



## Eustis Historical Museum

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

Group tours by appointment

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### From the Desk of the Curator

This will be my last article for The Museum's Newsletter as the Curator. January 31<sup>st</sup>, my last day. But not from The Clifford House Museum. For I am a firm believer that without history, there is no tomorrow. But this article is not about me – it's about our new Curator, Kayla Gaines. (See picture on the right.)

Kayla comes to us from her native town of Eustis, Florida. A graduate of Eustis High – a true Pioneer. She is also a graduate of the University of Florida (but I forgave her as I'm a Hurricane & Sun Devil). She is currently attending UCF earning her Master's in Public Administration. She comes as a small package but is a giant in her approach to life. She's feisty, energetic and very bright. And she loves history. Her first day as the Curator is February 1<sup>st</sup>. So come on by and greet and meet Kayla.

Gary Marshall  
Retired Curator



Kayla Gaines,  
Newly Hired Museum Curator

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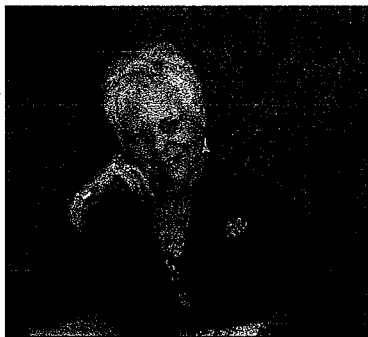
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## From Museum President, Karen Marshall

Welcome to a New Year and the New Decade 2020! We're half-way through our fiscal year for the museum, and it has been an exciting and rewarding year so far. We've had many successful events, speakers, fund-raisers, and much more is in the plans for 2020. We appreciate your commitment and involvement with the Museum and ask for your continued support in this treasure of history for our community.

2020 is bringing changes to the Museum, and we are welcoming a new curator as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, Ms. Kayla Gaines. As we turn to the next page in our museum's history, it's important to express our deepest gratitude to our current curator, Gary Marshall. His service and dedication for the last four years has been remarkable, and his love of history and excellence is more than we could have imagined. He will continue to serve as our Government liaison on behalf of the museum, train our new curator, and assist with special events. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, thank you, Gary!

We're excited to be able to produce the Newsletter again and wish to thank Trustee, Patty Shutt, who has agreed to assume preparing the Newsletter. In addition, many thanks to Bill Stewart who previously handled the Newsletter and is now recovering from a serious illness.

I believe the Museum is the heart of our community and has a legacy of providing cultural enrichment with its historical tours and events. We have seen the attendance at the museum increase substantially over the past 4 years, and we are an incredible resource of history for Eustis and Lake County.

Some of our upcoming events include partnering with The Amazing Race for Charity, The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Afternoon Tea, "Clue! Live Mystery Party" and more! Check the calendar and stay tuned for what's next.

The museum's success over the years can be directly attributed to the generosity of our many supporters. Thank you for making such an incredible impact on the lives of so many in our community!

Sincerely,  
Karen Marshall



February 27  
May 3

Guest Speaker: Anita Torres (See page 3)  
Mother's Day Tea - Details coming soon.

**COMING**

**SOON!**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM**  
**Guest Speaker, Anita Torres**

**Topic:**  
***How to Get Your BIG BUT***  
***Out of the Way***

**Please join us. Museum programs  
are open to the community.**

**From Charles McMaster, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Program Chairman**

Join us for the Museum's first program of 2020! Anita Torres, CEO of Passion Powered Leadership Coaching and Consulting, will focus on the Power of Conversation in a highly interactive and informative session.



Miscommunication is a common and fatal business flaw. Inefficient conversations are extremely costly, highly frustrating, and a waste of time. Torres will show how a few simple shifts in the way you communicate and interact can make a huge difference with improving relationships and increasing team, board, and member engagement. With over 20 years of training and development experience, Torres is a motivated and passionate Certified Executive Coach, Learning and Performance Consultant, Certified Passion Test Facilitator, a Six Seconds Certified Emotional Intelligence and a Certified Conversational Intelligence® Skills Coach.

## From the Membership Desk

Please join me in welcoming our new Curator, Kayla Gaines, to our Museum family! Like most families, we have our own varied personalities and occasionally may seem a bit quirky, but we stick together and support each other in our common goal of supporting our Museum and contributing to our community.

As our new year is now in full swing, we plan to not only continue holding our time honored events such as the Mothers' Day Tea, Cookies with Santa and Christmas Concert, but to add new and interesting programs, events and displays.

If you or someone you know is planning an upcoming event, party or wedding, please do not hesitate to consider or recommend the Eustis Historical Museum for the event. The grounds overlooking beautiful Lake Eustis are spacious, lovely and our Unity Bell Pavilion is available for rent year round. Just give us a call or send an email. We will be happy to give you all the details and available dates to provide you and your guests with a unique and memorable experience.

If you haven't stopped by lately, please do. The Museum is open Friday and Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm (except holidays). We are very proud of The Clifford House and are eager to show it off at every opportunity to our community and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

Melanie Blankenship, 2nd Vice President, Membership Chairman

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