



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2, 2018

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**CENTRAL SARASOTA PARKWAY / HONORE AVENUE INTERSECTION – NOW A 4-WAY STOP!**



As you travel the area, be mindful that the intersection of Central Sarasota Parkway and Honore Avenue is now a 4-way stop, to allow for construction of the roundabout.

*Please use caution when driving in active work zones.*

### News You Can Use

#### ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH

Do you draw, paint, sculpt or have an interest in any of the visual arts? If so come join the *Artists of Palmer Ranch* at their next meeting on **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm**. The meeting is held in Room B at Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave. Any Palmer Ranch resident is welcome. If you like, bring your latest masterpiece!

Featured Artist: Jim Pinorsky



#### GREEN TEAM EVENT AT THE GLENRIDGE

The Green Team at Glenridge on Palmer Ranch invites you to a presentation by Charles Reith, PhD. Dr. Reith will discuss his research on strengthening food production to help villages in Africa adapt to climate change and combat the ravages of desertification. He will apply the lessons of driving sustainability in Africa to our own challenges here. This presentation will take place on **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30am** in the Performing Arts Center at the Glenridge on Palmer Ranch, 7333 Scotland Way. This event is free and the public is welcome. Please contact Susan Button at [941-360-1162](tel:941-360-1162) or [susanvinalbutton@gmail.com](mailto:susanvinalbutton@gmail.com) with any questions about this event.

### UF/IFAS Sarasota County Extension Classes

The following classes are all held at the UF/IFAS Sarasota County Extension, Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road. For more information on these events, call (941) 861-5000 and ask for the Sarasota County Extension.

#### CLOSING UP YOUR FLORIDA HOME

Unoccupied homes in Florida are prime targets for mildew growth, storm damage and pests. Learn how to prepare your home – inside and out – before leaving for a long time, with a checklist provided to help you remember key tasks. Classes will be held on **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm** and on **Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am**.

#### PLANTS FOR WILDLIFE & POLLINATORS

Learn how to create a beautiful wildlife garden, to attract birds, bees and butterflies. Class will be held on **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-3:30pm**.



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### FRIENDS OF SARASOTA COUNTY HISTORY CENTER – MARCH AND APRIL LECTURE SERIES

Friends of the Sarasota County History Center is pleased to announce that once again they've received a grant for the Speakers' Series. This program is sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. All events will be at the Sarasota Garden Club, located at 1131 Boulevard of the Arts in Sarasota, and will start at 7 PM. Light refreshments will be available.

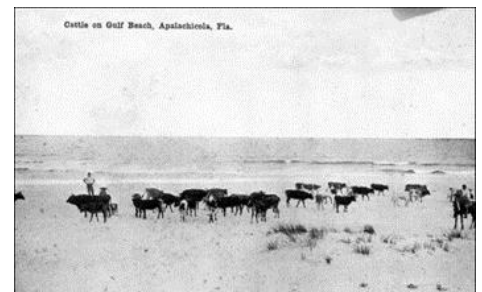
Reservations are recommended. Call 941-361-2453 or e-mail [info@foschc.org](mailto:info@foschc.org).

The following programs are free to members of the Friends of the Sarasota County History Center and \$5 for non-members.



Dr. Steve Noll, a master lecturer in the history department at the University of Florida, will tell Florida's history as a territory and state through the changing methods of transportation designed to move people and goods both to Florida and within Florida. By examining the changing transportation networks in the state, this presentation on **Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** shows how Florida moved from a backwoods frontier to one of the most important states in the Union. He plans to donate a copy of his award-winning book, *Ditch of Dreams*, about the ill-fated Cross Florida Barge Canal to a lucky winner.

Bob Stone, an independent folklorist and media-producer based in Gainesville, will provide his multi-media presentation on **Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** exploring and celebrating the history and culture of the nation's oldest cattle ranching state from the colonial period to the 21st century. He will present all aspects of Florida cattle ranching traditions including material culture such as Cracker cow-whips and unique ranch gate designs, swamp cabbage and other food ways, cowboy church and Cracker cowboy funerals, Seminole ranching past and present, occupational skills such as roping and branding, our vibrant rodeo culture, side-splitting cowboy poetry, feisty cow-dogs, and much more.



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**SARASOTA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM**

Dates for Cycle 31 of the *Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program* have been set. If you're looking for money to improve the character, leadership, safety, health, or environment of your neighborhood - attend an application seminar to find out how you can obtain up to \$10,000 toward your neighborhood goals. Completed applications will be due **Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**, with approval by the Sarasota County Commission set for **Tuesday, October 23rd**.



Neighborhood Initiative Grant

# Application Seminars

Grants

Learn more about the Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program, and how your neighborhood can apply for up to \$10,000 toward improving character, leadership, safety, environment or health, by attending one of the following application seminars.

<b>February 20</b> 10:30am Gulf Gate Library 7112 Curtiss Ave	<b>March 7</b> 10:30am Gulf Gate Library 7112 Curtiss Ave	<b>April 3</b> 10:30am Selby Library 1331 First St
<b>April 9</b> 5:30pm Shannon Staub Library 4675 Career Lane	<b>April 12</b> 10:30am Jacaranda Library 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd	<b>April 19</b> 5:30pm North Sarasota Library 2801 Newtown Blvd
<b>April 27</b> 10:30am Administration Center 1660 Ringling Blvd	<i>Seminars will last approximately 2 hours.                      RSVP at least 24 hours in advance to  <a href="mailto:neighbor@scgov.net">neighbor@scgov.net</a> or 941-861-5000.</i>	



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## Neighborhood

SERVICES

**Palmer Ranch Master Association – Mission Statement**

*‘Our mission is to enhance and maintain the aesthetic quality of Palmer Ranch and to preserve the overall unique identity and sense of community.’*