



HOLLY HILL HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC. Museum

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EVENT CALENDAR
Events held at Sica Hall
Museum unless noted.

History Nights
3rd Tuesdays 6-8pm
January 21, 2025
Speaker Leo Murphy

February 18, 2025
Speaker Bill Bates

Fire Station Grand Opening
January 21, 2025,
Tuesday 3pm
1030 Daytona Avenue
Guided tours.

Holly Hill Book Club
February 12, 2025
Wednesday, 1pm

Ongoing
Video viewings of Bill McCoy
and Merci Boxcar histories.

Donate used Printer Ink
Cartridges to the Museum
to help raise money for the
Historic Society.

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Veterans Day Merci Boxcar 75th Celebration Held

The Society hosted the Merci Boxcar 75th Anniversary event Veterans' Day on November 11th. The American Legion Post 120 hosted a lunch afterward and Jim Bowers, Chef de Gare 40&8 Voiture 294 emceed the event. The Holly Hill Historic Society provided breakfast. The Le Souvenir Francais USA and City of Holly Hill also hosted. Attendees included groups from around the country and France. Events included laying of wreaths, speakers, and participation by the Sons of the Liberty Brigade and Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard.



Crowds view the ceremony. Color Guard, a documentary on the history of the boxcar was viewed, breakfast, wreath laying, Mayor Via proclamation, June Hutchins & daughter presented a display of original contents of the boxcar. She was presented a plaque by the Society.

History Nights Continue

Our History Night programs are always an exciting opportunity to learn about history, tour the Museum and meet others. If you have not taken advantage of attending, please do. Social and light refreshments before program.



Left: Arthur Byrnes is a highly educated historian. His program included a fascinating history of Florida exploration and explorers while sorting out the myths and facts.

Are you someone with history to share? Contact us to be a speaker at our "History Nights" program.

"History Nights"
3rd Tuesdays
January 21, 2025 at 6PM

Featured Speaker: Leo Murphy,
 EdD FRAeS Professor of
 Aeronautical Science
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Professor Leo Murphy will be speaking on the
 history of flight.
 On display will be collectable model vintage
 airplanes for sale as well as displays of early flight
 history in Holly Hill and the Halifax area.

Right: Former Holly Hill Mayors Chris Via and his father Roland Via talked about their long history in Holly Hill and its past political history.



Holiday Visitors
 Snowbirds returned home for the holidays to tour the Museum. David Livesay and his father visited the Museum over the holidays from Louisiana and was pleased to discover his teams baseball trophy on display.

Holly Forest Senior Expo
 Thank you to Holly Forest for providing the society a booth at their Health, Safety and Wellness Expo. It was a great opportunity to promote the Museums new location.

Board Members Elected

The Annual Corporate Elections were held after two cancelations due to storms. President Polly Cappuccio, Vice President Susan Lautenschlager, Jim Woolyhand and Kirk Hawk (not shown) were sworn in by Arthur Byrnes. They will serve two-year terms.



Get your souvenir merchandise celebrating the MERCI BOXCAR 75TH ANNIVERSARY! Holly Hill Florida
Available now in Museum Gift Shop

Mug	
Patch	\$5.00
Bookmark	\$8.00
Lapel Pin, Holly Hill	\$1.00
Lapel Pin, Boxcar 75th	\$3.00
French Beret	\$5.00
Poster, 40&8 Small	\$5.00
Poster, 75th Large	\$8.00
Book "Boxcar Diplomacy"	\$15.00
Eiffel Tower Framed Photo	\$20.00