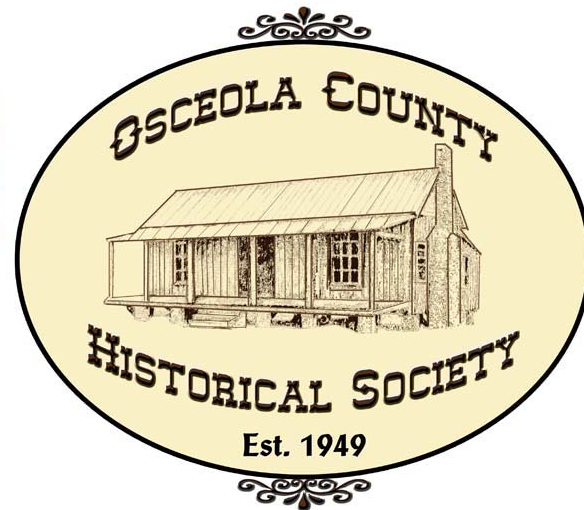


January 2010



## Visit the Osceola County Historical Society

Whether you are a resident of Central Florida or one of our many visitors from around the world, you can spend an enjoyable day at the Pioneer Village and Museum.

### HOURS AND FEES

Tuesday - Friday | 9:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.  
Pioneer Village and Museum  
Thursday - Sunday | 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
(Closed on Monday)  
Adults: \$5.00  
Children 6 - 12: \$2.00  
Children 5 & under: FREE

### NEWS FLASH....

On January 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm our "History Talk" Series begins with Joy Wallace Dickinson, author of the Florida Flashback column on Sundays for the Orlando Sentinel, she will be discussing the pioneering architecture team of Isabel Roberts and Ida Ryan, who designed several St. Cloud structures, including the Veterans Memorial Library that now houses the St. Cloud Heritage Museum.

**Granny's Quilt exhibit extended through the end of January.**

## Historical Society's Cracker Christmas Event a Success

The Osceola County Historical Society's second annual Cracker Christmas at The Pioneer Village



proved to be highly successful for the organization. For the first time held over two days, December 19 and 20, the event was well-attended and offered visitors a variety of live music, storytelling, demonstrations, arts & crafts, and horse rides for children. And on the evening of December 19, several of the authentic buildings were lit with oil lamps and candlelight in addition to their unique cracker holiday decorations.

For information on upcoming OCHS events, call 407-396-8644, or visit the Society's website at

www.osceolahistory.com

## Get Others Involved

Encourage friends and family to become members to the Osceola County Historical Society. We have several levels of membership to fit individual needs ranging from student memberships to corporate levels.

### Membership

- Student/Senior \$20
- Single \$35
- Family \$50
- Corporate \$300 & Up
- Young Friends of the Historical Society \$35.00

### Privileges of Membership

- Quarterly Newsletter
- Free Admission to Museum
- Free Admission to Pioneer Village
- 10% off Books from our Gift Shop
- Discounts to Ticketed events
- Invitation to Annual Dinner

You can become a member by registering online or by sending us a check payable to:  
Osceola County Historical Society  
750 N. Bass Road  
Kissimmee, FL 34746  
OCHS is a not-for-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

## 2010 Special Events

### Celebrating Osceola's African American Heritage Exhibit Reception

February 12<sup>th</sup> 6 pm to 8 pm



### Collector's Day

April 4<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 2 pm

Come share collections of Osceola County and Florida Memorabilia and great Bar-B-Que! Free Event!



### Pioneer For a Day Summer Camp

June 25, July 23, August 13, 10 am to 4pm

Campers become modern day explorers discovering the past.



### Spurs and Sparkles Annual History Award Dinner

September 17 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shotgun Shuffle

Shooting begins at 7am

Annual Sporting Clay Shoot Fundraiser



### Haunted Eves at the Pioneer Village

October 10, 17, 24

A haunting candlelight tour of an 1800's Pioneer Village, a bonfire, some restless spirits, and refreshments. \$10 per adult, \$5 children 15 and under.



### 18th Annual Pioneer Day

November 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 4 pm

Take a walk back in time under the shade of hundred year old oak trees; stroll past pioneer men and women as they work their trades from the 1800s; hear real cattlemen share their tales of the challenges of ranching in Florida; and find out first hand what a "Florida Cracker" truly is. Free Event!



### Cracker Christmas

December 5, 12, 19

Stroll through our 1800's village adorned with the holiday charm of Christmas long ago. Enjoy strolling carolers, children's storytelling, and family arts and crafts workshops. \$10 per adult, \$5 children 15 and under.

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## Halloween Eves at The Pioneer Village...which took place October 10, 17, and 24, 2009.

OCHS' Halloween Eves at The Pioneer Village got off to a slow start attendance-wise, but concluded with an excellent near-overflow turnout by the public for this unique "theatrical" event wherein the entire village grounds becomes a giant stage with appearances by all sorts of strange characters and happenings. It was especially nice that we received a good response from the community this year by non-OCHS-affiliated people who filled roles of some characters and atmosphere actors. The event also turned a modest profit for OCHS.





#### Photo Captions

(Top Left) OCHS Volunteer, Dick Simmons, prepares his tour guests for a shock in the Smoke House.

(Top Middle) Guests gathering at the Lanier House to begin a tour with OCHS Volunteer, Ellen Bell (at top of steps).

(Top Right) The Ghost Children (Kailey Arose, Michelle Gomez (out of view), and Giselle Parks) begin their ascent from the grave to haunt the village.

(Bottom Right) The Mysterious Lady in Black (OCHS Volunteer, Gloria Hartl) roams the village.

(Bottom Left) Mrs. Jones (Aly Parks), seen on her front porch, calls for her long-dead son, Billy, as a Lady from Sanford (Lisette Colón) looks on.

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