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# HHH Newsletter

Holly Hill History Museum

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## **Annual Corporation Meeting**

The Annual Corporation Membership meeting was held on Sept. 24. Financial and past project reports were given. Goals for the new year and Covid-19 impact on Museum operations were discussed. Maureen France was elected as an additional



Director At Large to make a six member Board of Directors. Dean Wiggins has been appointed as Museum Director. President Rentha Flowers, Secretary Leigh Harris & VP Gil Adams are also being sworn in by Olive Pollak.

## **Merci Boxcar News**

John and Sue Ann Irving from Hillsboro, Oregon were speaking by phone recently with our President about having visited every Merci Boxcar in the country. They emailed some pictures taken here before we had the Museum open. They are looking forward to receiving a copy of our updated Boxcar brochure. The couple also provided the recently published "Merci Boxcar Restoration Guide" to the Museum.

The website [www.mercitrain.org](http://www.mercitrain.org) was created to help others learn about the great story of the French Gratitude Train of 1949, commonly referred to as the Merci Train.



Small seedling trees, carefully packed in French soil and straw, were in the first box unloaded from the 40 & 8 car of the Merci Train at the Indiana World War Memorial on Feb. 13, 1949. Indianapolis Star Photo.

## **Holly Hill Gains a New Museum**

After searching for a new location the Veterans Museum and Education Center announced it will be relocating to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) building at 605 8th St. We welcome this great new attraction to our city. The DAV will still occupy part of the building. To donate or help, contact them at: 386-679-4812 or P.O Box 407 Daytona Beach, FL. 32115 e-mail to: [VMAECI@gmail.com](mailto:VMAECI@gmail.com)



## Museum Hours



**Tuesday thru Saturday**  
**12 – 4 pm**

### **Note:**

**Holly Hill History Museum  
may be closed during scheduled  
hours due to the Covid-19 alert  
affecting our volunteer  
availability.**

To make an appointment or delivery  
please call Rentha at 407-221-6216

### **Holiday Hours** **Closed**

November 25, 26, 27  
December 24, 25, 26, 31  
January 1

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Book Club**

**2nd Wednesday of the month**

### **Election Day**

**November 3, 2020**

### **61st Annual Christmas Parade**

**10am**

The Society wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season in these trying times. Remember the Museum has a gift shop with holiday items, t-shirts, books, memberships and more for holiday gift giving. All proceeds benefit the Museum!



### **Thank you to our new Lifetime Members!**

If you want to leave a legacy, for only \$300 you can show your community support and have your name added to our Lifetime Member Honor Wall at the Museum.

## **Quote:**

Every election  
is determined by  
the people who  
show up.

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LARRY J. SABATO

## **Holly Hill Historic Preservation Society Mission**

This Corporation shall establish, maintain and conduct programs to preserve and protect the historical, cultural and natural resources of the Holly Hill area and shall promote the development and use of these resources through a program of public education for the betterment and improvement of the community.

## **New Hand Sanitizer**

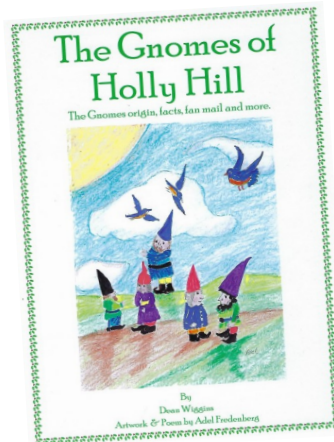


Upon entering the Museum everyone will have the opportunity to utilize our hand sanitizer. It is hands-free. A foot pedal pumps a sanitizing gel onto your hands. It features the Society's logo as well as historic pictures of Holly Hill. The stand was paid by grant money and is manufactured in Holly Hill by Bob's Space Racers.



## **Popular Gnomes Book Now Available**

The Gnome Tree is a popular attraction and now the 'little people' have their own book. "The Gnomes of Holly Hill" tells their story with illustrations, poems and notes from visitors around the world. This would be a great stocking stuffer or gift to mail to loved ones out of state. Proceeds benefit the Museum.



Copies are available at the Museum for \$10. If you want us to mail it to you it is \$12, which includes postage.

This color paperback is also available on Amazon.com for \$14.95.

## **Communication Exhibits at Museum**

You never know what you will see at the our History Museum: from a telegraph to a 1988 portable cell phone... mmm, heavy!

A 1948 IBM typewriter was recently added to our History of Communication exhibit. We accept donations of historic pictures and artifacts.

A new book on the history of Holly Hill's Motor Courts is being created. If you have any pictures or history to add, please contact the Museum.

