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Greetings to all of our members and friends.

It's now late February 2018 and we are in the last stages of preparation for our Antiques Appraisal Faire and our Affair to Remember Gala which are being held on Saturday March 3rd. You might be reading this after the Appraisal Faire or just before, so I want to give you an idea of what went into this major event. The planning began well over a year ago and has involved the entire board as well as over 100 volunteers. A full day of activities is planned for Mackle Park including entertainment and food. I want to especially thank Sally Woliver, Martha Ross and Tina Zandy for their leadership in planning the Appraisal Faire, and Allyson Richards and her committee for planning the Affair to Remember Gala. This will be an incredible day to remember in the history of The MIHS.

As I have mentioned previously, the Calusa Artifacts (including the Marco Cat) are coming back to Marco Island late this year and will be on display for 2 ½ years. This will be the first time they will be displayed together since they were discovered on Marco in 1896. We are adding several new exhibits and enhancements to current exhibits in preparation for the return of the artifacts. There are several naming opportunities as a result of the new and enhanced exhibits. We will also be unveiling a new opportunity for the entire community to be permanently recognized for bringing the Calusa Artifacts back to Marco Island and the MIHS. More details will follow.

It won't be long until Season is over, but there are programs going on at your MIHS all year round. In addition to our monthly First Tuesday programs, there will be a temporary exhibit in the Sandlin Gallery entitled, I Remember Marco which will be on display from June 5th through September 1st.

Did you know that only a small part of our collection is currently on display in the museum? We currently have over 60,000 items in our collection and Austin Bell our Curator of Collections and Katie Romey, our Collections Manager have catalogued about 15,000 so far. As these items are catalogued, they are added to our online database.

So as you can see, the activity at your MIHS never stops. Please come by often and see what's new in the museum and in our gift shop. There is always something new at your MIHS where the Past is Always Present.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bruce Graev".

EVENTS

March 2, 2018

“State of the Antiques World”

Presentation by Wes Cowan, Ken Farmer,
and Nan Chisolm

2:00-3:30PM

Rose History Auditorium

Ticket required: \$25 (members) / \$40 (non)

March 3, 2018

Spring Appraisal Faire

Bring your treasures,
heirlooms, & antiques!

10:00AM-3:00PM

Mackle Park
Community Center

\$25 per item
(members) / \$40 (non)



March 3, 2018

“An Affaire to Remember”

Marco Island Historical Society Gala

6:00-10:00PM

Island Country Club

Advance ticket required: \$225 per person



March 6, 2018

“The Great Florida Cattle Drive”

Film viewing with J. Robert Houghtailing

7:00-9:00PM

Rose History Auditorium

Door: Free (members) / \$10 (non)

March 6, 2018

“Beneath the Emerald Waves and Beyond the Mangrove Trees”

Exhibition by Bob McConville

Opening Reception

6:00-7:00PM

Marco Island Historical
Museum—Lobby

FREE

Exhibition will be on display
from March 6—June 2, 2018



March 19, 2018

“Sharks in Southwest Florida”

Presentation by Bob
McConville

7:00-9:00PM

Rose History Auditorium

Door: Free (members) / \$10 (non)





MIHS HOSTS RENOWNED APPRAISERS

PAULA ROBERTSON



Would you like to know the value of some of your family art, antiques, jewels and other treasured items? Marco Island Historical Society (MIHS) announces the return of the popular MIHS Spring Appraisal Faire on Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event takes place at Frank E. Mackle Community Park Community Center, located at 1361 Andalusia Terrace on Marco Island.

Nationally renowned appraisers Wes Cowan, Nan Chisholm and Ken Farmer — who appear regularly on the popular PBS program *Antiques Roadshow* — will be on site to evaluate items brought in by the public. Cowan's Auctions appraisers, Fine Art Specialist Pauline Archambault and Director of Jewelry and Timepieces Brad Wanstrath also will assist in the appraisals.

There is a limit of three hand carried items per person. Admission is exclusively for those bringing items to be appraised. The cost is \$40 per item for non-members and \$25 per item for MIHS members. Items to be appraised include fine art, fine jewelry and timepieces, sculpture, folk art, rare books and photographs, historic Americana, decorative arts, Native American objects and Western artifacts. Firearms, stamps or coins will not be accepted for appraisal. There also will be refreshments and live entertainment.

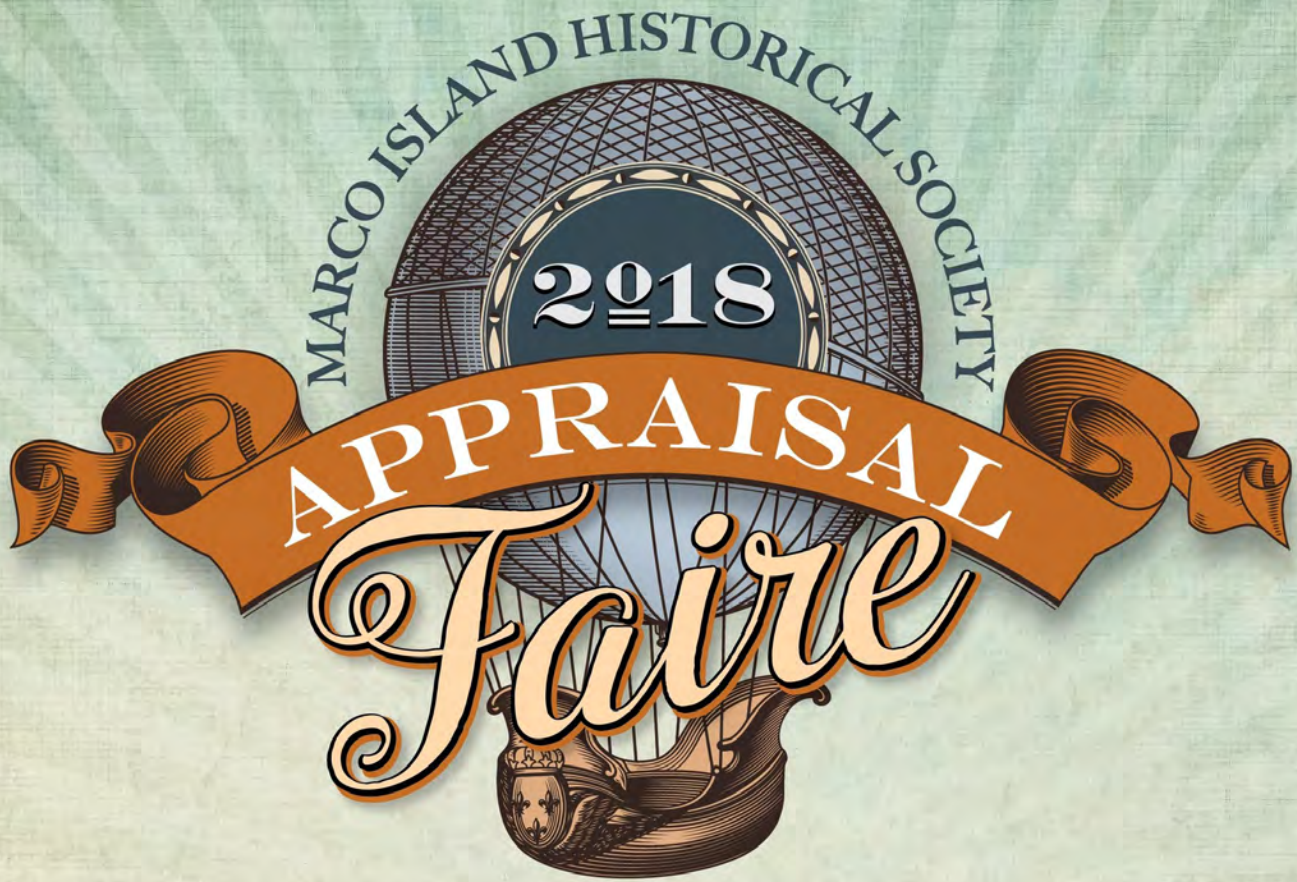
Additional MIHS Spring Appraisal Faire related events include a "State of the Antiques World" lecture presented by the guest appraisers on March 2, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the MIHS Rose History Auditorium on Marco Island. Cost to attend is \$40 per person for non-members and \$25 for MIHS members.

On March 3, following the Appraisal Faire, the MIHS also will present "An Affaire to Remember" gala, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Island Country Club with fine dining, dancing, silent auction and a live auction conducted by Wes Cowan and Ken Farmer.

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Appraisal Faire and gala sponsors include Appraisal Faire title sponsor JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort, David & Ellie Everitt, media sponsor *Naples Daily News* and *Marco Eagle*, First Florida Integrity Bank, Naples Trust Company, RE/MAX Affinity Plus, Arlington of Naples and Marco Island Noontime Rotary Club.

Proceeds from Spring Appraisal Faire events will support MIHS in preparing the Marco Island Historical Museum for the return on loan of The Key Marco Cat and other Key Marco artifacts discovered in 1896 on Marco Island. For information on Spring Appraisal Faire events, call 239.389.6447 or visit www.theMIHS.org.



MARCH 3rd 10am-3pm

**Bring Your Treasures,
Antiques & Heirlooms**

MACKLE PARK

1361 Andalusia Terrace | Marco Island FL

\$40 per Item | \$25 per Item for MIHS Members (limit 3 items per person)

2018

The Marco Island Historical Society is pleased to present nationally renowned appraisers **Wes Cowan, Nan Chisholm & Ken Farmer** as featured on the *Antiques Roadshow* and introducing Pauline Archambault and Brad Wanstrath from Cowan's Auctions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
call 239.389.6447 or visit themihhs.org

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DONNA FIALA RECOGNIZED

Patricia Rutledge, Executive Director

At a Town Hall Meeting at Rose History Auditorium on January 31, 2018, Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala was surprised with the presentation of the Florida Association of Museums (FAM) Outstanding Public Official Award.

This award is given to a public official whose work while in elected office is a model of government support of the museum field. During her eighteen years in office, Commissioner Fiala has been a staunch supporter of the Collier County Museum System and particularly the Marco Island Historical Museum. In fact, on Marco Island she is referred to as the Guardian Angel of our museum as she freely gives of her time and talent to support the work of the Marco Island Historical Society in preserving our past.

Congratulations Commissioner Fiala! Your award is well deserved.



JEKYLL ISLAND MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

*Austin J. Bell,
Curator of Collections*

Austin Bell, MIHS Curator of Collections, recently graduated from the Southeastern Museum Conference's (SEMC) 2018 Jekyll Island Management Institute (JIMI). One of 20 participants selected from JIMI's largest-ever pool of applicants, Austin was also awarded the competitive Peter S. LaPaglia Scholarship, which covered his cost of tuition.



JIMI was held from January 16 through January 23, 2018. This annual Institute provides an eight-day, total immersion environment for professionals to learn more about general administration and operations. JIMI gives administrators the key resources to gain confidence in pursuing leadership roles and having a greater impact on their institutions. JIMI offers opportunities for participants to learn management skills through presentations, small group discussions, projects and participatory exercises.

PINEAPPLE DAY DRAWS 1,200 MUSEUM VISITORS

Jennifer Perry, Museum Manager

Pineapple farming was a major industry during the late 1800s in South Florida, specifically on the South end of Marco Island. Thanks to Fredrick Ludlow, Captain John Horr, and the Barfield Family's green thumbs and ingenuity, the tiny village of Caxambas was soon an agricultural giant; in fact, in 1909, an estimated 50,000 pineapples were shipped north for export. Unfortunately, the industry suffered a devastating blow when the 1910 Hurricane contaminated the soil. Because of the storm and other environmental factors, the Pineapple industry here on Marco Island never recovered.

This year, the museum honored the innovative spirit and hospitality of our pioneer families by celebrating the first anniversary of the opening of the Marco Island Historical Museum's Pioneer Gallery with Pineapple Day.

Pineapple Day was held on Saturday, Jan 13th. The day's events included demonstration and growing tips from Collier Fruit Growers, a book signing and appearance by MIHS Curator, Austin Bell, along with other family friendly museum activities. And what would Pineapple Day be without pineapples? There was a showcase of some of the tastiest pineapple treats.



MIHS LAUNCHES ONLINE COLLECTIONS DATABASE

Kaitlin Romey, Collections Manager

The MIHS Collections Department is thrilled to announce the launch of its first online collections database! We have spent more than four years inventorying, cataloging, and digitizing our vast collection with the intention to make it more accessible to the public.

You'll now be able to explore more than 15,000 records pertaining to Marco Island's history, with new content to be added on a regular basis. This represents only about a quarter of our entire 50,000+ piece collection, so there is plenty of work and research still to come! This launch marks a major milestone in our efforts to make our fascinating collections available to you and Marco Island lovers all around the world.

Our online database makes it easy to browse through archive, object, photograph, and library records using keyword and advanced searches. We encourage you to spend some time searching for whatever interests you about Marco Island – the possibilities are endless! Don't know where to start? Use our suggested searches of popular topics including aerial photographs, maps, and Deltona model homes to get you started. The database also features an easy-to-use "Search by Term" tab where you can explore people and pre-set search terms that appear in our collection – like Gene Sarazen or the Marco Island Yacht Club.

If that wasn't exciting enough, you also have the ability to request an image from our collection straight from our online database! We offer many high-resolution scans for a small fee, which you can then print out for your home or office or use in a publication. This is not only an opportunity to obtain a unique image, but an opportunity to directly support the care and preservation of the MIHS collection.

Check it out at <http://themihspastperfectonline.com/> and feel free to email MIHS Collections Manager, Katie Romey, at collections@themihspastperfectonline.com with any questions or comments.

DESCENDANTS OF MARCO HISTORY VISIT MUSEUM

Austin J. Bell, Curator of Collections

One of the true joys of museum work is the opportunity to make meaningful connections with the past. The staff at the Marco Island Historical Society and Museum enjoyed two such opportunities in early 2018.



On January 10, 2018, Mindy and Jay Cox (left) of Wisconsin visited the museum while on vacation. Mindy is artist Wells M. Sawyer's (1863-1960) grandniece. Sawyer joined Frank Hamilton Cushing on the Pepper-Hearst Expedition in 1896 that yielded hundreds of waterlogged artifacts at Marco Island. Sawyer painted and photographed the artifacts for posterity and his images are still some of the most commonly utilized to interpret the Calusa people of Southwest Florida.



On February 8, 2018, Marjorie "Marge" Freytag Jones and her husband Wayne (above right) visited the museum to meet with museum staff. Joe Dickman (1880-1971), sometimes referred to as the "Hermit of Kice Island," is Marge's great-great-uncle. Marge is conducting research on the "hermits" of the Ten Thousand Islands and hopes to partner with the MIHS in putting together an exhibit at the MIHM.

CALUSA EXHIBIT ENHANCEMENTS UNDERWAY

Austin J. Bell, Curator of Collections

In anticipation of the arrival (on loan) of important artifacts from the Smithsonian Institution and the University of Pennsylvania, including the world-famous Key Marco Cat, the MIHS is once again investing in the museum and its exhibits to enhance the interpretation surrounding the artifacts. Since 2017, the MIHS has been working with its design and fabrication partners at Creative Arts Unlimited, Inc. (CAU), as well as artist Merald Clark, on reimagining the permanent exhibit, "Paradise Found: 6,000 Years of People on Marco Island." The upgrades will be completed prior to the loan artifacts' arrival in November 2018.

Although the exhibit won the 2015 Florida Association of Museums Award for Excellence in Exhibits, there is always room for improvement. We've been listening to our stakeholders—you—on what types of improvements you'd like to see. In addition to fortifying display cases and bringing them up to Smithsonian standards, we are also taking the opportunity to make the exhibit more engaging



to visitors of all ages, especially children, through the addition of new interactive and participatory components, as well as the *subtraction* of some of the less-essential exhibit text, making the existing displays less intimidating and more enjoyable. Merald Clark is also colorizing many of his black-and-white line drawings, and CAU is adding dynamic visual elements (see rendering above) through the use of technology, which will make the exhibit more visually striking. Stay tuned for updates as this exciting project develops.

PINEAPPLE DAY

JANUARY 13, 2018



Rodger Taylor of the Bonita Springs Tropical Fruit Club. Photo by Samantha Husted.



Children creating pineapple sand art, provided Dawn Hilkowski. Photo by Samantha Husted.



The Florida Gulf Coast University Museum Club were stationed in the Sandlin Gallery. Photo by Samantha Husted.

Volunteer Karen Brieger handing out pineapple treats. Photo by Samantha Husted.



Curator of Collections Austin Bell signing copies of his book. Photo by Samantha Husted.

Museum Manager Jennifer Perry and MIHS Executive Director Patricia Rutledge. Photo by Samantha Husted.



HISTORY HAPPENINGS

JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2018



The MIHS is already working on “I Remember Marco,” an interactive exhibit that will open in the Sandlin Gallery in June 2018. It was first conceptualized by MIHS curatorial staff and University of Florida graduate student interns Kristin Conwill and Casey Wooster in 2017 with direct input from museum visitors. Photo by Austin Bell.



Curator of Collections Austin Bell talked to students enrolled in the University of South Florida’s “Museum Methods” course about exhibit design and development on February 22, 2018. Photo by Vivian Gornik.



Artist Paul Arsenault speaks to large crowd in the Sandlin Gallery about his exhibit “Coastal Trade: Bounty, Booty, and Boats of the Gulf and Glades from Naples to Key West” on February 9, 2018. Photo by Jessica Patel.



MIHS Executive Director Patricia Rutledge addresses a sold-out crowd in the Rose History Auditorium on February 6, 2018. Photo by Austin Bell.

Curator of Collections Austin Bell with his mother, Linda Bell, at his book signing at Barnes & Noble in Naples on February 24, 2018 . Photo by Erin Wolfe Bell.



Marco Island Owl Watch team members (L to R) Jean Hall, Karol Tenace, Allison Smith, and Kim Savides after a presentation on February 6, 2018. Photo by Frank Steiger.

2017

BY THE NUMBERS

Celebrating a Historic Year at the
Marco Island Historical Society



4,279

Volunteer Hours

401

New Facebook
“Likes”

6,755

Objects
catalogued

3,893

Program Attendees
at RHA

39

Gallons of
archaeological samples
screened

102

Volunteers

7

New Exhibits

4

Major
Awards

3

Student
Interns

1

NEH Grant
Awarded

1

Hurricane
Survived

19,900

Visitors to the
Marco Island Historical Museum

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2018

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Henderson, Don & Carolyn

Richards, Jim & Allyson

Withers, Roger & Lana

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Anonymous

Tommie Barfield Circle (\$1,000)

Milledge, Eric*

Tittle, Ray & Mary Ann



*New Member

Artwork by Malenda Trick

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2018

Single Membership

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Frawley, Austin*	Marco, Phyllis	Rowse, Diane	

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- Invitations to Sustaining Membership Events

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- Listing as a Benefactor on our Website & Newsletter
- Invitations to Sustaining Membership Events

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- All the Benefits of Family Membership
- Listing in the Tommie Barfield Circle on our Website & Newsletter
- Invitations to Sustaining Membership Events
- Exclusive Invitations to Exhibit Previews & Receptions with Visiting Museum Guests
- Annual Luncheon with MIHS Staff and Tour of Collections

Yes! I/We Want to Make History & Join the MIHS!

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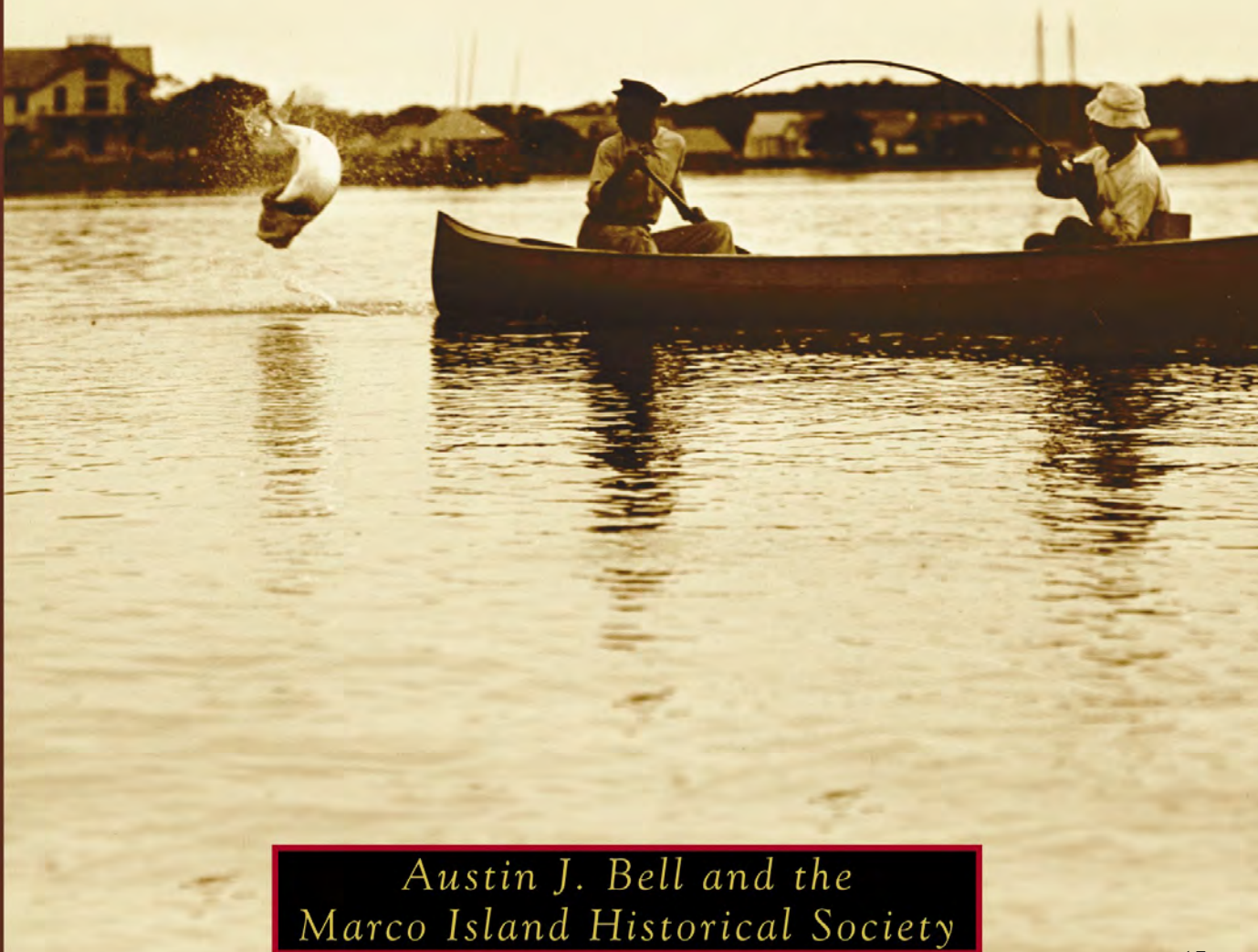
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