



# Mount Dora Historical Society and Museum

## Mount Dora Show & Tell Event

*November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm at the  
W.T. Bland Public Library*

Do you own a unique artifact or memorabilia from Mount Dora ?

your chance to dig it out, dust it off and share it at our upcoming Show & Tell Event.

include citrus labels, an old postcard, photograph or painting. Perhaps a corsage from a local dance or wedding, a yearbook or newspaper article. Maybe even a movie souvenir from Honky Tonk Freeway, or any other item that is a part of Mount Dora history.

The Mount Dora Historical Society will photograph each person and their item while recording the story attached to the item, for inclusion in our Mount Dora Archives.

**Join us for the 'Show & Tell' event and bring a friend!**

**Refreshments served. No Registration Required.**



## Upcoming Events

### Art in the Alley

October 11<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm at the Mount Dora History Museum

The museum is open free to public during the event.

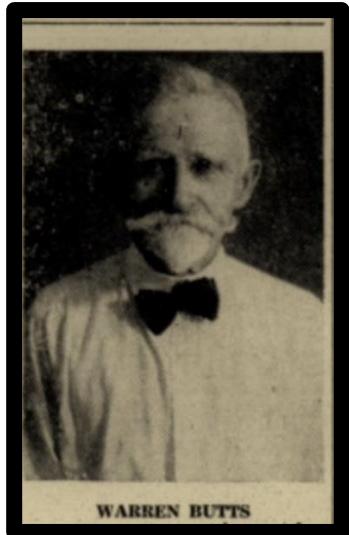
### Mount Dora History Museum 40<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm at the Mount Dora History Museum

Join us for cake and punch as we celebrate the museum's 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Stop by and see how far we've come with the museum!

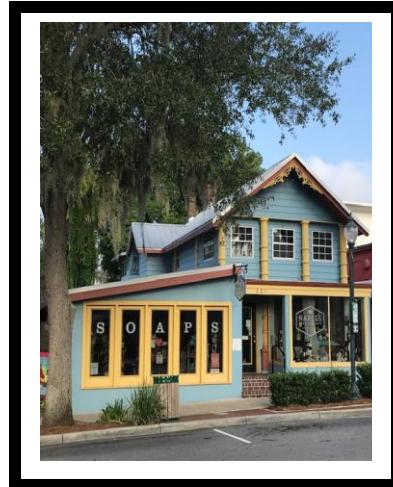
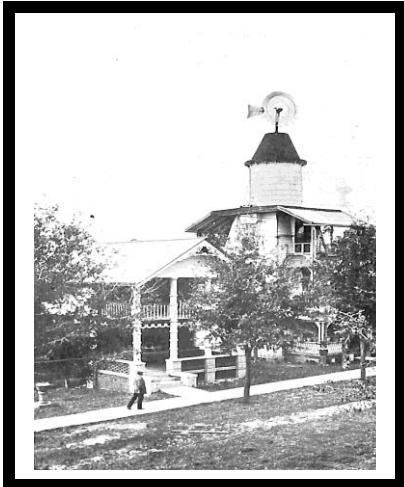
## A GLANCE INTO THE PAST

**Warren C. Butts – Innovator in the 1900s**



WARREN BUTTS





**Longstreet, R.J**  
**Norris Reese, Mabel**

**Baker Eddy, Mary.**  
**Advertisement**  
**Obituary**  
**Pierce, Franklin Welden.**

**Photographs**

*Our volunteers are the heart of our organization! Here are a couple of fun volunteer opportunities to participate in, history with others:*

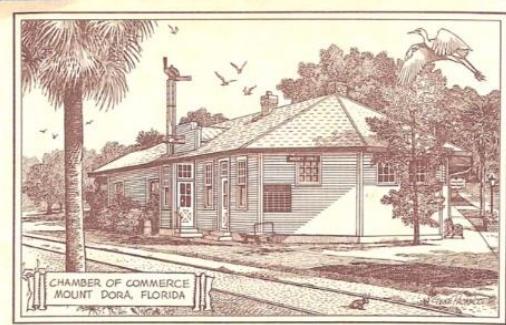
**Event Committee**

Looking for volunteers interested in planning and staffing our 2020 quarterly programs. Contact Susan Myers at [mountdoragenealogygroup@gmail.com](mailto:mountdoragenealogygroup@gmail.com)

**Museum Docents**

- Docents work anywhere from 1 to 6 times a month; shifts are 3 hours
    - We offer a transportation stipend per shift
    - Our greatest need is docents who will work Saturdays
- Contact Carolyn Green at 407-925-6782

## Recent Donations to the Museum



**Susan Schubert** donated a series of Gene Packwood postcards of Mount Dora trains in the 1980s and postcards of some of his drawings of Mount Dora Landmarks (train depot featured above).

**West Volusia Historical Society** donated six blue Simpson Fruit Company crate labels.

**Jeannette & Linda Bokland** donated a bottle from the Mount Dora Pharmacy dating to the 1950s.

An unidentified person donated some picker tickets and a sizer to check that the oranges were the preferred size.

**Susan Myers** donated a variety of postcards of Mount Dora landmarks.



**Thanks to everyone who has provided us with photos and memorabilia of Mount Dora. If you have similar items you'd like to share, please let us scan and return them, or you can donate them to the Mount Dora Archives.**

Ruby Ann Britt  
Patricia Spear (Life Member)

The two crossroads Clayton Street and Liberty Street were named by Dr. Calvin Ransom (C.R.) Gilbert for two of his sons Clayton and Liberty. The Gilbert homestead (which was demolished) was located on the corner of those two intersecting streets.

Dr. Gilbert arrived in Mount Dora in 1882-83 from Metamora, Ohio after having served in the Civil War. In 1922, he also donated the land which would become Gilbert Park to the City of Mount Dora.

## The Mount Dora Archives

A new collection will be added this month to the Archive entitled *Mount Dora Land Boom* which includes promotional brochures and newspaper articles on the benefits of living in Mount Dora. Some of the benefits that were deemed to entice newcomers to our newly established town were good roads, beautiful lakes full of fish, great weather and the ability to plant an orange grove for profit

**You can visit the Archive at:  
[www.mountdoraarchives.com](http://www.mountdoraarchives.com).**

If you have memorabilia or photos you would like to donate or lend to be scanned, please contact us at:  
[archivist@mountdorahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:archivist@mountdorahistoricalsociety.org)

# Then & Now



**MUSEUM ADMISSION:** \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students, kindergarten and under are free. Tour groups pay the same price. ~ *Admission is always free for Members of the Historical Society* ~

The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 - 4 pm.

Bring your group to visit the museum for a private one hour tour on Friday or Saturday morning. Arrangements must be made two weeks in advance. Call 352-383-0006 or e-mail: [mountdorahistory@gmail.com](mailto:mountdorahistory@gmail.com)

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## DOCENT STAFF:

Tuesday – Rosemary Cliburn  
Wednesday – Barnett Schwartzman  
Thursday – Josette Blackwell  
Friday – Julia Goodwin  
Saturday – Varies  
Sunday – Linda Chase & Paula Weissman

Thank you to our docents who do a great job!!

**The Mount Dora Historical Society invites you to become a member**

*Note: Annual dues cover the period of April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of the next year. (If you join within 6 months of our new year, your membership is good until the year after.) Personal checks or money orders will be accepted or you can drop by the museum and pay by credit card.*

Please check a box:     New Member

Renewing Member

Memberships (select one):

Individual	\$15	Life Member	\$100
Family	\$25	Life Member Family	\$150
Business	\$50	Life Member Business	\$250

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one) Cell, Home or Work

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of family for family membership: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your application and payment to:**  
**Mount Dora Historical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 1166, Mt. Dora, FL 32756**  
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