

The
Pioneer
Press

Barberville Pioneer
Settlement's Newsletter
Winter 2021/ 2022

From the Settlement Desk

The Kids are Back

This past December the Settlement was again filled with the familiar sounds of children's laughter and little feet's pitter-patter. Our **Holiday Traditions** field trip program heralded in the return of public schools. Public school kids have not been allowed to go on field trips since early 2020 because of the pandemic. This December we had kindergarten and 1st grade classes from Spruce Creek, Mclinnis, Blue Lake, and others visit for their end of the semester field trip. We had roughly 1000 kids come through the program between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Last year we only had about 90. The Holiday Tradition field trip is a special program that teaches kids about the origins of traditions from around the world such as poinsettias from Mexico, St Lucia's light festival from Sweden, and popcorn stringing from the USA.



Weekday school groups weren't our only wee-ones we welcomed this past December. Scout Pack 436 had a Friday and Saturday night campout at the Settlement. On Saturday, after a hearty camp breakfast, the scouts went back in time to learn about the crafts of the Florida pioneers and Seminoles such as weaving, tool making, and wood working. Education and preservation of history is a big part of our mission statement, and we've been providing a unique field trip environment for kids for the past 45+ years. It is not uncommon to overhear chaperoning parents reminisce to their kids about when they came here on their field trip when they were their age.

Let's Go Camping!



You might have seen RVs parked in our fields during your recent visit to the Barberville Pioneer Settlement. Those belong to Harvest Host members taking advantage of us being a Harvest Host location. What is Harvest Host? It is a boondocking camping club for RV owners. On their website, www.harvesthost.com, they describe themselves as “a network of wineries, breweries, distilleries, farms, and attractions that invite RVers to stay in 2976+ stunning locations.” Membership is \$99 a year. Harvest Host members can stay at a host site for free. However, members are asked to support their host by making purchases and patronizing the host’s business. Most Harvest Host members who have stayed with us

have taken self-guided tours of the museum. Several have even made generous donations. The Barberville Pioneer Settlement’s profile on the Harvest Host website has—at the time of the publication of this newsletter—55 member reviews. Each review is glowing with praise and appreciation. If you have a self-contained RV (sorry, no tents allowed), and are interested in joining Harvest Host, we have a 15% off discount code: HOSTS. Join now and spend the night in a simpler time at the Settlement!




Attraction

Barberville Pioneer Settlement

Barberville, FL

Total Spaces **5**

 < 44 feet

 Pets Allowed

A nonprofit historic village museum with 19 historic buildings and thousands of artifacts depicting the pioneer lifestyle of the late 1800s and early 1900s. Known for hosting top notch living history and folk music festivals.

The museum is open to the public 10am to 3pm Thursday through Sunday. Camping is available every day by reservation only.

Some handmade arts and crafts. Ice cream. BBQ Pork sandwiches, burgers, and hotdogs when summer kitchen is open during events.

 By appointment only (EDT)

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Event Schedule

(tentative—as of January 2022)

Open Thurs-Sun 10 am—3 pm

6-foot social distance from others

Masks are recommended in all buildings

Service animals only

April 2nd & 3rd

17th Annual Spring Frolic

June 4th

Celebration of Olde Florida

Sept 3th

Labor Day Celebration Free Admission

Oct 22nd

Inaugural International FL Musical
Saw Festival

Nov. 5th & 6th

46th Annual Fall Country Jamboree

Dec 10th

Florida Christmas Remembered

2022 Calendar of On-Going Events

Square Dancing - almost every Friday
 6:30pm—Call ahead to confirm

FABA Monthly Meeting—1st Saturday
 of most months.

Playing on the Porches — 1st Saturday
 of most months

All dates subject to change—For full listing of
 events and the most up to date information
 visit our

Facebook page or

www.pioneersettlement.org

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website or give us a call.**

* A Barberville Pioneer Settlement Lifetime Membership is an honorarium granted to supporters that have demonstrated exemplary patronage either through monetary donations, contributions of time and talents or a combination thereof. Candidates for this esteemed honor may be presented to the Board of Directors for approval by any member in good standing or by the administrative team of the Settlement.

Inaugural International Florida Saw Festival



We are excited to announce that— this autumn— we will be hosting a new event: The 1st Annual International Florida Saw Festival! The musical saw, also known as the singing saw, is no different from its woodworking cousin. But it produces ethereal tones that are both haunting and beautiful. Musicians around the world have mastered this commonplace-tool-turned-unique-musical instrument. These diverse musicians will congregate at Barberville to play together and compete against one another on the singing saw this October 22nd. There will be prizes, food, music, fun, and games!

Tim and Carol Martin are coordinating this exciting new extravaganza. All levels of singing saw musicians from around the world are welcomed. There will also be food and craft vendors bringing international flavors to the Settlement. If you are interested in being a performer, competitor, volunteer, or vendor visit www.floridasawfestival.com or call 386-999-1645.





Announcements & Tidbits



We've been blessed with a great group of seasonal helpers this year! Thank you to all for your dedication and hard work this past season. We really have gotten a lot accomplished in a short amount of time. Despite it being everyone's first season here, this group has come together to be a very productive volunteer staff! **Dennis and Gloria Graves, Nicole Oranges, & Katie Boyle**; we can't thank you enough! **Matt & Sherry Hylbom** were a great help through the fall and holiday season.

Once our seasonal helpers leave in April and May we will experience a huge vacuum of resources. Also, like many other non-profits over the past several years our **volunteer base has diminished drastically**. We are **in great need** of individuals to teach our children attending on field trips. If you know of anyone that is interested in **volunteering or in a part-time paid position** that can help us out please have them contact us. Resumes can be sent to directors@pioneersettlement.org or inquiries can be made by calling Gudrun Benson at 386-749-2959.

We love all our volunteers! We would be lost without their labors of love! Although we can't thank all of them individually here, we would like to give a special shout out to a few of our regular volunteers that have kept us alive in the 2020 + 2021. **Connie Campisi & Joe Rozycki** and **Diana Johnson** are always only a phone call away for field trip help. **Echo Harger & Mike Starinchuck** are familiar fixtures here on Saturdays, either in the garden or helping out just fixing stuff. **Joe & Katie Waller** are responsible for almost everything musical at the Settlement. Without them we couldn't host Playing on the Porches, Jamboree, or Frolic. **Karen Puracan & Doc Higgins** have demonstrated their respective historical niche at almost every opportunity.

If you are a **volunteer, demonstrator or musician** we encourage you to join our group on Facebook. This is a closed group which means that unless you join and become an approved member you cannot read or see our posts. The group's name is **Barberville Pioneer Settlement Demonstrators, Volunteers and Team Members**. It is a great way for us to share ideas and Settlement related information with a large group at once.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to be a blacksmith? You're in luck. We offer **Blacksmith classes!** 1st responders, military, and teachers get a \$25 discount on classes. The weather is perfect for playing in the forge. Learn more at www.pioneersettlement.org/blacksmith—coal. We also sell **Blacksmith coal**.

We are now **accepting donations for our Silent Auction** at the Spring Frolic. We are attempting to **raise the quality** of the items that we accept into the silent auction. If you are not sure if an item is deemed as auction worthy please call ahead or email us a photo so we can help to determine that for you. **Clothing—unless it is vintage** and in good condition, will not be accepted.

Board Member Opportunities— Those interested in joining our Board of Directors are encouraged to send a letter of interest along with a resume via email to directors@pioneersettlement.org. Our Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Settlement at 7pm. Directors are expected to attend all meetings, hold a minimum annual level of a Patron membership and contribute to the annual fees for Directors & Officers Insurance.

We need your old Christmas Cards! One of the lessons during our Old Fashioned Traditions Program (when the children visit England at the Cabin) is the history of the Christmas Card. Please pass the word and send us any cards you no longer need.

We are still accepting **Sponsorship of The Settlement's Animals**. Keeping our farm animals hale and healthy is expensive! If you'd like to help us care for them, we would be deeply grateful — AND you can score some cool merch! Learn more at www.pioneersettlement.org/animal-sponsorship.

The Crankin' A's Car Club and the Barberville Pioneer Settlement are teaming up. We will have very exciting news in the coming months about our partnership! We can't say anything yet, but trust us; it's **AWESOME!**

Membership has its benefits. FREE general admission including special events, 10% discount in our country store and Bridge House Gallery! Discounts on workshops and seminars! Half-price Guest Passes! And even more benefits for those in the **AMBASSADOR'S CLUB!** Learn more at www.pioneersettlement.org/membership-opportunities.

2021's Jamboree was an absolute hoot-n-nanny thanks to all the musicians, volunteers, and guests that came and made it special!

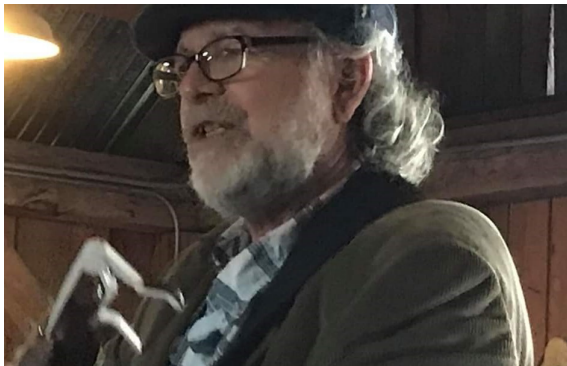
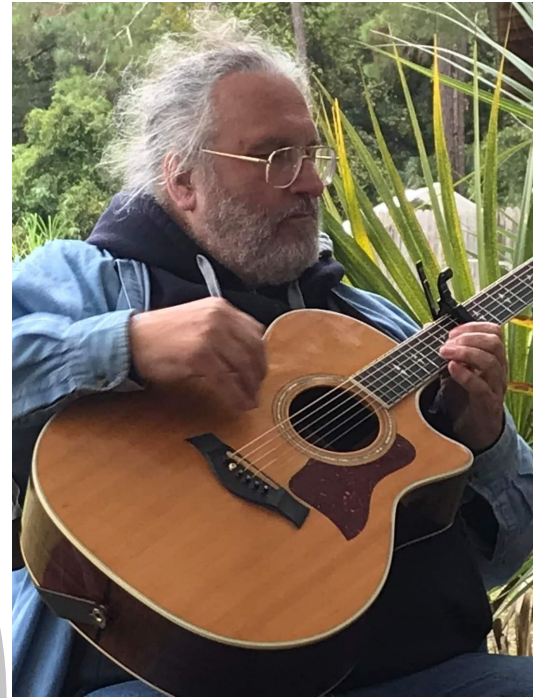


Living History · Folk Music · Arts & Crafts

Fall Country Jamboree

November 6th & 7th, 2021

Saturday 9 am — 5 pm, Sunday 9 am — 4 pm



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In Memoriam



Steve Vrooman, Rest in peace



Richard McCutcheon, Rest in peace

-“God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December” —J.M. Barrie

2021 we said good-bye to beloved friends that went to their eternal homes. Our memories of the time we spent together at the Settlement are inadequate but treasured. These large-hearted folks will all be missed greatly. The losses of them are felt daily.

Steve Vrooman. After serving his country in the Navy as well as retiring from a private sector career he found a new home at the Settlement when he started to volunteer here in the late 1980's. Best known as “Steve, the Weaver” he attended almost every event and was a favorite demonstrator among our students and adult guests.

Richard McCutcheon was a seasonal work camper who returned to the Settlement every fall for the last 3 years. He was a train enthusiast who loved the Pierson Train Depot. He spent countless hours maintaining and reviving its model railroad.

Emmie Swisher was a settlement Emergency Service team member here. She and her husband established the Volusia First Responders Children's Charity in 2018.

We also fondly remember Ronnie Fowler. He was a long time FABA member, blacksmith volunteer, and a mentor to many. Marcia Jeanne Jackson was a former Settlement Board member. Her kindness and wisdom cannot be replaced.

Their passing this year has lessened the Settlement; the memory of them is cherished beyond words. Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to their friends and families.



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