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### **Museum Wish List**

New library computer  
Gift shop items  
Bottled Water  
Canned Soda

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# HHH Newsletter

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## Founders Day Festival & Tour of Homes a Success

Beautiful weather greeted visitors to the Holly Hill Founders Day Festival. Vintage farm machinery & steam engines, Living Legends of Racing race cars and the vintage motorcycles of Sunshine Chapter of the AMCA displayed historical vehicles and bikes. *Below: Attendees enjoyed vintage machinery and farm equipment demonstrations.*



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Clara Spangler

## Kathy Kelly to Present February Program



News-Journal columnist Kathy Kelly will be our guest speaker in February. She will discuss her many columns and years as a local historian. The Assistant Managing Editor retired from the News-Journal in 2013, capping a journalism career that began when she was 16 and led her to become an award-winning police reporter. She also connects readers with the area's history, and shares her views on life, home and friendship through her column, "The Beat Goes On," in The News-Journal.

*Left: Journalist Kathy Kelly*

## Holly Hill Museum Director Honored as Citizen of the Year

The Holly Hill Historic Society and Museum is proud to announce that this year's Holly Hill Citizen of the Year is our own President, Rentha Flowers. Ms. Flowers' history in Holly Hill dates back to her childhood. Her dedication to the Society and Museum with fundraising and promotion is never-ending. She also is a member of the Holly Hill Lunch Bunch which meets twice a year. She currently is busy restoring her Holly Hill childhood home which she recently bought.

*Right: Citizen of the Year Rentha Flowers*





## Upcoming Events

### 2017 Calendar

"History Making Businesses"

### Now Available!!

Get our annual 2017 Calendar  
at the Museum.

Only \$5.00 each.

The popular calendar this year  
features historic photos and stories  
of current businesses in Holly Hill.

#### Society Board of Directors Meetings

January 10, 3 pm

February 7, 3 pm

At Museum

#### Holly Hill Book Club

February 8 & March 8 at Museum

#### MOAS History-Con

January 21, 10:00 am

Visit us along with dozens of other  
historic groups for this expo.

At the Museum of Arts & Sciences

#### Museum Pot Luck Dinner

January 28, 5 pm at Museum

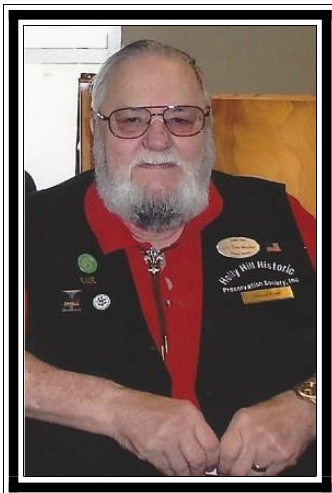
#### Program Speaker

News Journal Columnist Kathy Kelly

February 27, 6 pm at Museum

### IN MEMORIAM

The Historic Society is saddened by the recent passing of Lifetime Member David Rowe. As the first director of the Museum Mr. Rowe was passionate about the creation and success of the museum. Honored as Holly Hill 2013 Citizen of the Year, he was a longtime resident and cabinet making business owner. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, who is also a devoted Society member.



## Holly Hill Historic Preservation Society Mission

This Corporation shall establish, maintain and conduct programs to preserve and protect the historical, cultural and natural resources of the Holly Hill area and shall promote the development and use of these resources through a program of public education for the betterment and improvement of the community.

## Society Hosts Annual Historic Tour of Homes

Our Tour of Homes gets better each year. This year the Cottage House and the Copper Bottom Distillery were added to the tour. Ticket holders saw re-enactors, presentations, and had refreshments. Below: The McCoy House promoted the Tour of Homes with a banner, Cottage House porch, Union Congregational Church window. The eagles also showed off their home at Centennial Park. The Mabbette House-River Lilly Inn with its heart shaped pool. Volunteers Adel and Dean at McCoy home. Distillery owners explained the rum making process.



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## Holly Hill Residents Celebrate "Holly Jolly Christmas"

Right: The 57th Holly Hill Christmas Parade was enjoyed by the crowd lining Ridgewood Avenue.



Left: The City of Holly Hill introduced its new lawn decorations during the tree lighting ceremony.

