

Barberville  
 Pioneer Settlement's  
 Newsletter  
 Summer 2017

**From the Director's Desk**

**Preserving the Pioneer Spirit**



News-Journal photo by Kelly Jordan

An employee of T.A. Youngblood and Sons guides a truck driver pulling the historic Midway Methodist Church through railroad crossing gates in Barberville Tuesday.

May 1994

It's easy for me to become captivated whenever I come across newspaper clippings, magazine articles, photos and other papers that document an aspect of the Settlement's past. Little compares to the nostalgic feelings that are evoked from reading handwritten notes from the folks of yesteryears. For me it's like finding a message in a bottle or uncovering a hidden treasure.

From our collection of old buildings representing Florida's historical pioneers and their lifestyle, to the tools and artifacts that are the direct result of someone's idea – everywhere you look at the Pioneer Settlement you encounter an example of the pioneer spirit.

But it is more than that. The pioneer spirit shines through the character of the folks that have come before us. Because of their hard work, optimism and determination we are what we are today. Whether it was 20 years ago or 120 years ago it is

appropriate to recognize and respect their passion and willingness to overcome hardships and pessimism, and the ability to work through the set-backs and to not give up and quit.

Think about the amount of work and belief it has taken over the years to move, restore and preserve a dozen historic buildings?

What if Lura Bell and her friends had given up and there wasn't any Barberville Central High School, Pierson Train Station or Astor Bridge House?

What if those before us had listened to those who said it was too difficult or too far gone to save? What would have happened then to the Midway Methodist Church, Lewis Log Cabin, H.L Wynn's Commissary, and the Turpentine Still?

What if it was thought to be too risky for the Settlement's Board to back the rescue of the Huntington Post Office, Past Time Tour Boat, Quarter's House, Pottery Shed and the Joseph Underhill House?

Most of the structures probably would have been demolished and the Turpentine Still would have gone to Tallahassee. Thankfully today we have them here and the opportunity to appreciate and share these wonderful historical buildings as well as learn from the stories of those who lived and worked in them over the years.



Archived photo from the Midway Methodist Church dedication dated May, 20 1995

**Left-Right Back Row** —Robert Bolin, Marilyn Breeze, Reverend Shockley, John Clark

**Left-Right Front Row** —Harriett Bolin, Winnie Thigpen Tompkins, Mary Underhill, Hubbard Biggs

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The most significant of stories come from folks like you who have supported, donated, worked and volunteered here at the Settlement over the past forty-one years. Demonstrating your pioneer spirit through whatever contribution you could, attests to your commitment of preserving the past for the purpose of passing it on to the next generation.

How does what we do here at the Settlement make a difference in people's lives? On the surface it pales in comparison to other causes like feeding the hungry. However by preserving the pioneer spirit and instilling a passion for knowledge, encouraging an attitude of strength, courage and optimism—it may just be what a child needs to be inspired to grow-up to be self-sufficient and ultimately feed him—or herself. It is up to us to instill in our children and grandchildren a pioneer spirit, an attitude of perseverance, a passion for being self-sufficient and respect for historical artifacts.

We preserve more than just buildings and tools, we preserve the pioneer spirit. That is how we make a difference.

Here are a few ways you can help us to make that difference—

As you know the summer heat brings us into our extremely slow season. A donation to our general operating account during this time helps us get through until our field trips pick back up in October.

Sign up to volunteer - our next big event is the Fall Country Jamboree on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

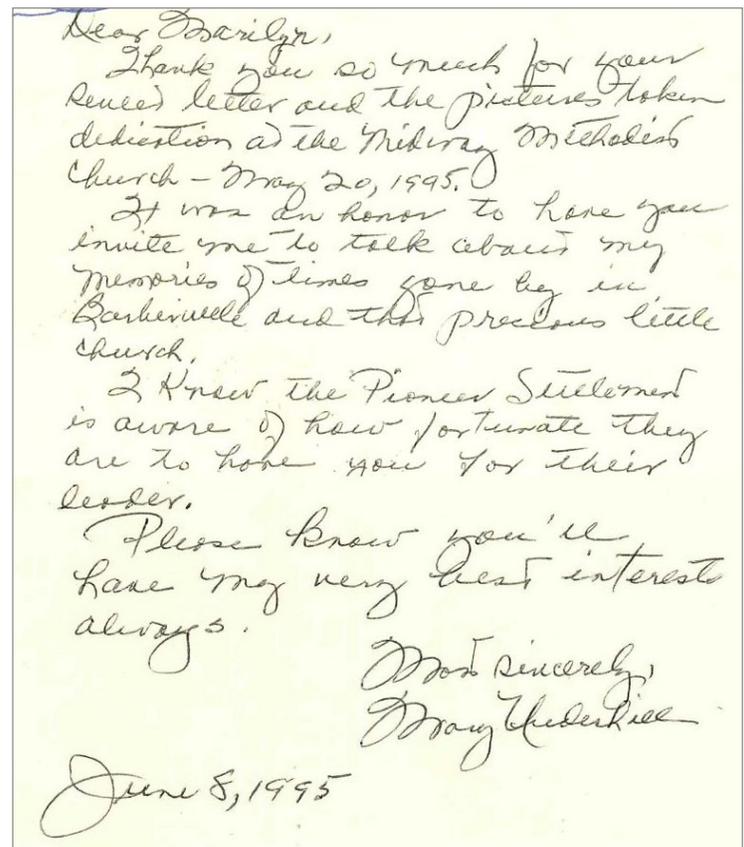
Become a member or renew your membership – applications can be downloaded from our website or just give us a call and we will fill out the form for you.

A donation to our “History Matters for Children” Campaign provides funds that are dedicated for building and infrastructure needs.

If you are feeling overgenerous ... read more about our Curtain Campaign on page 4.

Many thanks for your continued support, and best wishes to each of you for a great summer season.

*Debra*



We are currently accepting resumes for

## EVENTS & MARKETING COORDINATOR

The perfect candidate will have strong skills in Microsoft Word, Publisher & Excel, experience with most major social media, excellent communication and organizational skills, can work well with many personality types, has a team player attitude and once trained can work efficiently with little supervision.

Hours vary 20 + per week depending on our event schedule. Some weekends are required. Compensation is at an hourly rate and based on experience.

Candidates should send resume along with a cover letter to [directors@pioneersttlement.org](mailto:directors@pioneersttlement.org)

# News, Announcements, Workshops

Join us in welcoming Emily Mieras as **our newest Board Member!** Emily is the Associate Professor of History and American Studies and Chair of the Department of History at Stetson University. We are thrilled to have her join our Board and look forward to her involvement, expertise and towards developing a mutually beneficial relationship with the History Department of Stetson University.

Additional opportunities are available to join our Board of Directors. Our meetings are on the third Thursday of every month at the Settlement at 7pm. Directors are required to hold a minimum annual level of a Patron membership and contribute to the annual fees for Directors & Officers Insurance. Those interested in a board position should send a letter of interest to [directors@pioneersettlement.org](mailto:directors@pioneersettlement.org).

We are also **welcoming three new part-time staff members.** Steve "Griff" Griffin, Stan Arel and Susan Marlin have joined the Settlement team. While they have not been kept busy as demonstrators for field trips this time of year—the trio have all been very busy working on grounds keeping and the many other maintenance jobs around the property.

On a bit of a sad note we have to share that Shiloh has decided this will be her last year with us. As she has been here for five years, we **sure do appreciate that she gave us a five month notice!** It will be difficult to fill her shoes as this position provides many vital functions and requires someone like Shiloh with exceptional character and diverse abilities. **We absolutely wish her happiness in her new endeavors and understand her desire to explore new opportunities for growth.**

## Have you heard about the Barberville Historical Cosplayers Alliance?

The alliance has begun in to give like minded folks that enjoy history, sewing & costuming or dressing in vintage style attire, the opportunity to meet one another, and to volunteer and mingle with visitors at the Settlement during special events. You can find and join this group on Facebook.

Participation at events must be pre-planned and is being coordinated by our friend Eileen Callejas. You can reach her at 407-234-4768 or [eileen@helpertunity.org](mailto:eileen@helpertunity.org).

### Barberville's Historical Cosplayers Alliance

All Eras & Abilities Welcome!

If you enjoy history, sewing & costuming, or dressing in any era of vintage-style attire and volunteering to mingling with the Pioneer Settlement's visitors and guests; then you are cordially invited to become a part of these unique upcoming costumed-gatherings:

**Join in on the fanciful frivolity:**

**Sept. 9th - Brunch Meeting 10:30 - 12:30**

**Oct. 21st - S.T.E.A.M. Punks & Pioneers Social**  
A Family-Fun Historical-Costumed Gathering ~ 10:30-12:30  
Join us at Barberville's Underhill House dressed as an adventuring ancestor or historical hero; highlighting humanity's achievements the fields of **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, or Medicine.** Treats & prizes will be awarded for the best historical depictions.

**Nov. 4th - Pre-Event Meeting @ 10:30 & Costumed Mingle**  
at the Annual Fall Country Jamboree Sat./Sun.

**Nov. 25th Costumed Invitation to the Bridgehouse Gallery's Grand Art Opening / Gift Sale / Artists' Reception**  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Feel free to bring a guest)

**Dec. 9th - Pre-Event Meeting @ 10:30 & Costumed Mingle**  
at the Florida Christmas Remembered Event

Brunch Meeting & Social attendees are invited to bring NON-alcoholic beverages and/or snacks or covered dishes to share with others. Use of vintage-style picnic baskets and place settings is preferred.

In-character support of the Event Vendors is encouraged on all event-mingle days.

Please sign-in at the Bridgehouse Gallery / Welcome Center when you arrive, to receive parking instructions and updated volunteer/member & meeting-spot information.



## BARBERVILLE

## PIONEER SETTLEMENT

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# Shabby but not Chique!



## OUR CURTAINS are CALLING...

Help us purchase new window coverings for the Barberville Central High School auditorium!

We have reached the conclusion that there will always be something else to take priority over new curtains!

To that fact we are launching a special "Curtains Campaign" to raise designated funds for purchasing blackout shades, curtains and hardware for the 14 windows in our schoolhouse auditorium.

We have set our goal to raise \$3,500, that is just \$250 per window or \$1.32 per sq. ft. The blackout shades alone are nearly \$150 each as the windows are 92 inches tall!

We hope to have this project complete before our 100th Anniversary celebration of the Barberville Central High School which is being planned for January of 2019. The curtains we have now have outlasted their temporary status. Help us give the most utilized room of our centerpiece building a look deserving of its title as "Listed on the National Register of Historical Places." In addition to providing a more appealing look, the new window treatments will provide UV protection for our displayed artifacts and savings on electric for heating and air conditioning. If you find it in your nature and wallet to support this endeavor check the Curtains Campaign box on the enclosed return envelope, or give us a call to make a contribution over the phone. We thank you in advance for your support.

## EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NOVEMBER 1ST—7TH

Set -Up  
Take Down  
Yard Work

Ticket Gates  
Food Services  
Parking

Security  
Desserts  
Silent Auction



**CONTACT SHILOH 386-749-2959**

## 2017-2018 Calendar of Special Events

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Sept. 2, 2017    | Fire & Ice Open House Chili Cook- Off and Ice Cream Churn-Off                            |
| Oct. 7&8, 2017   | Bucklers Shows— <b>Harvest Fest</b> *Admission fee is charged for members!               |
| Oct. 21, 2017    | <b>S.T.E.A.M. Punks &amp; Pioneers Social</b> - Family Fun Historical Costumed Gathering |
| Nov. 4&5, 2017   | <b>41st Annual Fall Country Jamboree</b>   |
| Nov 25, 2017     | <b>Bridgehouse Gallery's Grand Opening/Gift Sale/Artist's Reception</b>                  |
| Dec. 9, 2017     | <b>A Florida Christmas Remembered</b>  |
| Jan 20, 2018     | <b>Annual Volunteer &amp; Members Meeting and Pot-Luck Pick &amp; Sing</b>               |
| March 17&18      | Bucklers Shows— <b>Strawberry Fest</b> *Admission fee is charged for members!            |
| April 7&8 , 2018 | <b>14th Annual Spring Frolic</b>   |
| June 9, 2018     | <b>Celebration of Olde Florida</b>   |

**Barberville Historical Cosplayers Alliance 2017** meetings are scheduled for 8/12, 9/9, 11/4, and 12/9.

**First Saturday Jams**—the first Saturday of every month—Free Music Lessons with paid admission or membership.

**Second Saturdays at the Settlement**—Every Second Saturday features different living history demonstrations, workshops and exhibits

**The Family Farm Swap** - MOST first & third Saturdays

**Fiber Arts Guild** meets on the third Saturday

**Rug Hookers** meets on the fourth Saturday

**Square Dancing** —the 2nd and 4th Fridays through October

All dates subject to change—For full listing of events and the most up to date information visit [www.pioneersettlement.org](http://www.pioneersettlement.org)

## Stories of the Barberville Pioneer Settlement is now music to your ears!

This twin pack compilation is a special production of original folksongs recounting many stories of the Settlement's historic buildings, people and even our animals.

Thanks to all of the participating musicians that donated their time and talents to produce this unique recording.

**Now Available!**

**BARBERVILLE PIONEER SETTLEMENT**  
Discover Yesterday Today

*Introducing:*  
**Songs Of The Settlement**

**A Compilation Of Original Songs Celebrating The Barberville Pioneer Settlement**

Featuring Original Songs By:  
 Brian Smalley\*Mike Jurgensen\*Lauren Heintz\*Jerry Mincey  
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**\$20 for a Double CD \* Order Today!!!**  
 Proceeds from the sale of this CD go to the Barberville Pioneer Settlement

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## Ambassador's Club Members

### LIFETIME MEMBERS

Lee & Kay Doughty  
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### SMALL BUSINESS MEMBERS

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## THANK YOU! To Our EVENT SPONSORS!

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Annual Event Sponsors receive passes that can be shared for the Settlement 's five regularly scheduled events including the Fall Jamboree and the Spring Frolic. The passes can also be used for regular admission for self guided tours. Sponsors also benefit from exposure of signage provided at the events and mentions in our social media postings.

This support helps us defray the costs associated with producing the events. The funds raised at our events help to provide low cost field trips that empower our children to have a better understanding of history through hands-on learning. Support of our programs enables families the opportunity to experience a by-gone way of life through our living history demonstrations and lets our senior relatives relive fond memories with a leisurely stroll through the past. Contact Debra West for more information on getting your business involved. 386-749-2959 or [dwest@pioneerSettlement.org](mailto:dwest@pioneerSettlement.org).



# 41st Fall Country Jamboree

Living History · Music · Arts & Crafts

- .Juried Handmade Art & Craft Show
- .Wagon Rides to Underhill House
- .6 stages of Live Folk Music
- .Historical Demonstrations
- .18 Historical Structures
- .Old Time Barn Dancing
- .Corn Boil
- .Storytelling
- .Food & FUN!
- .Silent Auction
- .Sugar Cane Boil
- .Children's Activities

November 4th & 5th, 2017

Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday 9am-4pm

\$10 Adults · \$5 Children 6-12

Children under 6 & Members FREE

FREE parking and shuttle bus

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## Step back in time... Second Saturdays at the Settlement

Join us every Second Saturday for  
Living History Demonstrations and Workshops of the  
Traditional Arts, Crafts and Trades.

### Scheduled for Saturday, September 9th

- Peg Weaving & Calligraphy Workshops
- Barberville Historical Cosplayers Alliance  
Bruncheon Meeting 10:30am
- Antique Medical Instrument Exhibit 11am-3pm
  - Blacksmith Demonstration 11am-3pm
  - More activities to be announced

Programs and fees vary month to month see our  
website or call for details.

**Exhibits and Demonstrations are included with admission.**

Admission \$8 adults, \$7 for Seniors \$4 for Children ages 6-12

FREE for Members and Children 5 and Under



## CHILI COOK OFF AND ICE CREAM CHURN OFF Where You can Be the JUDGE!

Cash prizes to be awarded to People's Choice  
Chili & Ice Cream Judging/Tasting —\$4.00 per person  
Tasting at Noon, until it's gone, so arrive early.

**THE BARBERVILLE PIONEER SETTLEMENT  
ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, September 2, 2017 9am—4pm

**FREE ADMISSION !!!**

Community Yard Sale, starts at 9am—\$5.00 Per Space

Non-Profit Information Spaces—No Charge

FREE First Saturday Music Workshops and Jam Session

Summer Kitchen Open

# A MARVELOUS MAKEOVER



This has been quite the year for enhancements at our Astor Bridge House. Our new roof and fresh paint look amazing and now our indoor reception area and Artists' Gallery is getting a major makeover!

Join us in welcoming Eileen Callejas and her non-profit organization "Helpertunity" to the Barberville Pioneer Settlement team of collaborators. Eileen has agreed to take on the responsibility of Curator for our Bridge House Artists' Gallery! Eileen's involvement has generated a breath of fresh air into the appearance of our beloved Bridge House welcome area. Eileen will be handling the recruiting and merchandising of selected commissioned artists' work and a selection of giftware

items that will be available for sale. As she reaches out to our local artist community we hope to offer an expanded selection of affordable local art as well as a more frequent change in the selected pieces.

Shoppers will carry home a treasured piece of local art reminiscent of their visit as well as be gratified that they are supporting a local artist and two local non-profits. The proceeds will be split three ways; with the participating artists' receiving 65%, the Settlement 20% and Helpertunity 15%.

Helpertunity provides therapeutic recreation, education programs and volunteer activities for elderly, disabled, and itinerant persons; with a focus on creative arts classes, activities, and resources to retirement communities, nursing care facilities, adult daycare programs, institutions, transitional housing programs, and shelters.



The beginnings of this collaboration between the Settlement and Helpertunity began about a year ago when Eileen donated stuffed animals and hats that were handmade by folks participating in the Helpertunity programs to sell in our Country Store. We in turn donated back some fabrics and sewing materials for Helpertunity to make more items.



We are optimistic about our collaboration and invite you to stop by soon to check out this great makeover. This is a work in progress with much more to be done. If you know of an artist that might like to participate have them contact Eileen at [eileen@helpertunity.org](mailto:eileen@helpertunity.org) or call or text 407-234-4768.

We will have a "soft opening" of the Bridge House Gallery during the Fall Country Jamboree and a Grand Opening / Gift Sale / Artists' Reception on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Hope to see you there!



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## Volunteer Salute



### Frank and Bea Paulhamus & Family

Every year for as long as anyone can remember the Paulhamus family has been overseeing the corn boil at the Fall Country Jamboree. Since corn is not in season in November, at times Frank has had to drive long distances to get the corn! The entire family helps out both days keeping the fire hot, shucking the corn, dipping the corn in melted butter and selling it to our visitors. All proceeds are donated back to the Settlement. We salute the Paulhamus Family for their continued contributions and honor their commitment to faith, friends and family.

## WIN THIS QUILT!

**"Simple Nine Patch" - Jamboree Quilt 2017**

**Handcrafted & Donated by Sarah King**



Quilt Size: 80x80 fits a twin bed. Hand Quilted.  
Valued at \$350+. Over 350 individual pieces. In the middle of each block is an animal print fabric.

**Tickets available at the Bridge House or call us!**

Raffle Donation: \$1.00/ticket or \$5.00/6 tickets.  
Need not be present to win; drawing Sunday, Nov. 5th 2017 at the Fall Country Jamboree