

## GREAT ANNUAL MEETING IN TAMPA

Where were you when ...?

- ◆ Dr. Lois Bolin ended her presentation hip-hop style with an energetic and fanciful rap;
- ◆ First-time attendee Melanie Wallace (from Canada!) discovered the extraordinary deliciousness of a freshly-fried plantain; or
- ◆ A small group of archivists and librarians decided to “StumbleUpon” various Web 2.0 tools during the SFA’s first-ever Pecha Kucha.

If you can’t say “the 2010 Annual Meeting” then you don’t know what you missed!

The Society of Florida Archivists’ Annual Meeting was held May 4-7, 2010 at the Hilton Garden Inn Tampa – Ybor Historic District. Conference attendance doubled from the previous year, attesting to the solid line-up of presentations and activities coordinated by

the Planning and Local Arrangements Committee. The conference began with two full days of workshops – including the NEH-sponsored Society of American Archivists’ workshop “Describing Archives: A Content Standard” – followed by two more days of professional presentations,



(L-R) John Nemmers, past president with the Judith Beale Scholars: Anne Larrivee (USF), Tracy Lin Seurer (USF), Marjorie Young (USF) and Billy R. Glasco, Jr (FSU).

graduate student poster sessions, networking opportunities and fun. Four student scholarships were presented during the conference luncheon (at the world-famous Columbia Restaurant), and the SFA Award of Excellence honoree was announced during the business meeting—congratulations Trudy Laframboise! Each day ended with a relaxing, yet spirited, event: Conference Mixer (Wednesday); Henry B. Plant Museum reception and tour (Thursday); and a tour of the Tampa Bay History Center (Friday). *continued on page 7*

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Burt Altman (on behalf of Boyd Murphree) presented the Award of Excellence to Gertrude Laframboise of Rollins College. Since she was not able to attend the Annual Meeting, her colleague, Wenxian Zhang, accepted the award for her.



First-time attendees from Stetson University College of Law (L-R): Alison Folse, Whitney Curtis and Kristen Fiato at the Henry B. Plant Museum reception.



**Michael Zaidman**  
SFA President

## Presidential Address

Dear SFA members,

I am happy to report that I have been elected your new SFA president. It was a tough race, but I am glad it all worked out — with barely any election violations. Elected as vice-president was Tomaro Taylor from USF and as director for a two-year term was William Modrow from FSU.

The Annual Meeting that took place in May in Ybor City went very well, as most of you will read in the page one article. The event pulled one frozen Canadian to the Sunshine State and numerous other archivists from around Florida. Tomaro and the local arrangements team did an excellent job coordinating a diverse group of presentations and evening activities. It was really a family-fun atmosphere that allowed everyone to network and gain new ideas to bring back to their own institutions.

As announced, next year's annual meeting will take place in St. Augustine in late spring. Christine Wysocki ([christine.wysocki@gmail.com](mailto:christine.wysocki@gmail.com)) from Flagler College will be taking the lead, but if anyone from the northeast would like to help out, please let her know.

John Nemmers thought he was done with SFA, but he is still working hard to help in a variety of ways. John has been working with Brooke Wooldridge from FIU to coordinate efforts to send money and archival supplies to earthquake-affected organizations in Haiti. At the last SFA board meeting, the board voted unanimously to donate \$500 to the relief efforts and John got additional support from Hollinger Metal Edge to donate archival supplies. Please read his article on page six on how you can still help.

John will also be working with Mary Flekke, SFA's membership chair to find a suitable database that will manage donations and membership. Inspired by SAA's online membership directory, we have inquired into finding a moderately priced database that can support a secured online connection. Burt Altman has been working diligently on designing and upgrading our current website to accommodate or support a secured database. Burt is also the Connecting to Collections (C2C) Liaison and has an update on page three.

In the fall, we will be polling our members to see how SFA is doing. We would like to find out your opinions on how the newsletter, website, workshops and annual meeting have been in the past. What would you like to see us improve? This organization has been around for a while and we want to be sure we will be here for a lot longer. If you have any specific suggestions that you feel would be helpful to us, please don't hesitate to e-mail me.

For the past five years, I have been the newsletter editor and it has been very gratifying working on this project, however I would like to offer it up for grabs if there is a current member interested. The editor position is a great way to get involved with the organization and network with other professionals. If you would like to pursue this opportunity, please contact me.

We will keep you posted on all SFA activities via the listserv and future newsletters.

I would like to thank past presidents John Nemmers and Burt Altman for helping me transition into this new position. It is a rather large undertaking, but with everyone's support, I hope to serve a successful presidential term.

Have a great summer!



2009-10 SFA Board: Kathy Turner Thompson, Michael Zaidman, Burt Altman, Tomaro Taylor, Beatrice Skokan, John Nemmers, Mary Flekke, Flo Turcotte and Wenxian Zhang.

## C2C: Moving Forward

In mid-December 2009, the Connecting to Collections (C2C) Steering Committee submitted an implementation grant application for \$743,209 to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for a two-year project to collaboratively develop emergency and collections plans for Florida's cultural heritage institutions. This application was a follow-up to an IMLS planning grant that was awarded to Florida in 2008. As part of the planning grant activities, a statewide survey of collections needs was conducted from August through November 2009. Unfortunately, the Steering Committee learned in mid-April of this year that Florida did not receive the implementation grant. Awards were made to Rhode Island, California, Connecticut, Delaware and North Carolina. While grant reviewers noted that it was a well thought out proposal, reflected strong collaboration among multiple groups, and addressed funding concerns very well, they felt it would have been stronger if the implementation grant had included a final report of the previous IMLS planning grant survey findings. IMLS staff could not provide a list of applicant organizations and where Florida ranked in the review, as this was not considered public information.

The C2C Steering Committee held a conference call on June 28. Participating in the call were Burt Altman, Daniel Stetson, John Maseman, Malinda Horton, Melissa Kendrick, Myriam Springuel, and Russell Daws. The Committee reviewed and discussed a preliminary draft of the planning grant survey report and agreed that it should be written so that many institutions (not just the C2C project) could use the report and its data to argue for collections preservation. Examples of the kind of information the Steering Committee hopes to see in the final report include the following:

The report showed that only 25% of photographic collections are stable with the rest needing conservation in the state. Could an analysis be made of all collections, as well as an analysis by type?

- ♦ *The fact that 75% of collections are accessible to the general public, 85% to scholars, and more than half of collections have finding aids demonstrate that collections serve the public.*
- ♦ *75% of collections do not have sufficient humidity controls which is "an invitation to damage" and part of a call for taking action.*
- ♦ *Where analysis is provided, it would be helpful to compare these statistics to the HHI so Floridians can understand how they compare to the nation.*

Steering Committee members decided to review a draft of the data via conference call in order to provide specific feedback to survey designers Dr. Paul Marty and Kathy Braun and to assist them in focusing the report. The Committee initially planned to hold the call in mid-July so the report could be completed before the start of the academic year.

At the Committee meeting, we also learned that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission was awarded \$674,000 (\$207,000 matching) C2C: Continuing Conversations grant to lead a team of partners representing statewide collaborative projects (American Association for State and Local History, Clemson University; Florida Association of Museums; Maine State Museum; Newark (NJ) Museum; Washington State Library; Oklahoma Dept of Libraries; South Dakota State Historical Society; Board of Library Commissioners for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) that will work with IMLS to develop the C2C Continuing Conversation Exchange, a series of meetings planned, managed and hosted by recipients of C2C Statewide Planning Grants. It was noted that Florida's participation in this initiative underscores the importance of C2C to the state and should help strengthen Florida's re-application to IMLS. This fortuitous development also underscored the importance of a survey report to share with colleagues nationally.

### NEXT STEPS

Steering Committee member Russell Daws reported that the FAM Board at its last meeting recommended that the C2C implementation grant proposal address the concerns raised in the reviewer comments. Their board recommended resubmitting the collaborative application to IMLS. While there was some discussion about rethinking the project and applying for grants by discipline or by region, FAM did not have the resources to pursue that route now.

The Steering Committee concurred with the FAM Board recommendations and added that the IMLS grant application should be submitted when the Survey Report is complete. The Committee agreed that the next steps are to:

- ♦ Finalize the survey report
- ♦ Myriam Springuel, FAM Foundation program manager, and Malinda Horton, FAM Foundation executive director, were asked to confer with IMLS staff about any additional input for the next application
- ♦ Schedule a Steering Committee conference call with Dr. Paul Marty and Kathy Braun to review the draft report
- ♦ Revise and resubmit the application

## Communiqué

### SFA ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2010 SFA election results: President, Michael Zaidman; Vice-President, Tomaro Taylor, and Director for 2 years, William Modrow.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/CAREER NEWS

Tomaro Taylor, M.A., C.A. is now the Associate University Librarian at the Research Library of The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida.

... Jaime L. Fogel is now Librarian at the Holocaust Documentation & Education Center in Hollywood.

... John Nemmers received tenure at the University of Florida.

### AWARDS / KUDOS

Gertrude Laframboise was selected as the 2010 SFA Excellence Award recipient (see next page).

... Hollywood Historical Society archivist Dr. Joan Mickelson was recognized on May 19, 2010, by the city of Hollywood as the "Historic Preservationist of the Year."



(L-R) Board members Clarissa Barth, Valerie Panciera-Rieth and Wally Pesetsky with Dr. Mickelson, holding her award.

... Kudos to Carl Van Ness for being published in the recent edition of *The American Archivist* (Vol. 73, No. 1, Spring/Summer 2010) with his article, "Much Ado about Paper Clips: More Product, Less Process and the Modern Manuscript Repository." Carl is a member and past president of SFA.

... The City of Fort Lauderdale, in anticipation of commemorating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2011, has retained SFA member, Susan Gillis as the historical research consultant for the celebration. Gillis will work with the City's Centennial Celebration Committee to preserve, recreate and promote Fort Lauderdale's history through research, as well as spearheading several educational initiatives throughout 2011.

### CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

Implement DACS workshop, Thu. Aug. 19 & Fri. Aug. 20, 9-5. University of Miami, Coral Gables - [johnemm@uflib.ufl.edu](mailto:johnemm@uflib.ufl.edu).

... The FAM Annual Conference will be held Sept. 21-24 at the West Palm Beach Marriott, [www.flamuseumsfdn.org](http://www.flamuseumsfdn.org).

... The National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers 12th Annual meeting takes place in Green Bay, WI Aug. 9, [www.nathpo.com](http://www.nathpo.com).

... The Federation of Genealogical Societies, [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) Conference will be held Aug. 18-21 in Knoxville.

... [AASLH](http://www.aaslh.org) annual meeting, Oklahoma City, Sept. 22-25.

... [AAM](http://www.aam.org) annual meeting, Houston, May 22-25, 2011.

### RESEARCH

As part of the Library of Congress' observance of the forthcoming sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections is seeking the assistance of eligible repositories in identifying and describing archival collections relating to the conflict. Eligible repositories must be located in the United States or its territories; regularly admit researchers. For info about program participation, visit [www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc](http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc) or contact [nucmc@loc.gov](mailto:nucmc@loc.gov) or 202.707.7954.

### EVENTS / EXHIBITS

The Henry B. Plant Museum presents *Strolling in a Perfect Paradise* through Dec. 31. In October, photographers can enter their best photograph of Plant Park (the former garden spot of the Tampa Bay Hotel) in the Page Photography Contest. The top prize is \$250 and a \$250 contribution to the Henry B. Plant Museum in the winner's name. The winner's photograph will be on display during the *Victorian Christmas Stroll*. The top ten finalists will have their photographs displayed on the Museum's website, [www.plantmuseum.com](http://www.plantmuseum.com), and Facebook page.



"Strolling in a perfect paradise" at the Henry B. Plant Museum

...The 445<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day of the City of St. Augustine and the dedication of the new Mission Nombre de Dios Museum (right) will take place Sept. 4 on the



grounds of Mission Nombre de Dios, 27 Ocean Ave at 10 am with a historical reenactment, guest speaker Dr. Bonnie McEwan, an outdoor mass, a procession with the casket of Pedro Menendez and a dedication by Bishop Victor Galeone. All are welcome.

**FUNDING**

[NEH](#) has posted the new application guidelines for the *America's Historical & Cultural Organizations and Interpreting America's Historic Places* grant competitions. The next deadline is Aug 18.

... The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma seeks applicants for its Visiting Scholars Program at [channeman@ou.edu](mailto:channeman@ou.edu).

... The Florida Division of Cultural Affairs released the list of 2010-2011 [General Program Support](#) awards in June. 245 grantees will receive awards from the 2010 Legislature's \$950,000 appropriation, the average amount award, \$5,591.

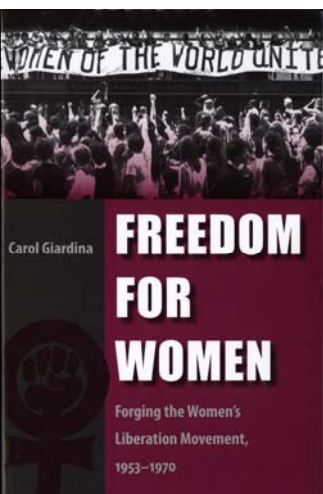
**BOOK RELEASES**

Recent books released by the University Press of Florida include:

*The 57 Club: My Four Decades in Florida Politics* by Frederick Karl, ISBN 978-0-8130-3463-8, \$40; *The Columbia Restaurant, Celebrating A Century of History, Culture & Cuisine* by SFA member Andrew Huse, ISBN 978-0-8130-3365-5, \$40; *Havana Forever, A Pictorial & Cultural History of An Unforgettable City* by Kenneth Treister, Felipe J. Prestamo & Raul Garcia, ISBN 978-0-8130-3396-9, \$50; *Guy LaBree, Barefoot Artist of the Florida Seminoles* by Carol Mahler, ISBN 978-0-8130-3430-0, \$34.95; *How Florida*



*Happened, The Political Education of Buddy MacKay* by Buddy MacKay with Rick Edmonds, ISBN 978-0-8130-3484-3, \$32; *Ditch of Dreams, The Cross-Florida Barge Canal & The Struggle for*



*Florida's Future* by Steven Noll & David Tegeder, ISBN 978-0-8130-3406-x, \$29.95; *American Selections From The Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art* by Dulce Maria Roman, Kerry Oliver-Smith & Thomas W. Southall, ISBN 978-0-9762552-8-4, \$29.95; *Our Florida Legacy, Land, Legend & Leadership* by Anne Mackenzie, ISBN 978-0-9759935-0-7, \$50; *Losing It All To Sprawl, How Progress Ate My Cracker Landscape* by Bill Belleville, ISBN 978-0-8130-3502-4, \$19.95; *Miami Architecture, An AIA Guide Featuring Downtown, The Beaches &*

*Coconut Grove* by Allan Shulman, Randall Robinson, Jr. and James Donnelly, ISBN 978-0-8130-3471-3, \$29.95; *Freedom For Women, Forging The Women's Liberation Movement, 1953-1970* by Carol Giardina, ISBN 978-0-8130-3456-0, \$69.95. For info for any UPF books, contact Heather Romans at [heather@upf.com](mailto:heather@upf.com) or 352.392.1351 x. 236.

... SFA member Joe Knetsch will have a chapter in the new book, *Florida's Hundred Years War* concerning Anglo-Seminole relations in honor of the late Leitch Wright from UPF. Joe and Nick Wynne also have a contract to finish a book tentatively entitle *Florida and The Spanish-American War, 1898* coming out at the end of the year from The History Press.

**USEFUL WEBSITE LINK FOR SCRAPBOOKING**

<http://archivesmonth.blogspot.com/2009/10/few-words-on-scrapbook-preservation.html>

The SFA's 2010 Award of Excellence goes to Trudy Laframboise, Archives Specialist in Archives and Special Collections at Rollins College's Olin Library. For the past twenty-five years, Trudy has provided outstanding professional services to countless students, faculty, scholars and community users. Known for her exemplary



professionalism and dedication, Trudy is always willing to search collections to the "last folder" to satisfy patron requests. Evidence of her appreciation can be seen in the large stack of thank you notes, letters, and e-mails sent by patrons from around the world to the Olin Library in recognition of Trudy's work. In addition to her regular displays on the history of Rollins College, Winter Park, and Central Florida, Trudy has contributed to several high-profile exhibits that received statewide media attention. Trudy's many years of service at Rollins has guaranteed that Rollins continues to maintain one of the top private special collections and archives in the state.

Wenxian Zhang nominated Trudy for her great generosity working with students, professors, graduates and researchers. Trudy recently retired and is looking forward to spending more time with her family.

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## SUPPORT ARCHIVES IN HAITI

Following the devastating earthquake in Haiti in January of this year, SFA members began discussing ways in which to provide support to the archival repositories there. News of the earthquake's impact on those repositories arrived almost immediately from Brooke Wooldridge, director of the Digital Library of the Caribbean, who disseminated photos and publicized the need for archival supplies to protect the endangered collections at the Haiti National Archives, National Library and the Fathers of the Holy Spirit and Christian Brothers. Brooke has spent the past six months coordinating the effort to collect and deliver supplies to Haiti by contacting numerous organizations and companies internationally. I am happy to report that although it has taken several months, we are at last ready to provide direct support to Haitian archives.

During the annual SFA business meeting in Tampa in May, attendees discussed the situation and brainstormed ways of helping. Since many of our members know and have worked with archivists and librarians in Haiti and many of our own repositories hold materials pertaining to Haiti, there was strong agreement among those at the meeting that we should provide support in some way. Following that meeting, I received additional ideas and comments from members via e-mail, as well as offers to contribute both supplies and funds. Larry Gates, president of [Hollinger Metal Edge](http://www.hollingermetalede.com), also responded saying that his company would donate hundreds of archival boxes to the effort. Please join me in thanking Larry and Hollinger Metal Edge for this generous offer!

In a telephone meeting on June 17, the SFA board passed a motion stating that SFA will contribute \$500 to help pay for shipping costs and the purchase of additional supplies. We're calling on our membership to match the \$500 SFA is contributing. The Board has established a special account to collect funds for delivering supplies to Haiti and we hope to exceed our goal of \$1,000.

Please make your check payable to the Society of Florida Archivists and in the memo note indicate "Haiti Support."

We would like to acknowledge everyone who donates in an upcoming issue of the newsletter, so please let us know if you would like your contribution to be anonymous. You can mail your checks to: Society of Florida Archivists, P.O. Box 2746, Lakeland, FL 33806-2746. A big 'thank you' to all of you who already have pledged supplies and/or funds!

If you have questions about the special fund, please contact me at 352.273.2766 or [jnemmers@ufl.edu](mailto:jnemmers@ufl.edu). If you have any supplies you would like to donate, or if you have questions about the delivery of supplies, please contact: Brooke Wooldridge, Digital Library of the Caribbean, Florida International University, 305.348.3008, [bwooldri@fiu.edu](mailto:bwooldri@fiu.edu). Please contact your Board members if you have any other ideas about ways that SFA can help.—Submitted by John Nemmers

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### ARCHIVAL EDUCATION NEEDS SURVEY

Over the past few years, several Florida institutions have partnered in an initiative called **Opening Archives in Florida**, which provides training to archivists and others who work with archival materials. In December 2009, the Opening Archives team was awarded an NEH Preservation and Access Education & Training Grant to support our statewide education and training program, *Advancing Access and Preservation Best Practices in Florida*. This project, which the SFA co-sponsors, provides training through a series of four free Society of American Archivists (SAA) workshops.

A key part of this project will be a survey to determine archival education needs and priorities. The Opening Archives team has developed an education needs survey that examines current barriers to archival training and asks respondents to prioritize topics for future workshops. The survey will be disseminated online in mid-July and it is important that SFA members respond to this survey. Your responses will support and guide future archival education activities in Florida. The online survey will be posted on the Opening Archives page at [http://fclaweb.fcla.edu/Opening\\_Archives](http://fclaweb.fcla.edu/Opening_Archives), and we will send the link to SFA members via email.

### PAHR UPDATE

On July 1, the House Oversight and Government Reform

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The committee and Board were especially pleased with the success of this year's annual meeting and extend their sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone for their overwhelming generosity: Hollinger Metal Edge (with special thanks to Abby Shaw and Larry Gates!); Cynthia Gandee (Henry B. Plant Museum); Michelle Cardamone of Hilton Hotels; Tampa Bay History Center; USF Libraries; Ybor City Museum Society; Cracker Country; Mojo Books and Music; Columbia Restaurant; Starbucks Coffee; and Nicahabana Cigars.

If you weren't able to attend this year's meeting, don't fret—there's always next year! The 2011 SFA Annual Meeting will be held in the nation's oldest city, St. Augustine, Florida.

Conference dates and schedules will be announced via the SFA listserv and website as they become available. If you would like to present a session or workshop, host a tour or reception, provide a monetary or in-kind sponsorship, or suggest ways that you can help make the conference even better, please contact a member of the 2011 Planning and Local Arrangements Committee: Christine Wysocki ([cwysocki@flagler.edu](mailto:cwysocki@flagler.edu)), Tomaro Taylor ([tomaro@bcs.usf.edu](mailto:tomaro@bcs.usf.edu)) or Flo Turcotte ([turcotte@ufl.edu](mailto:turcotte@ufl.edu)).

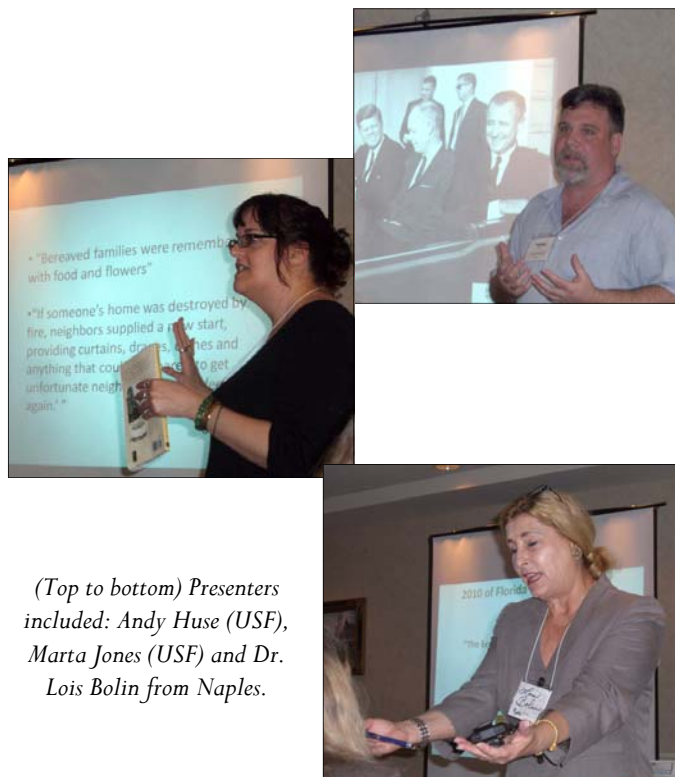
We look forward to seeing you there!

-Submitted by Tomaro Taylor

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives cleared H.R.1556 (the bill to reauthorize NHPRC's available funds from \$10 million to \$20 million through FY 2014) for review by the full House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Many supporters insist NHPRC needs to increase its funding to meet the demand of maintaining electronic records and to strengthen best practices at all archival levels via federal/state partnerships. On June 21, the Senate Governmental Affairs and Homeland Security Committee issued a committee report (S. Rep. 111-213) on its version of the NHPRC's bill (S. 2872), currently on the Senate floor calendar, however, it authorized NHPRC at only \$10 million.

### NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

In the article, "Annual Meeting Information, the sentence *Historical markers detailing people, places and events merge, with the sound of trolley cars and the smell of roasting beans...*" The correct term should be streetcars, not trolley cars. Corrected by the Tampa/Ybor City Street Railway Society. Although many people call the streetcars "trolleys," this is incorrect. The trolley is the part on top of the streetcar that is turned at the end of the line, so the car need not be.



(Top to bottom) Presenters included: Andy Huse (USF), Marta Jones (USF) and Dr. Lois Bolin from Naples.

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## BROWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION OPENS

In early February, the Broward County Historical Commission and Museum celebrated the grand opening of its new location at the site of the former West Side Grade School in the historic Sailboat Bend neighborhood in Fort Lauderdale. More than 300 residents and officials of the Broward County community came out to show their support and enthusiasm.

Administrator and Historic Preservation Officer David Baber introduced an A list of dignitary speakers, headed by Florida's own Governor Charlie Crist, which included Broward County Mayor Ken Keechl, Commissioner John E. Rodstrom, City of Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler and Broward Historian Helen Landers. Nearly all of the Broward County Commissioners were in attendance as well as former U.S. Congressman E. Clay Shaw.

To attend the event through the internet visit the following links:

<http://ka.uvuvideo.org/Broward-Historical-Museum-Grand-Opening-pt1/video/908822/86294.html?b>

<http://ka.uvuvideo.org/Broward-Historical-Museum-Grand-Opening-pt2/video/908824/86294.html?b>

*Wendy Wangberg in the Broward County Historical Commission's reading room. Wendy is the City of Coral Springs Historian and a member of the Broward County Historical Commission.*



*Denyse Cunningham is the Curator at the Broward County Historical Commission and provided a tour of the new facility.*

