

FEB/MAR 2013 NEWSLETTER

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228 452-7254 • info@passhistory.org • Building typically open: Thursday-Friday-Saturday, 10-2 p.m.
Evening meetings at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday • Monthly luncheons are typically on the 4th Monday of the month.

February 20, 2012

Dear Friends & Members

A little of the Historical Society died earlier this month with the passing of Betty Carlin, who over the years gave more of herself to the Society than perhaps any other member. Ironically, Betty was never a resident of Pass Christian — but few towns can boast a better friend. Our deepest sympathies to Betty's family.

Because Mardi Gras fell on our on a normal meeting night, and caused us to cancel that meeting, this newsletter (in addition or remembering Betty) contains information on:

- Our February & March Luncheons
- Our March Meeting
- Saint Patrick's Day
- A special "Trash or Treasure" Roadshow event on Saturday March 2.
- And a preview of the May Tour of Homes

Details below. For additional information about any of these event please call or email the Society.

—Tom Shellnut, & the Board of Trustees

Feb/Mar. Meetings & Luncheons

Monday, February 25: Monthly Luncheon, 12 p.m.

Our speaker will be **Robert "Shelter Bob" Smith**. He will be talking about his experiences during the civil rights movement, including his friendship with Pass Christian's Lawrence Guyot. \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Please RSVP to 228-452-7254 or info@passhistory.org Lunch will be donated by Margaret Harris and Karen Urban — thank you to them! While mentioning the luncheon, we want to express our thanks to Mary Helen Schaeffer, Joanna Diboll and Ann Matthews for donating lunch for the *January luncheon*, and also to



Betty Carlin (1922-2013). Longtime archivist of this Society, passed away on February 1st.

It is with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Betty Carlin. Betty was a highly active member in the Society for over 30 years, contributing one suspects 10,000 or more hours of volunteer work, and serving as the Society's founding archivist. For many of those who knew her, Betty was the Historical Society, and her dedication to her tasks attracted a number of contributions that might otherwise have gone elsewhere. Among these contributions were the William Wiegand pa-

volunteers Edda Whaley, Becky Orfila, Alicia Ellis and Cynthia Hammond for helping serve lunch that day.

Saturday, March 2, 11-2 p.m. Trash or Treasure? An "Antique Road Show" style event at the Society Building — *details on reverse*.

pers donated by Wiegand's children Jane Randolph and her brother Bill.

According to Betty, her deep commitment in our local history began in the mid 1970s when a friend encouraged her to begin recording oral histories. And it is to Betty and her recordings that we know so much about daily life in the Pass in the early 20th century. In addition to archivist, Betty served as volunteer office manager, and, with her late husband Bill, a docent at the building. (Bill also did a significant amount of work.)

Betty was for many years was also responsible for preparing the annual tour of homes brochure, and she authored "A Brief History of Pass Christian."

And it was Betty who organized so many of numerous day trips to area museums and exhibits. (Including a trip to the D-Day Museum, to which Betty later donated her World War II WAVE uniform.)

At the time of her retirement in 2003, a grateful Society voted Betty an honorary lifetime membership and she was also made an emeritus trustee. ■

Monday, March 11: Monthly Membership Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tom Crew, author of the book "Combat Loaded," will be the speaker. His presentation, "An Authoritative History of Assault Ship," will be based on research he did for his book. This should be an informative and interesting presentation.

Sunday March 17, St Patrick's Day about 1 p.m.
The parade begins at City Hall around 1 p.m. so we invite our members to join us in toasting the the Grand Marsh, Colleen and Kaptains of the Krew of Blarney as the parade passes the building.

Monday, March 25: Monthly Luncheon, 12 p.m.
George Thatcher, who writes the daily Sun Herald column "Scenes from the Beach," will be the speaker. \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. Please RSVP to 228-452-7254 or info@passhistory.org

Trash or Treasure?

A Roadshow-style Event
Saturday, Mar. 2, 2013 from 11-2p.m.
At the Society Building.

Have you ever wondered if the silver Grandma gave you is worth anything? Should you get your Aunt Thelma's porcelain appraised? Come to the Pass Christian Historical Society on Saturday, Mar. 2, for "Trash or Treasure?" and find out!

You'll have the chance to speak informally with an expert, who will give you a brief opinion of the possible value of your item. Please note that these are not official appraisals, but you will have a better understanding of your family heirloom or garage-sale find — and you'll know whether to take the time and effort to get your item appraised.

Plus, you'll have a great time meeting and talking to these experts and other fellow antique-lovers!

Our featured appraisers and their areas of specialty are:

- **Amy McLaughlin**, CAGA-certified appraiser: AML Appraisals, Long Beach, MS Specialties: Glass, pottery, porcelain, fine jewelry, watches, art.

- **Becky Daniels**, CAGA-certified appraiser. RSD Appraisals and owner of Big Marks Trading Post and Auction, Bay St Louis. Specialties: Art, coins, paper money, silver, sports cards.
- **Chris Pantry**, Vintage Christine, Antiques and Art on First, Slidell LA. Specialties: Vintage costume jewelry, vintage glass and pottery, vintage housewares.

The cost is \$10 for the first item, \$5 for each additional item. Guests will be able to bring a maximum of 3 items. Please plan to transport your objects from your car to the appraisal event. Event volunteers will not be able to handle patrons' items. For larger items, please consider bringing a photograph of the item instead. Please, no weapons of any kind. If you have any questions about what to bring, please call 228-452-7254 or email info@passhistory.org.

In addition, all attendees will be entered into a drawing to win a certified appraisal of any three items, or three hours towards a whole-house appraisal, from AML Appraisals, a value of \$225!

Tour of Homes Sunday May 5th



Postcard of a street car on Second Street ca 1915-20s.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5, 2013! We will feature an array of wonderful cottages with an emphasis on East Second Street and adjacent lanes.

Homes on tour:

- 127 Seal Avenue — the home of Mr. Julien Byrne
- 110 Seal Avenue — the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanhope Hopkins
- East Second Street — the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Muzzey
- 529 East Second Street — the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison
- 543 East Second Street — the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schmitt
- 558 East Second Street — the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garic Moran
- 109 Donlin Avenue — the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ryan
- 513 East Scenic Drive — the home of Dr. and Mrs. Philip Schaeffer. This home will be where we welcome guests for tea and refreshments.

Tickets will be available for purchase online and at the Historical Society. Tickets will be \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Please call 228-452-7254 for more information.

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Note: Trustees were elected at our November General Membership meeting. Officers were elected at the January Board Meeting.
