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The Florida Historical Society was born in St. Augustine, but came of age in Gainesville.

Our organization was founded in 1856 in our nation's oldest continuously occupied European settlement. A century later, between 1951 and 1962, we were

based at the University of Florida under the leadership of Rembert Patrick, Samuel Proctor, Jack Doherty, and other members of the history, social science, and political science departments. Even after FHS moved to the University of South Florida, our *Florida Historical Quarterly* remained in Gainesville until 1995, where it became the well-respected academic journal that it is today.

We are very pleased to be presenting our first "in-person" Public History Forum together with the 33rd Annual Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Conference. Rawlings was an active FHS Member, giving the presentation "Use of Florida Materials by Creative Writers" at our 1938 Annual Meeting. The personally inscribed copies of her books *Golden Apples*, *South Moon Under*, and *The Yearling* that she gave to the Florida Historical Society are archived at our Library of Florida History in Cocoa.

Our last FHS conference in Gainesville was in 2003. We're excited to be back in our old hometown with a full schedule of outstanding panel discussions, stimulating tours, and engaging activities. This will be a memorable event! Welcome!

Dr. Ben Brotemarkle
Executive Director
Florida Historical Society



On behalf of our Florida Historical Society Board, I am honored to welcome all of you to our 2022 Public History Forum in conjunction with the 33rd Annual Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Conference. Our Executive Director, Ben Brotemarkle, and

his staff have done a wonderful job over the past two years crafting highly effective online conferences. This year it is especially exciting for all of us to meet, once again, in-person as we examine, explore, question, and celebrate what the French explorer Jean Ribaut called this "incomparable land," which he describes as "the fairest, frutefullest and pleasantest of all the world" in the most hypnotically lyrical account of all the first encounters between Europeans and the New World.

In a state with the oldest and arguably richest literary tradition in the United States—Ribaut wrote *The Whole and True Discoverye of Terra Florida in 1563*, the year before William Shakespeare was born—it is fitting that we hold this Forum with the Rawlings Society as our partners. Their namesake, a writer as gifted, complicated, and compelling as Florida itself, is an essential part of that tradition. Her work shows clearly not only how closely related history and literature are but also how much our fields' DNAs overlap.

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Maurice "Sucky" O'Sullivan
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Welcome!

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings is the soul of Florida literature—and beloved for capturing an important part of Florida history before it vanished. Most known for the Pulitzer Prize winning novel from 1938, *The Yearling*, Rawlings showed a deep appreciation for the role that real history plays in good fiction.

At the Florida Historical Society meeting in 1945, Rawlings seconded the resolution by her attorney Philip May that “the University of Florida . . . establish and offer a course in Florida history to the students of the University of Florida.” This was the origin of Dr. Samuel Proctor’s popular Florida history classes, that continue to this day with the work of Steve Noll and Paul Ortiz, who will be presenting at this conference.

The donation of Marjorie’s papers in 1950 was the foundation of the outstanding University of Florida literary archive that now includes the papers of Zora Neale Hurston, Stetson Kennedy, Lillian Smith, and many others. Literary scholars and casual readers alike find treasures and insights in these collections.

Like the Florida Historical Society, the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society has become a venerable institution of the state’s history and culture since its founding in 1987 by Phil May, Jr., the son of Marjorie’s lawyer in the famous *Cross Creek* trial. The trial, which began right here in Alachua County, established legal precedent about truth telling in literature.

Today the Rawlings Society publishes *The Journal of Florida Literature*, holds annual conferences at significant places around Florida, promotes the Rawlings legacy by working to preserve her manuscripts, her homes, and highlights the places and characters that appear in her writings.

We welcome this opportunity—after a two-year Covid hiatus—to collaborate with the Florida Historical Society on this 2022 conference here in Gainesville, and here at the University of Florida, where Rawlings taught creative writing, and shaped her legacy.

Here’s wishing us all a grand Florida experience.



Darien Andreu
President

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society



Florence M. Turcotte
Executive Director

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

6:00 pm

Dogwood Room

FHS Board of Director's Meeting: (Private event)

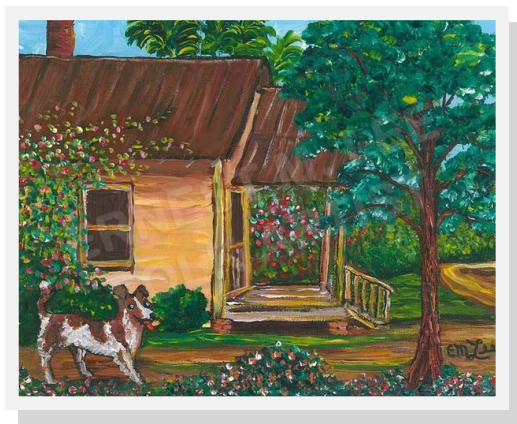
Live Oak Room

MKR Society Board of Trustees Meeting: (Private event)



**PLEASE BE SURE TO VISIT THE
VENDORS AND EXHIBITORS IN THE PRE-CONFERENCE AREA**

- Florida Historical Society Bookstore/Author Signing Area
- Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Silent Auction
- University Press of Florida
- Gloria Lee with work by the late artist Ernest Lee
- Samuel Proctor Oral History Program Listening Station



Silent Auction



Thursday, May 19, 2022

8:00 am - 1:00 pm **Registration, Books & Exhibits Open**
Pre-conference

8:00 am - 9:00 am **Coffee and Conversation**
Pre-conference Lite breakfast bites

9:00 am - 9:30 am **Welcome**
Ballroom B/C

Ben Brotemarkle
FHS Executive Director

Flo Turcotte
MKR Society Executive Director

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Darien Andreu
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Honorable Lauren Poe
Mayor of Gainesville

9:30 am - 10:15 am **Opening Presentation**
Ballroom B/C **"A Brief History of Alachua County, Including the Origins of Cross Creek"**
Peggy Macdonald, Public Historian

10:15 am - 10:30 am **Break**
Pre-conference

10:30 am - 11:30am **Panel Discussion**
Ballroom B/C **"Marge and Julia: The Correspondence Between Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Julia Scribner Bigham"**
Florence M. Turcotte, Facilitator/Participant
Literary Manuscripts Archivist, George A. Smathers Libraries
Brent E. Kinser, Participant
Professor of English, Western Carolina University
Rodger L. Tarr, Participant
Distinguished Professor of English, Emeritus, Illinois State University

11:30 am - 11:45 am **Break**
Pre-conference

Thursday, May 19, 2022

- 11:45 am - 12:45 pm** Presentation/Discussion
Ballroom B/C
“Ditch of Dreams: The Cross Florida Barge Canal and the Struggle for Florida’s Future”
Steven Noll, Presenter
Associate Professor of History, University of Florida
David Tegeger, Presenter
Associate Professor of History & Department Chair, Santa Fe College
- 12:45 pm - 1:00 pm** **Break**
- 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm** **FHS Awards Luncheon**
Ballroom A Annual Society recognition and awards presentation
Attendance by advance reservation only
- 2:15 pm - 2:30 pm** **Break**
- 2:30 pm** **Candies Luxury Motorcoach departs from Hilton Entrance**
3:00 pm **Motorcoach arrives at State Park**
- 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm** **Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park**
90 minutes on site



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park website



About Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park

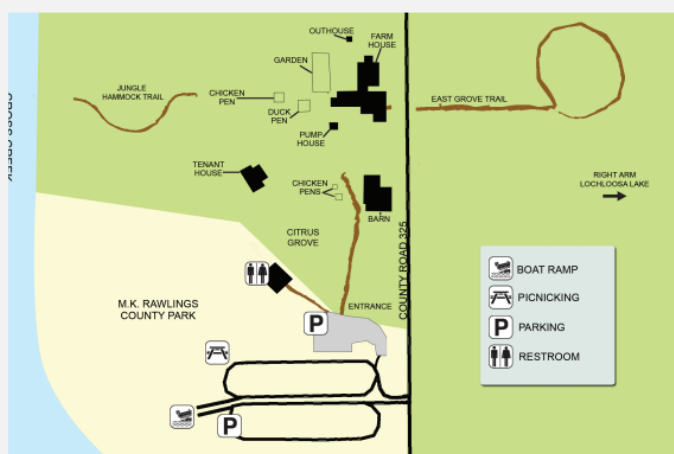


The Rawlings park is preserved in memory of the times, life and work of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. She came to rural Cross Creek in 1928 to find a home closer to the land and a place to write. "I do not know how any one can live without some small place of enchantment to turn to," she later wrote in "Cross Creek." She found a place for herself on her small Florida farmstead and orange grove, and in the nearby wilderness bordered by lakes and connected by a small creek. Her experiences were woven into the classic stories that continue to inspire others to live in harmony with the land. Rawlings' historic Cracker farmhouse has her original furnishings and is preserved and interpreted by the staff, clad in 1930s clothing.

Near the house are ornamental plants of the varieties Rawlings cultivated and a seasonal kitchen garden with herbs, flowers and vegetables. A grove of orange, grapefruit and tangerine trees surrounds the house. At the edge of the farm yard is the tenant house, a reminder of the many who worked the land and whose stories she told. In the magic of the grove, Rawlings found her greatest pleasure: "Enchantment lies in different things for each of us. For me, it is this: to step out the bright sunlight into the shade of the orange trees; to walk under the arched canopy of their jade-like leaves; to see the long aisles of lichened trunks stretch ahead in a geometric rhythm; to feel the mystery of a seclusion that yet has shafts of light striking through it. This is the essence of an ancient and secret magic."



From her earliest years at Cross Creek, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings came to understand both the importance of the land and of the people who helped sustain it. In "The Yearling" and "South Moon Under" (among other books), the lives of the Cracker folk she met near home and in the Ocala scrub are told. "Cross Creek," among other works, tells more about her contact with Black Americans, including Martha Mickens and Idella Parker. The land was tremendously important to Rawlings. She concludes, "Cross Creek belongs to the wind and the rain, to the sun and the seasons, to the cosmic secrecy of seed, and beyond all, to time."



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Thursday, May 19, 2022

4:30 pm

Motorcoach departs from State Park

5:00 pm

Motorcoach arrives George A. Smathers Library

5:00–7:00 pm

George A. Smathers Library Archive Visit and Reception

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, and soft drinks hosted by

James G. Cusick, Curator, P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida
and**Florence M. Turcotte**, Literary Manuscripts Archivist, University of Florida

With welcome from

Judith C. Russell, Dean of University Libraries, University of Florida

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The libraries of the University of Florida form the largest academic information resource system in the state of Florida and serve every college and center in the university, including the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) and the Health Science Center. UF's libraries consist of seven libraries; six of which comprise the George A. Smathers Libraries. The Smathers Libraries actively collaborate with the Legal Information Center, which is a part of the Levin College of Law.

The Smathers Libraries include the following:

- Architecture and Fine Arts Library
- Education Library
- Health Science Center Libraries (UF campus and Borland Library in Jacksonville)
- Library West (Humanities and Social Sciences)
- Marston Science Library
- Smathers Library (Special and Area Studies Collections, Latin American and Caribbean Collection, Map and Imagery Library and Price Library of Judaica rare and semi-rare materials)

The Smathers Libraries have a large and diverse IT footprint, including 485 publicly accessible computers, numerous specialized scanners, 3D printers and other equipment, iPads are available for check-out.

Thursday, May 19, 2022

7:00 pm **Motorcoach departs Smathers Library**
7:30 pm **Motorcoach arrives Hippodrome State Theatre**

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm **Hippodrome State Theatre**
(cash bar available)
Screening of the Opera Orlando production of the new Stella Sung,
Mark Campbell one-act opera
"The Secret River" based on a short story by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
Post-screening Q&A with Opera Orlando's Gabriel Preisser, and com-
poser Stella Sung

9:00 pm **Motorcoach departs Hippodrome Theatre**
9:30 pm **Motorcoach arrives back at Hilton Conference Center**



The Hippodrome was founded in 1972 by six artists (Bruce Cornwell, Gregory Hausch, Mary Hausch, Kerry (McKinney) Oliver-Smith, Marilyn Wall and Orin Wechsberg) with the goal of presenting the best in challenging, contemporary theatre. By its official founding date of April 18, 1973, the Hippodrome had acquired a name, established a home in a converted hardware/convenience store and selected a season of plays and theatre classes for children.

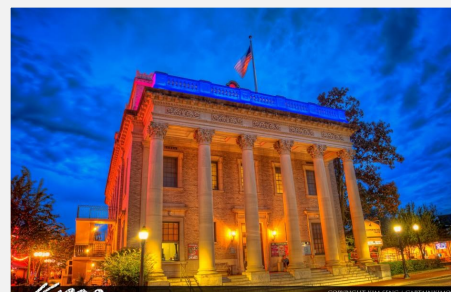
The theatre's quality and support grew over the next two years and in 1975 the Hippodrome moved to a larger space, an empty warehouse that served as the theatre's home for the next five years.

In 1979 the Hippodrome moved into Gainesville's most prominent building, the historic Federal Building, listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and located in the heart of downtown Gainesville. The Hippodrome, with support from the community, the State of Florida and a \$150,000 Challenge Grant from the NEA, raised nearly \$2 million dollars to restore this magnificent building and convert it into its present facility: a 276 seat, thrust-stage theatre with rehearsal space and a scene shop, an 75-seat cinema, an art gallery, bar, box office and administrative offices.

The new theatre opened its doors in early 1980, and in 1981 the Hippodrome was designated a State Theatre of Florida. The theatre enjoys recognition as one of the leading regional theaters in the country, staging mainstage productions for more than 60,000 people annually.

The Hippodrome's history and vitality are built on its artistic achievement. The theatre has produced more than one hundred world, American and Southeastern premieres in its history. Acclaimed playwrights such as Tennessee Williams, Eric Bentley, Paula Vogel, Lee Breuer, Adrian Mitchell and Mario Vargas Llosa have developed new works on the Hippodrome stage.

Scan to visit the
Hippodrome website



FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022**8:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Pre-conference

Registration, Books & Exhibits Open**8:00 am - 8:45 am**

Pre-conference

Coffee and Conversation

Lite breakfast bites

8:45 am - 9:00 am

Ballroom B/C

Recognition of Emancipation Day in Florida

Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, FHS Board Members

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Ballroom B/C

Panel Discussion

“Oral History, Genealogy, and Researching Underrepresented Populations”**Paul Ortiz**, Facilitator/Participant

Director, Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, University of Florida

Alonzo Felder, Participant

CEO and Founder, My Roots Foundation

Connie Lester, Participant

Director, RICHES Digital Archiving Project, University of Central Florida

10:00 am - 10:15 am**Break****10:15 am - 11:15 am**

Ballroom B/C

Panel Discussion

“Florida Literature: Historical Perspectives in Fiction and Non-Fiction”**Holly Baker**, Facilitator

Public History Coordinator and Archivist, Florida Historical Society

Maurice J. O’Sullivan, Participant

Professor Emeritus of Literature, Rollins College

James Michael Denham, Participant

Professor of History and Director of the Lawton M. Chiles Jr. Center for Florida History, Florida Southern College

Keith Huneycutt, Participant

Professor of English, Florida Southern College

11:15 am - 11:30 am**Break**

Friday, May 20, 2022

11:30 am –12:30 pm
Ballroom B/C

Panel Discussion:

**“Public History, Historic Preservation, and Building for the Future:
The Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community (P.E.C.)
and the Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts and Humanities”**

Ben Brotemarkle, Facilitator

Executive Director, Florida Historical Society

N. Y. Nathiri, Participant

Executive Director of P.E.C. and the ZORA! Festival

Vivian Geary, Participant

Senior Event Manager, Universal Orlando Resort

Trent Tomengo, Participant

Professor of Humanities, Seminole State College

12:30 pm –1:30 pm

Lunch on your own

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Candies Luxury Motorcoach running in a loop from the Hilton to
Harn Museum of Art: “Florida Impressions: Gift of Samuel H. and
Roberta T. Vickers” and the
Florida Museum of Natural History



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6:00 pm –7:00 pm
Pre-conference

**Pre-Banquet Reception with live music from
Little Jake and the Soul Searchers (cash bar)**

700 pm - 9:00 pm
Ballroom A

Banquet Dinner with Keynote speaker
Attendance by advance reservation only
Note: MKR Society Silent Auction bidding ends following the Banquet

JILLIAN PRESCOTT MEMORIAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ann McCutchan

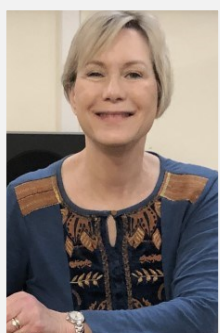


Ann McCutchan is the author of six books of memoir, essay, and biography. Her newest book, *The Life She Wished to Live: A Biography of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Author of The Yearling*, was released by W.W. Norton in May, 2021, garnering exceptional reviews in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and other publications.

Ann began professional life as a clarinetist, often collaborating with composers and other artists on new, experimental works. A random job as a music critic kickstarted a calling to write. She holds music performance degrees from Florida State University and the University of Michigan, followed by an MFA in creative writing from the University of Houston, and a post-doc in the Knight Writing Program at Cornell. From 2001-2005, she taught in UW's Music and English departments, and was the founding director of UW's MFA in Creative Writing program. From 2005-2014 she taught creative writing the University of North Texas, receiving the Kesterson Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching, and serving as Editor-in-Chief of *American Literary Review*. Since 2015, Ann has been a full-time writer of books and music libretti. She has been awarded fellowships and residencies from the Rockefeller Foundation, the MacDowell Colony, the Ucross Foundation, the Jentel Foundation, and others. Ann lives in Laramie and enjoys hiking with her brilliant Australian Shepherd, Cora.

2022 George Leland "Speedy" Harrell Volunteer of the Year Award

Julie Wilkinson



Julie Wilkinson is a dedicated and hard-working volunteer at the Library of Florida History in Cocoa. While her primary focus is on cataloging books and entering information into Past Perfect, she also helps to create finding aids for our archival collections, and organizes material in the Library. Julie is always willing to help out at festivals and other educational outreach events. Julie has created art from old books which we sell in our gift shop. She has created an exhibit about tree snails and, with her husband, reupholstered our Library chairs! She is author of the FHS Press book *Don't Tell: The Secrets of Pinehurst Seminary*.

2022 Dorothy Dodd Outstanding Archivist Award

Florence M. Turcotte



Flo Turcotte is responsible for safeguarding, and sharing with researchers, some of the most sacred texts in Florida literature. She protects for future generations, documents such as the cigarette burned and hand corrected first draft of *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. She can pull from the archives letters from Zora Neale Hurston that describe her efforts to write a retelling of *Herod the Great*. She can help you to peruse the private papers of Florida mystery writer John D. MacDonald. Flo is Literary

Manuscripts Archivist in the Department of Special and Area Studies Collections at the University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries. She is also African American Special Collections Archivist at the University of Florida. This year she co-edited the book *Marge and Julia: The Correspondence Between Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Julia Scribner Bigham* with Brent E. Kinser and Rodger L. Tarr.

2022 Caroline P. Rossetter Award for Outstanding Woman in Florida History

Sandra Parks



The fact that Sandra Parks was married to the larger-than-life author and activist Stetson Kennedy sometimes overshadows her own remarkable legacy. Since his death in 2011, Sandra has continued to promote and protect Stetson's memory as Chair of the Stetson Kennedy Foundation, frequently giving presentations about his work. Sandra is an author herself, co-writing books to help teachers foster critical thinking skills in their students. She is an educator, curriculum specialist, and community

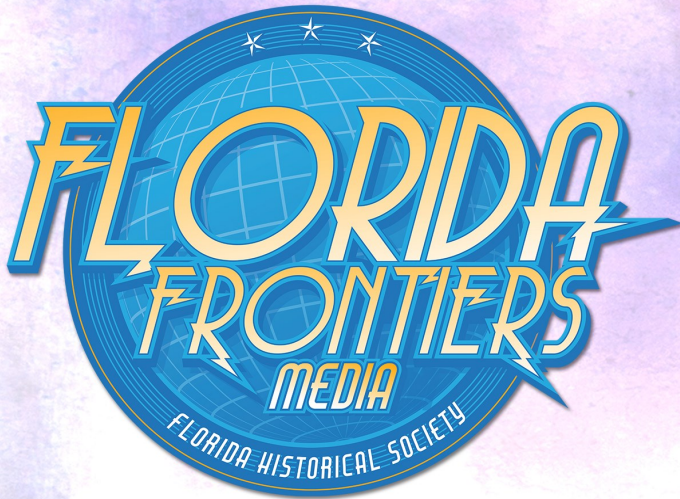
activist. From 1983 to 1987, she served on the St. Augustine City Commission. Until last year, Sandra was the owner of Anastasia Books, one of those great overstocked places where you could find a rare book on Florida history buried on the back of a shelf. She was a founder of the Florida Heritage Book Festival in St. Augustine, and has served on the Florida Historical Society Board of Directors for many years.

Michael V. Gannon Lifetime Achievement Award**James G. Cusick**

Jim Cusick is Curator of the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History at the University of Florida. He is Past-President of the Florida Historical Society, and for many years was the organizing force behind presentations at the FHS Annual Meeting and Symposium. He has also served on the boards of the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, the Seminole Wars Historic Foundation, and the St. Augustine Archaeological Association. He also works with the Florida Humanities Council to introduce students and teachers throughout the state to Florida's Colonial history, and has served as a judge for the Florida Book Awards. Jim is author of the book *The Other War of 1812: The Patriot War and the American Invasion of Spanish East Florida*, and co-editor with Sherry Johnson of the books *The Voyages of Ponce de León: Scholarly Perspectives*, and *Andrew Jackson in Florida, 1814-1821: Forging His Legacy*.

2022 Marinus Latour Presidential Citation**Kevin McCarthy**

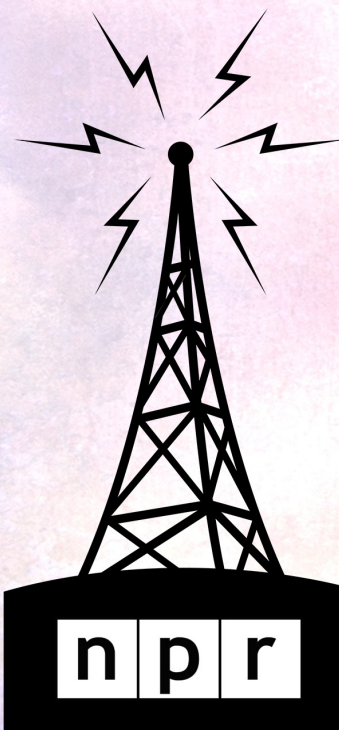
Kevin McCarthy served as Executive Director of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society for eighteen years, from 1987 to 2005. He produced the Society's quarterly newsletter and planned its annual meeting. Kevin taught in the Peace Corps in Turkey, and was a Fulbright Professor in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia. For a month each summer, Kevin gives lectures on cruise ships, sailing around Europe with his wife. He taught in the University of Florida Department of English from 1969 to 2005. Kevin has published 35 books, 30 of them about Florida history, including *Florida Lighthouses* (1990), *The Book Lovers Guide to Florida* (1992), *Thirty Florida Shipwrecks* (1992), *African Americans in Florida* (1993), *The Gators and the Seminoles* (1993), *Twenty Florida Pirates* (1994), *Baseball in Florida* (1996), *Guide to the University of Florida and Gainesville* (1997), *Native Americans in Florida* (1999), and *Christmas in Florida* (2000).



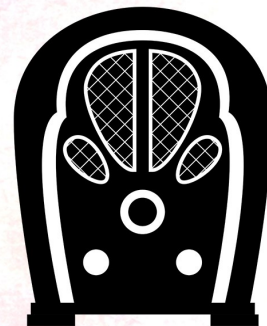
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Marjorie's Birthday Party

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Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park in Cross Creek

Homemade Mango Ice Cream, Cake, Music and More

**Also, look for our documentary
"From Novel to Movie: The Yearling in Florida"
coming soon.**

Please check the Friends of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm Facebook page or website (<https://marjoriekinnanrawlings.org>) for details.



Saturday, May 21, 2022

- 8:00 am - 1:00 pm** **Registration, Books & Exhibits Open**
Pre-conference **MKR Society Silent Auction items distribution**
- 8:00 am - 8:45 am** **Coffee and Conversation**
Pre-conference Lite breakfast bites
- 8:45 am - 9:15 am** **Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Meeting**
Ballroom C President Darien Andreu, presiding
- 9:15 am - 9:30 am** **Break**
- 9:30 am–10:30 am** Presentation/Discussion
Ballroom B **Florida History Day Student Showcase**
KC Smith, Facilitator
Featuring 8th Grade Students from the Fort Clarke Middle School
R.E.A.C.H. Program
Libby Rant, Website
1924 Quota Act
Lisa Liu, Documentary
The Chinese Civil War: The Bloody Birth of the People's Republic
Lily Tanner, Website
Ping Pong Diplomacy
- 10:30 am - 10:45 am** **Break**
- 10:45 am - 11:45 am** Presentation/Discussion:
Ballroom C **“Stetson Kennedy: Living a Life of Purpose”**
The Jackson Family and Friends Musical Performance
“Orange Lake Sings,” “Orange Lake, Goodnight,” and “Paynes Prairie”
Sara Nussel, composer (based on poems by Stetson Kennedy)
Paul Ortiz, Facilitator/Presenter
Director, Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, University of Florida
Sandra Parks, Presenter
Chair, Stetson Kennedy Foundation
- 11:45 am - Noon** **Break**
- Noon - 12:45 pm** Presentation/Discussion:
“A Conversation Remembering Aunt Marjorie and Uncle Norton”
David Nolan, Facilitator/Discussant:
Past President of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society
Sally Baskin Hooker, Discussant
Niece of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings
- 12:45 pm - 1:00 pm** **Break**

Orange Lake Sings

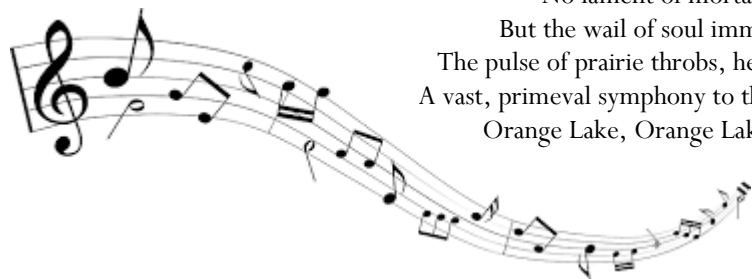
Mocking bird, turtle dove, yellow throat, hummingbird,
The tanager, oriole, meadowlark, vireo all sing.
Gallinule, sandhill crane, cardinal, white-tailed hawk,
The orange skink, butterflies, chickadee,
bumble bees all sing.
In unison, Life exults in its power
To serenade God, and the Lake for an hour.
Black bear, raccoon, flying squirrel, dragonfly,
The white-tailed deer, gator, bella moth,
rattlesnake all sing.
In unison, Life exults in its power
To serenade God, and the Lake for an hour.
The cabbage palm branches are rustling,
A fam'ly of ducks celebrate.
The frogs croaking loudly for more rain,
A heron calls out to its mate.
Red fox, grey squirrel, wild hog, cottontail,
Opossum, harvest mouse, panther, spotted skunk all sing.
In unison, Life exults in its power
To serenade God, and the Lake for an hour.
In unison, Life exults in its power
To serenade God, and the Lake for an hour.
Orange Lake, Orange Lake sings.

Paynes Prairie

I stand on the rim of the nut-brown bowl,
The nut-brown bowl, Paynes Prairie.
Listen as the fox squirrel chatters and scolds,
Chatters and scolds, chatters and scolds.
Listen as the fox squirrel chatters and scolds
The sinking sun.
Soft clouds in the West are stretched,
Stretched out gauzelike on fingers of the wind.
Dissolving into golden haze,
Lovely golden haze then disappears.
I stand on the rim of the nut-brown bowl,
The nut-brown bowl, Paynes Prairie.
The oaks weep crystalline tears,
Crystalline tears drip from their mossy beards.
Flapping herons, tall, white herons
Rise in a long, long line from the ponds.
It is their wings that sing,
It is their wings that sing
The finale of the evening song
The prairie's lovely evening song.
I stand on the rim of the nut-brown bowl,
The nut-brown bowl Paynes Prairie.
The nut-brown bowl Paynes Prairie.

Orange Lake Goodnight

The breath of night since the sun's decline.
Bears the sweet bouquet of oranges,
Wafting thru the long the leaf pines.
While the the glitt'ring stars send their beams sharp and narrow
Peaceful Orange Lake slumbers on and dreams of tomorrow.
Now the bogs are a-quiver with murmur of life
While ardent fog muffles the sound of strife,
And gently caressing the heavenly mirror
It blankets the prairie in dusty silver.
Dumb desire finds a voice in the sky
And the lake the all-knowing lake
Answers back with a sigh
Of a solitary heron flying high, drifting by.
No lament of mortal thorn,
But the wail of soul immortal born.
The pulse of prairie throbs, hear it throb alone,
A vast, primeval symphony to the great Unknown;
Orange Lake, Orange Lake goodnight.



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Every year, FHS brings educational exhibits to the ZORA! Festival. Students attending this Education Day enjoy displays focusing on Hurston's work in Brevard County, photographs from previous festivals by Ted Hollins, and the WPA Federal Writers Project in Florida.

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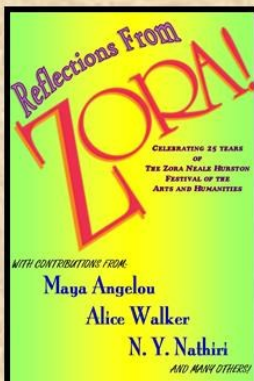
Students at this Outdoor Festival are discussing the exhibit "Zora Speaking/Speaking of Zora" with FHS Director of Educational Resources Ben DiBiase. Displayed are inspirational quotes from Hurston, and comments on her work from Maya Angelou, Stetson Kennedy, and others.



FHS Staff and Board Members have participated in and facilitated a variety of panel discussions and presentations at the ZORA! Festival. Here FHS Executive Director Dr. Ben Brotemarkle has a public conversation with *New York Times* Opinion Columnist Charles M. Blow at Rollins College.



FHS produced the television documentary *The Lost Years of Zora Neale Hurston*, which aired for three years on PBS stations across the nation, from New York to San Francisco, and Orlando to Seattle. The program was later adapted into an episode of Florida Frontiers Television.



In 2014, FHS Press published the book *Reflections from ZORA! Celebrating 25 Years of the Zora Neale Hurston Festival of the Arts and Humanities*. Contributors include Maya Angelou, Alice Walker, Winifred Hurston Clark, Ella Dinkins, Frank M. Otey, Ruby Dee, Valerie Boyd, Nikki Giovanni, Dorothy Porter Wesley, and many others.

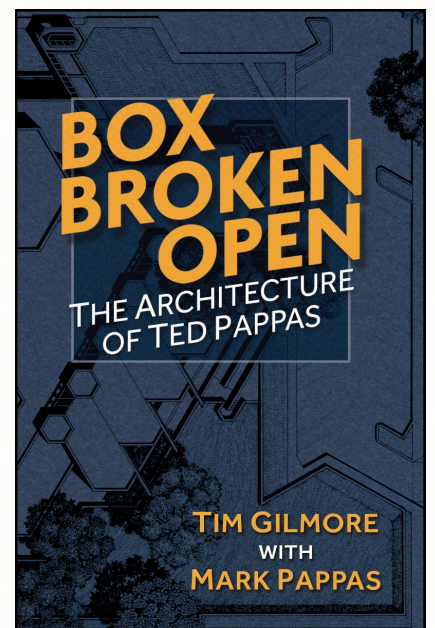
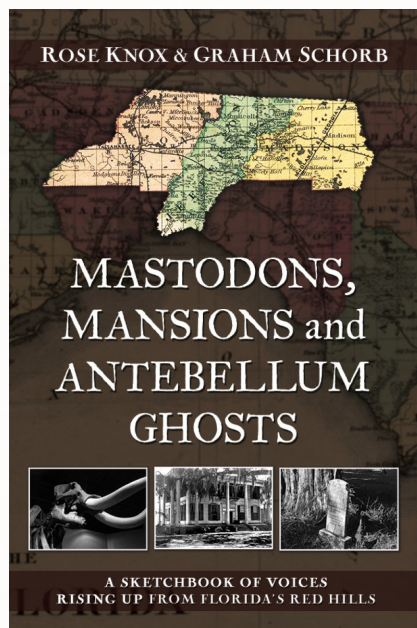
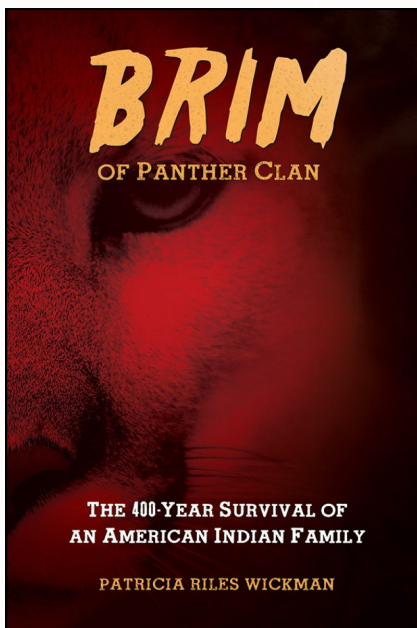
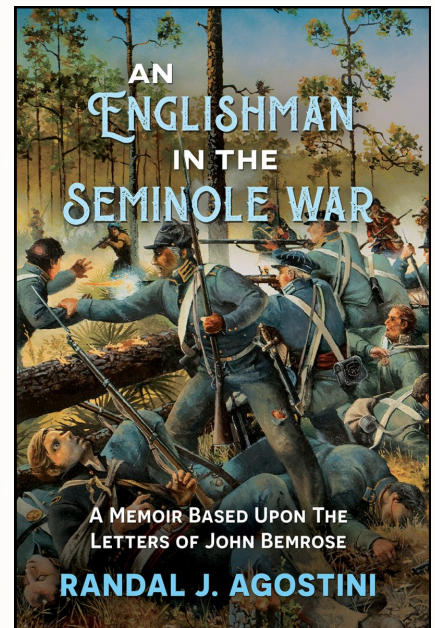
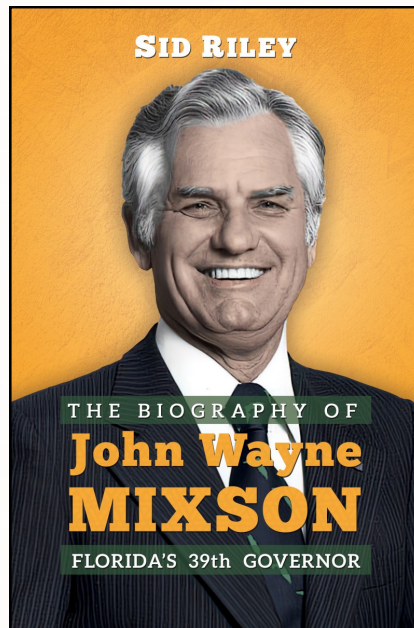
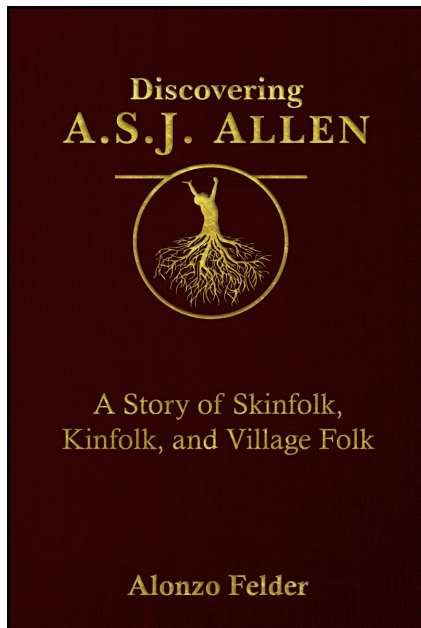


FHS Past-President Tracy Moore organized the "Tracing the Caribbean Footprints of Zora Neale Hurston" Conference Cruise in 2016, where FHS Executive Director Dr. Ben Brotemarkle was a featured presenter and discussion facilitator. They are pictured here in Jamaica with N. Y. Nathiri.



FHS presented the original theatrical production *Female Florida: Historic Women in Their Own Words* at two different ZORA! Festivals. In the 2016 production Jossalynn Moukouanga (left) played Zora Neale Hurston and Mary McLeod Bethune, and Marion C. Marsh (right) portrayed Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Caroline P. Rosseter.

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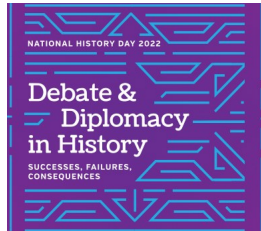
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Distinguished Service Award

To be announced

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This year's theme was "Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures and Consequences." We are proud to be a sponsor of two Special Awards presented Annually.

***The Following Awards were presented at the
Florida History Fair in Tallahassee earlier this month.***

Florida Heritage Award

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Marjory Stoneman Douglas: Everglades Diplomat
Orange Park Junior High School (Clay)
Teacher: Cynthia Cheatwood

Frederick Cubberly Florida History Award

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Dunedin Highland Middle School (Pinellas)
Teacher: Teresa Bergstrom

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May 18-20, 2023 at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott, Lakeland

- Panel discussions and presentations from invited professional historians, scholars in related disciplines, historic preservationists, community historians and accomplished history enthusiasts, authors, educators, and students of all ages
- Tours of historic sites, museums, and archives, including the largest collection of architecture by Frank Lloyd Wright on the campus of Florida Southern College
- The annual FHS Awards Luncheon
- A Banquet dinner featuring the Jillian Prescott Memorial Lecturer
- Other special events to be announced



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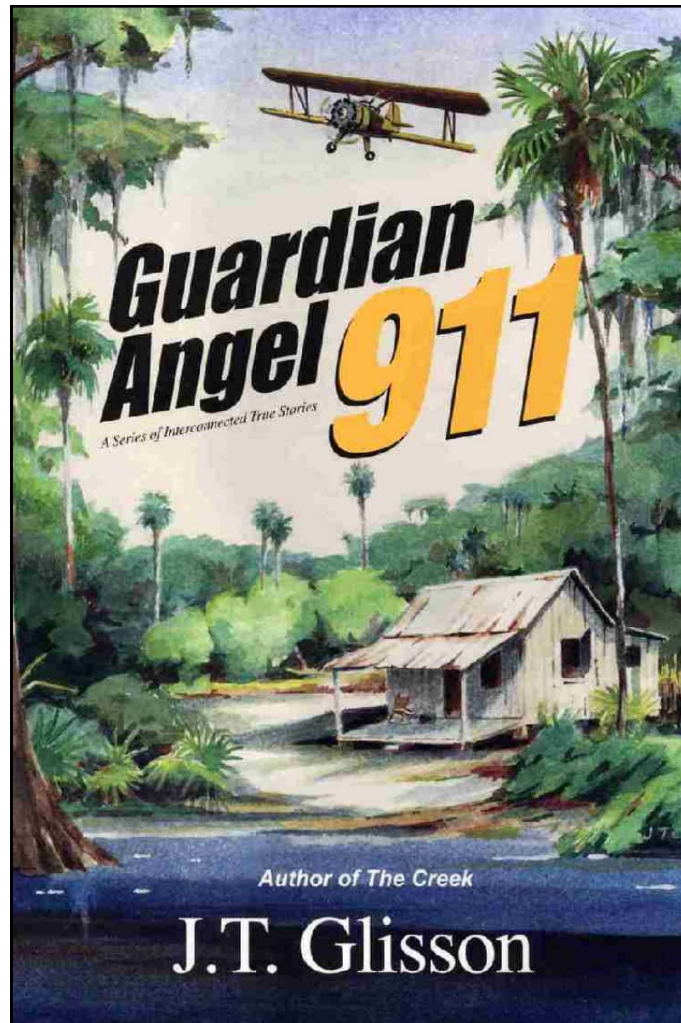


- Academic paper presentations and panel discussions from professional historians, graduate students, and others, selected through a Call for Papers process. More information at myfloridahistory.org
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