



## Eustis Historical Museum

A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

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Museum Hours 1:00 to 5:00 every Friday and Saturday

Group tours by appointment

536 N. Bay Street, Eustis FL 32726

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### WHAT'S NEW IN '22

Last year had its ups and downs but good things were going on at the Museum. Significant acquisitions were added to the Clifford House collection necessitating some re-arranging but these new donations made the work worthwhile! Don't miss Director Gary Marshall's article complete with photos on pages 3 - 6 and then make plans to come on by the Museum to get the full effect in person.

When you come, be sure to welcome our new docents (tour guides) Irene Chandler and Anne Aukamp. Their enthusiasm and warmth have spurred an increase in monetary donations from satisfied visitors. Besides giving tours, Anne is now our newest Trustee and Irene is the 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair. Irene's article on page 2 highlights her reflections about some Eustis history and her goal to add 50 new members in 2022.

Looking ahead, the annual ladies afternoon tea is scheduled for May 1 at the Woman's Club. Tickets are already going fast. Check your calendar and make plans to be at this fun event with *surprise servers*. Hope to see you soon!

*Mrs. Unity Bell Clifford*

*invites you for*

*Afternoon Tea*

*in celebration of Mother's Day*



*Historic Woman's Club*

*227 North Center Street*

*Sunday, May 1st*

*at 3:00 PM*

*\$30.00 donation per person*

*Space is limited. Reservations are*

*required. For tickets, call:*

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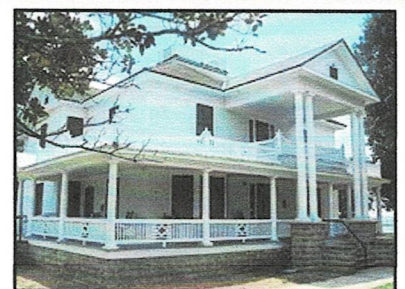
*The Clifford House*

*Eustis, Florida*

*catering by Jeannie's Place*

### Eustis Historical Museum Board & Trustees

- Officers:** President - Karen Marshall  
 1st Vice President - Gail Coomer  
 2nd Vice President - Irene Chandler  
 Recording Secretary - Patty Shutt  
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- Trustees:** Anne Aukamp, Gloria Corbet, Louise Carter, Lori Pittsley, and Ethel Ryan
- Historian:** Louise Carter
- Director:** Gary Marshall





## FROM THE PRESIDENT, KAREN MARSHALL

Now that we're fully open again, we have many plans for the Museum and look forward to seeing many more of you visit and tour the Clifford House & Citrus Museum. We have numerous additional artifacts as outlined by Director, Gary Marshall. If you haven't visited the Museum recently, be sure to come soon. We're open Fridays & Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and we offer special tours for groups by appointment.

It is a pleasure serving as your President of the Museum, and the entire Board, Trustees, and staff have been hard at work even when we weren't open. We're sure that you'll have a great experience and learn more about the history in our beautiful town of Eustis.

We have events planned, which are discussed elsewhere in the Newsletter, and we're excited about the year ahead.

Sincerely,  
Karen Marshall

## RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS - IRENE CHANDLER

Hi Fellow Members!

I'm challenging myself to add 50 new members to our list this year. Is this crazy? I'm not sure, but the first thing I'll ask for is your help. Do you have suggestions for me? Would you each be willing to ask one other person to join?

The reason I'm so enthusiastic about the Eustis Historical Museum is because one Veteran's Day Bernie and I were walking up Magnolia Street. We looked at a flag hanging from one of the lamp posts with a photo of an Air Force Veteran. We were talking about the fact that he died over Burma. A young woman walking by said "Yes, that's my uncle, but I never met him". At that moment, he became alive for us.

When I started doing tours at the Museum, I saw that same photo in the upstairs hallway. It was another connection with a current and deceased family member from Eustis. That is what history is to me.

As a woman, I sympathize with Unity Bell, trying to raise babies while living in a one room cabin (their first home). In the kitchen, I see mixers my mother used. Hearing others remark about what they enjoy on their tour helps us realize what a valuable collection the Museum maintains.

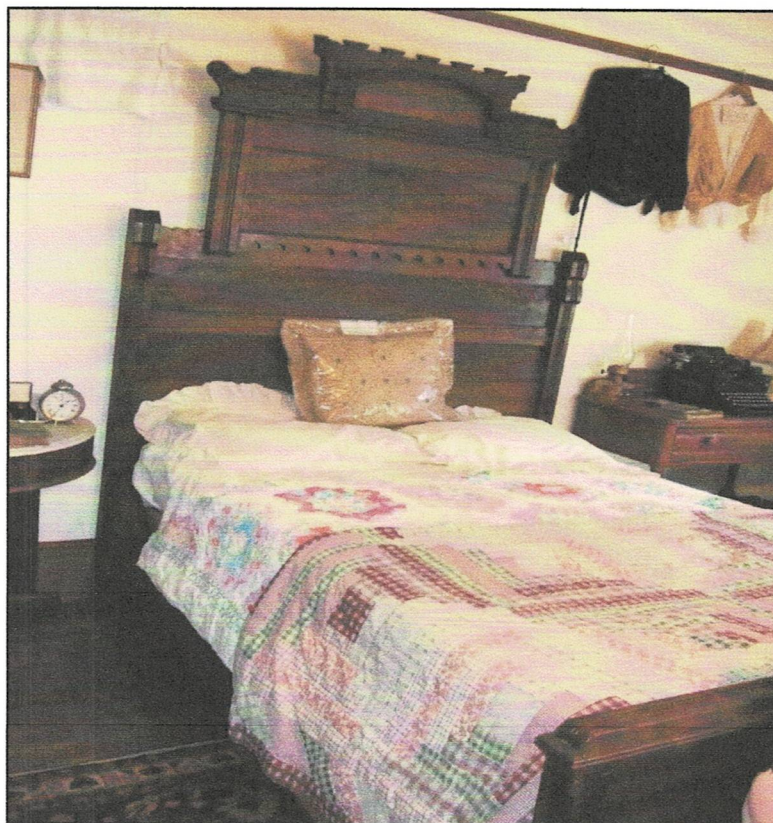
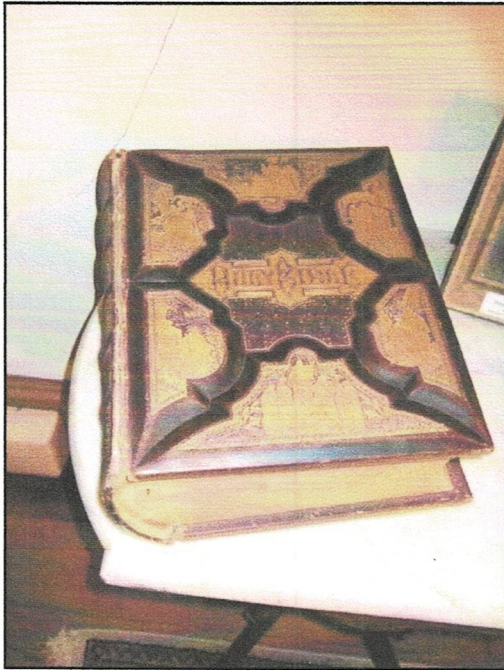
Thank you for the privilege of serving.

Irene Chandler  
Membership Chair

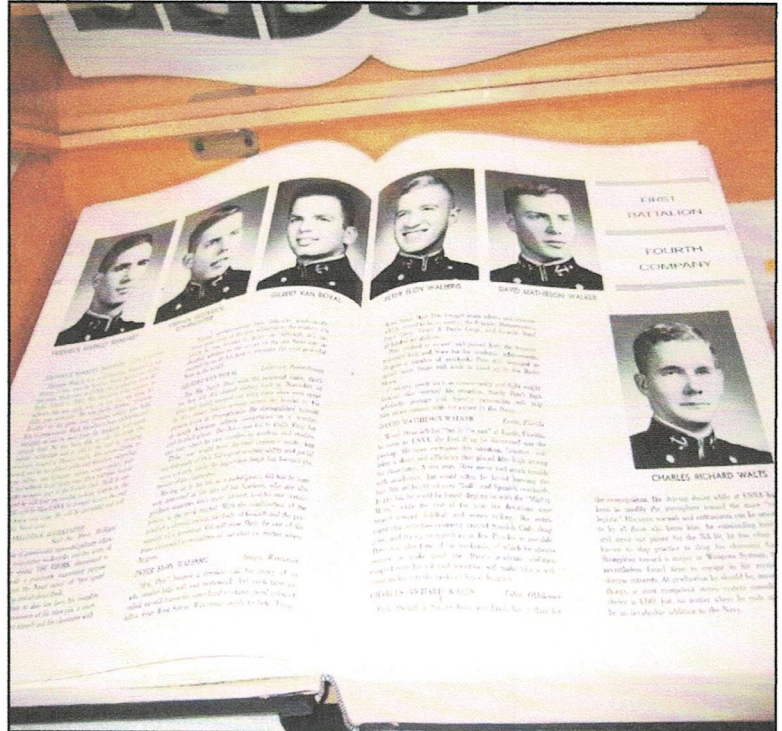
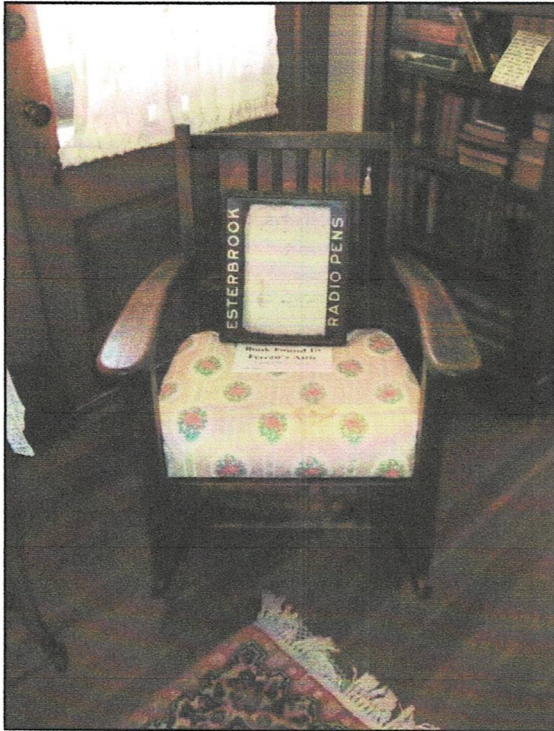
## FROM THE DESK OF DIRECTOR, GARY MARSHALL

Dear Members,

WE ARE OPEN FOR TOURS. During our time of "shut-down" during the Pandemic – we spruced up – cleaned up – rearranged – and added to the artifacts at The Museum.



Shane Matthews and his brother Guilford (Ford) donated several items that belonged to Lottie Clifford Taylor – Like her bed – her dry sink with porcelain bason, pitcher, chamber pot, etc. All displayed in her old room. There was also a couple of oil lamps and a family Parallel Bible and two side tables with marble tops. And several smaller items, such as an alcohol two burner stove used at the beach by the family.



We also acquired the very rocker – with it's original horse hair cushion - that Lottie used to sit by the window making passers-by think the house was haunted. No lights on in the house – just a shadow by the window.

The book in Lottie's rocker is an old ledger dated in the mid 1880's found in the attic of Mr. Ferran's house on Orange Ave. It was donated by the current owners of that house.

We also acquired a 1966 Naval Academy Year Book displaying David Walker's graduation picture. And a beautiful monument located on the grounds next to the 1912 French made cannon honoring David Walker the Astronaut. This monument was done by a Boy Scout earning his Eagle Badge. A job well done!

We have acquired two microscopes that were used in the old hospital before it was torn down in 1968 to make room for the new Waterman Hospital that stood in the same place on Magnolia.

The local D.A.R. Chapter has graciously accepted The Museum as a task. They have already pressure washed and cleaned the front porch and sidewalk. The best it has ever looked. We are looking forward to working with them on other projects.

We have – not one – but two new docents (tour guides) that give excellent tours and really seem to know their stuff. Anne Aukamp and Irene Chandler. Please come and take a tour and meet Anne and Irene. Irene also serves on our Board as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in charge of membership. So, you will be hearing more from her in the future.



We have updated our membership listing, making it a little easier to read and keep track of. And nearly all of the scanning is done so that all paper records and artifacts will be digitized and kept on a computer with two back-ups.



Please come and see the new changes and bring your neighbor. We are always looking for new members – especially those whose hair has not turned gray. The Clifford-Taylor House contains the complete history of Eustis. A must see for our residents and especially those who serve the community. Special private tours can be arranged – call 352-483-0046 and leave a message. Thank you for your love of Eustis history and your continual support of the museum.

Gary Marshall, Director

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## Membership Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership     Renewal     Other Donation

Student \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Business \$55 \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

Other Donation \_\_\_\_\_

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