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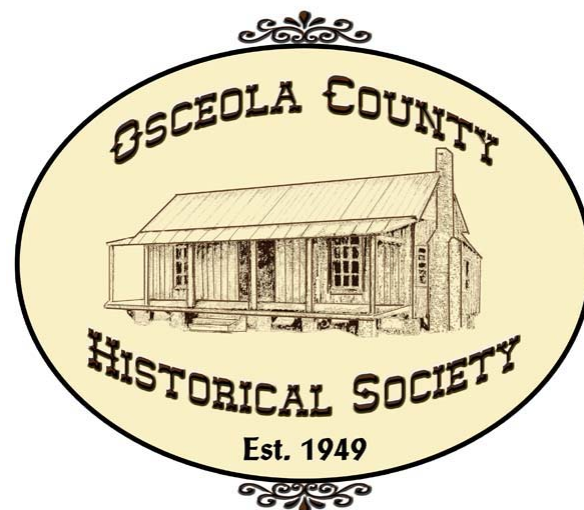
Whether you are a resident of Central Florida or one of our many visitors from around the world, you can spend an enjoyable day at the Pioneer Village and Museum.

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

Dine with the Departed, Great Success

A night of history awaited our guests at this inaugural affair. Dinner in the cemetery is not everyone's idea of a great evening, however, this past Saturday night we were joined by an enthusiastic sold out crowd for just that. Guests were welcomed by Osceola County Historical Society's President Anza Bast accompanied by her husband Mike dressed in turn of the century attire. The dining tent was full of little white lights, beautiful flower arrangements graced the tables, and elegant music of flute and guitar set the mood. An elegant dinner of brisket and chicken was delectably prepared and an array of homemade pies filled the dessert table. After dinner guests were lead on a one of a kind historic tour of Rose Hill Cemetery, featuring first person interpretations of some of Osceola



History Talk....

On March 27 To Discuss Minnie Moore Willson

The Osceola County Historical Society continues its *History Talks* series with a program about author-historian and advocate, Minnie Moore Willson on Saturday, March 27, at 2:00 PM. The guest speaker will be historian Edgar J. L'Heureux.

Minnie Moore Willson (1859-1937) was an extraordinary woman for her time. Born to a wealthy Pennsylvania family, she became an original Kissimmee socialite who began taking a serious interest in the Seminoles when she first took vacations in Kissimmee during the early 1880s.

Admission to the program is \$10.00 (\$5.00, OCHS members), and seating is limited. Advance reservations are suggested by calling OCHS at 407-396-8644.

The Sounds of Bluegrass....

To Be Heard at The Pioneer Village
The sounds of live bluegrass music will be heard on the grounds of the **Osceola County Historical Society Pioneer**

County's finest "passed" residents. To all who attend we appreciated your support and look forward to many more wonderful events such as this.

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.

Upcoming Special Events

History Talk

March 27 -2pm

Ed L'Heureux will discuss the
"Life and Times of Minnie Moore Willson"

History Talk

April 24

Author and journalist Nancy dale will speak on the topic of
Florida's Cow Hunters

Pioneer For a Day Summer Camp

June , July, August , 10 am to 4pm

Campers become modern day explorers discovering the past.

9/11 Remembrance Program

History Talk
September 11

Haunted Eves at the Pioneer Village

October

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.

19th Annual Pioneer Day

November 13th -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

Village when musicians from around the vicinity will take part in **Bluegrass Jam Sessions.** The sessions are free, and will be held on the first Sunday of every month, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM, and spectators are welcome (just bring your own chairs). Only "acoustical" bluegrass music will be performed, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the grounds.

While the Bluegrass Jams Sessions are free, there is a separate admission for visitors wishing to view the buildings and exhibits of the Pioneer Village.

On View Now (through May 30th)....

The Grand Hotels of Kissimmee Exhibit

Shows Kissimmee As Early "Resort"

Destination

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Steamboats and the railroad were bringing travelers to the new city, and vacationers took day excursions on boats to picnic destinations while some folks took strolls along the lakefront; some engaged in games of tennis and golf, while others dressed in their finest attire attended performances at the nearby opera house. This was Kissimmee City during the 1880s and through the early days of the twentieth century.

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firsthand what a "Florida Cracker" truly is.
Free Event!

Cracker Christmas

December 18 & 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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