

The Heritage Times

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Pensacola's greatest historical monument donated by Pensacola Heritage Foundation

Work continues on one of the largest projects PHF has ever undertaken.....the building of the Galvez Statue. The clay model has been completed and the mold was sent to the Atlanta Foundry. The finished bronze statue has a completion date of May 1. It will be stored at the foundry until the mounting pedestal is completed.

The ground breaking ceremony will be held at 10am on May 8 at the site (Palafox and Wright St) as part of the Galvez Day Celebration. All PHF members are encouraged to participate in this ceremonial event. The Galvez Day celebration will start at 9 am at St Michael's Basilica officiated by Father Joseph Callipare, followed by the 10am ground breaking, and 12 Noon Fort George re-enactment.

Bids are out for the selection of the General Contractor for the monument as the design and engineering drawings are now complete. Once we have chosen the contractor it will take approximately 60 days to complete. At which time the Bronze statue of Galvez will be placed upon the monument base.

Visit our website GalvMonument.com , or GalvezPensacola@gmail.com to get more information and to make a contribution. Please contribute now to this PHF project that will mark one of Pensacola greatest historical events.

President Jim Green



The statue is a work in progress by Bob Rasmussen. Here in the picture on the right you can see the clay mold prior to being sent to the foundry for bronzing. The picture on the left is depicting the finished monument on Palafox Street as it will be admired by our community and greet our visitors.

BRUNCH B'TWIXT BUILDINGS

On Nov. 12, 2016 a group of 25 members of Pensacola Heritage Foundation gathered at 714 E. LaRua Street, for a tour of a property owned by Bruce Block and recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places. His was but one of 3 homes in North Hill on our tour. Thus began our fall 2016 **Brunch B'Twixt Buildings**. We also toured the home of James Amerson at 422 North 7th St. where Mr. Amerson had on display

some of the artifacts found in and around his house, believed to have been built in 1867. Lunch at Polonzos was followed by a tour of 706 La Rua Street owned by Ms. Bev Elliott. We had a beautiful day and the entire group enjoyed the outing. We will keep you posted on dates for future tours. Check our Facebook page and website for updates.



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Whether you are new to PHF or have been a loyal member for years these are exciting times. We have been actively updating our website and Facebook pages with new and interesting activities. We started the year off with a really fun party. We found a venue that everyone enjoyed for our party and we went all out on food and beverages. Everyone received a souvenir PHF wine glass? We will do that again next year. After all - our members are fun people who want to meet other fun folks and share their interest in local history. If you missed the January '17 annual member meeting/party Also Know As (AKA) The Russian New Year, save-the-date for next year, it's Sat. January 13th.

Speaking of saving the date, our next event is May 8th— the ground breaking ceremony on Palafox and Wright Street. The actual monument will be erected later this year. You won't want to miss it – we want the entire gulf coast to know that the Pensacola Heritage Foundation is responsible for building the greatest monument Pensacola has ever received. We want our members to take pride in this accomplishment.

The Fourth of July Members event at the Barkley house is a members and family only event. If you haven't been you have a treat in store, lots of food, fun, beverages, and entertainment (prizes too). In addition to a front row seat for the fireworks, on private property reserved for our members. Another member benefit is the educational lectures from John Appleyard. Twice monthly he lures us in with tales of the past and jaw dropping facts about our heritage right here in Pensacola. A list of lectures is on our website.

Your PHF Board of Directors is committed to publishing more newsletters as we know this is our lifeline to you. So watch for more newsletters with current details on even more activities.

Vice President Barbara Fitzpatrick

AUNT FRANNIE



I am so excited! Pensacola Heritage Foundation is going to break ground for the Bernardo de Galvez bronze statue on Galvez Day, May 8. There are going to be Spanish dignitaries here for the groundbreaking and other festivities honoring Galvez.

I was hoping King Felipe VI was coming, but that looks doubtful. But just to be on the safe side, I have decided to wear a dress like one worn by Maria Amalia of Saxony, wife of Charles III, who was king of Spain during Galvez's victory at the Battle of Pensacola in 1781.

The Heritage Foundation has been working on this life-size statue of Galvez on his horse for a couple of years now and I am really looking forward to seeing it in place in the median at Palafox and Wright streets. But that is only a small part of all the great things that are happening in Pensacola to bring about a better knowledge of this city's great history. At the rate things are going, it won't be long before places such as Savannah, Charleston and St. Augustine will be standing in our shadow instead of the other way around. And won't that be grand! Just last month, UWF Historic Trust celebrated the first phase of improved lighting of the exterior of the T.T. Wentworth Jr. Florida State Museum, made possible with a grant from Fiesta of Five Flags. The next time you are downtown at night, be sure to go by the museum to see the beautiful light display and the historical figures in some of the windows.

And Rob Overton, Executive Director of UWF Historic Trust, just told me that crews have started removing the parking lot behind the Wentworth in preparation for the new Museum Plaza that will soon be in place. The plaza will include a covered stage, children's playground and some interpretive displays about the history and archaeology of the area. This is all part of the Interpretive Master Plan for the Historic District.

If you haven't been down in the Historic District recently, now is a good time to go. Rob told me that if you bring in this copy of the Heritage Times, you will get \$1 off your ticket which is good for a week for the Wentworth Museum, Children's Museum and guided tours through the LaValle House, Dorr House, Old Christ Church and Lear/Rocheblave House. These are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, with the guided tours at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Wentworth is open until 7 p.m.

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“Unlocking Our Past”

Junior Heritage Keeper Award

Every year Pensacola Heritage Foundation is a proud participant in the Escambia County History Fair. PHF member Jim Gulley reviews and judges the entries. His recommendations are reviewed by the Board of Directors and we award a winner with a check in the amount of \$100. Additionally they receive a certificate of appreciation and a family membership for one year to PHF. This year's award was given to co-participants Nik Howell and Sam Rice. Their entry was entitled “Carl Von Ossietzky: Exposing Germany” And they each received a check for \$50.

The award ceremony was held at Washington High School on February 7, 2017 with Vice President Barbara Fitzpatrick presenting our Junior Heritage Keeper award.

PHF Scholarship Awards

The PHF has selected 2 winners for the \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to high school seniors from Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Students submitted academic information, in addition to writing an essay on Pensacola's Local Heritage.

The top ranked applicant from Escambia County is Logan Kane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kane. Logan is a student at Pensacola Catholic High School and will be attending Pensacola State College. The top ranked applicant from Santa Rosa County is Ashlyn Williamson, daughter of Gail and David Williamson. Ashlyn is a student at Milton High School and is undecided about her college of choice. She is deciding between Florida State University and the University of West Florida.

Certificates will be given to each student at their school's Senior Awards night and the scholarship money will be sent to the student's college of choice to be used for college expenditures.