



# MIHS


Marco Island Historical Society

# Rediscovering Yesterday Celebrating Today Preserving It For Tomorrow

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**"ENTERPRISING ENTREPRENEURS – THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S CUBAN FISHING RANCHOS"**

JEFF MOATES,  
MARINE ARCHAEOLOGIST




**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm  
Rose History Auditorium**

Members Free  
Non-members \$5.00

In the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century, creole communities of "Spanish Indian" fishermen flourished along Southwest Florida's Coast. Who were these people and how did they live? Learn how this group survived and thrived in a wild land long after the Spanish had lost control and the historical and archaeological evidence that tells their story.

Jeff is the Director of the West Central Regional Center of FIAN. He earned a M.A. in History/Archaeology and a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of West Florida.



Save the Date



Marco Island Historical Society!

Party Like It's 1965

SATURDAY | November 14, 2015 | 5:30 PM

Rose History Auditorium




THE MARCO ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Castillo Santa Micaela*  
is the Opening Exhibition For Our New Permanent Exhibit

**"Modern Marco Island"**

Mark Your Calendars for the  
Opening & Reception  
Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 5 to 7 pm.


Marco Island Historical Museum

**"STEAL AWAY: THE STORY OF A HOMESTEADER AND AN EXODUSTER"**

**Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 pm  
Rose History Auditorium**


Members Free  
Non-members \$5.00



PENNY MUSCO  
(IN CHARACTER)

*Steal Away* is a dramatic one-woman show, written and performed by Penny Musco, about a little-known migration of African Americans. Set in 1880, *Steal Away* is told from the perspective of Priscilla, a white woman who leaves the East to homestead in the Plains with her husband and children. She crosses paths with Abigail and her family, former slaves who fled the South after Reconstruction ended. The narrative weaves together historical accounts of those who sought free land by taking advantage of the Homestead Act, and the significant but nearly forgotten movement of an estimated 20,000-40,000 blacks who headed elsewhere when the last of the federal troops were removed from the South.

Penny Musco is a freelance writer and member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors, whose work has appeared in a variety of publications. She has a B.A. in Theatre from the University of Iowa, and worked in radio for many years.




**Eleanor P Burnham**



A memorial celebration of life for Eleanor P. Burnham will be held at the Marco Island Historical Society's Rose History Auditorium on December 15, 2015 at 10:00 am. Everyone who knew Eleanor, a long-time resident of Marco Island, is invited to attend.

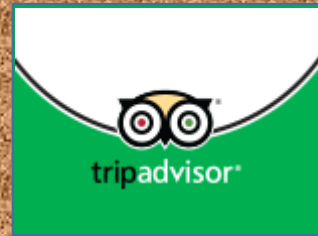
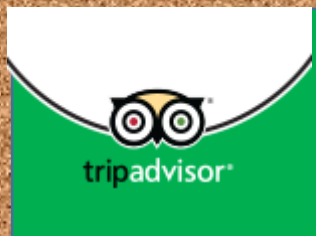
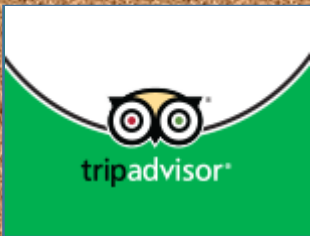
Eleanor was a founding member of the MIHS and over the years she served as an officer, member, fund raiser and re-enactment performer. She was very dedicated to seeing the present MIHS museum become a reality and was very proud of what it and the MIHS has become. In addition to the MIHS, Eleanor was a member of the Marco Just Friends group and she founded and chaired two Marco book clubs. She is survived by two sons, Jeff and Ken, who are organizing this memorial in conjunction with the MIHS.

Translation

The mission of the Marco Island Historical Society is to preserve and to share the history and heritage of Marco Island and the surrounding community. The Society was founded in 1994 and is dedicated to discovery, research, acquisition and preservation of the multi-faceted history of the Marco Island-Goodland region. This museum complex gives the Society a physical place to fulfill their goal of educating and informing the community and visitors of our dynamic heritage. The museum campus uses a unique motif in its exploration of Marco Island's history from the life of the Calusa Indians and the pioneer days of the white settlement to what it has become today.

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October 2015						
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Store Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Store Summer Hours: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.