-headed mules and rod wagons. What meaneth this?

Long-haired Riflemen of Jacksonville and St. Augustine have been in camp a few miles east of Bunnell. They succeeded in killing a few hares, squirrels, turkeys and quail.

Everybody is busy clearing land. Keeps a fellow dodging stumps that are being blown out with dynamite. When you hear the report, look out for the flying debris.

Hotel Bunnell has become inadequate to accommodate its patronage. It will be enlarged and improved at once.

Mr. G. C. Coleman, who has recently purchased valuable property here in the way of mill equipments, seems to understand his business. We predict for him success.

Maj. J. Frank Lambert made a trip to Jacksonville on important business.

Miss Ann Bardin spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Doc Dean at Dinner Island, returning Sunday evening.

W. H. Gray, whose home is in the southern part of the colony, was in town one day this week, and was loud in his praise of that section.

Mr. G. W. Durvanse, located in the northeast part of the colony, brought us in a mighty fine specimen of ribbon cane and sweet potatoes. We hope you will come again, Mr. Durvanse.

Messrs. Cheney & Gibson of Charlotte, N. C., have rented the Bergston place, two miles northwest of town. They stopped off here through curiosity, and found it too good a place to leave.

Concrete sidewalks are being laid on Second street. Residences are proposed in the same section.

There is preaching at the First Methodist church each Sunday morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday afternoon at 3 o’clock.

Mr. L. B. Knox of the Knox Orange Grove, was a visitor here one day this week. Always glad to see him. Mr. Knox enjoys the confidence of his fellows and has the good of the country at heart.

Twenty-eight workmen are in camp about four miles east of town, and are busy building good public roads through this section. Let the good work go on.

A Flagler County history book and DVD series are in the works! If you have stories or photos to share, or know someone who does, please contact Teri at 386-439-6262 or via email: teri@visitmemorylane.com

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