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New Books

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Hi Jenny,

**Author! Author!**

Betsy Perdichizzi, author of seven books on Marco Island history, Marco Island Historical Re-Enactor, Marco Island Museum building chair, and Golden Quill award journalist has three new books out!

Betsy's new books include:

***The Pioneer Girl's Journal NEW 2021!***  
***(A novel based on Saloma's original diaries.)***



Saloma Olds grew up in the wilderness of Marco Island in the early 1900's. When she received a journal for her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday she began writing about her parents who were Homeopathic Doctors, her two sisters Orida and Rosalie, the Island locals such as the Colliers, Doxsee, Eubanks, etc., and the wealthy tourists as Dimock, Pinchot, Hornaday and others who visited at the turn of the Century, the picnics at the beach, the good times, as well as bad times. This book is enjoyed by young adults 13 plus.

It is a miracle this teen age girl's journal and photographs survived the ravages of rain, floods, hurricanes and time to tell about the world she lived in and be displayed in the Marco Island Historical Museum 100 years later.

***Legends of Goodland, Interviews with Kappy Kirk & her friends NEW 2021!***



Kappy Kirk was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, resident still living in Goodland since its beginning. Raised as a daughter by Tommie Barfield, she combined the history of

the three communities in her own person: Goodland, Marco and Caxambas and called the old historic buildings of the island home: the Heights Hotel, Marco Lodge, the Barfield House and her own home in Goodland going on 100 years old. Her husband Bud Kirk lived to fish; it was his occupation and first love. The old time fishermen used to catch their 'Christmas Money' in October gathering in the lower Matecumbe Keys each October. That is where Bud Kirk met Bud Shulberg, author of the book and movie "***Wind Across the Everglades***." Kappy tells this story as she recounts the history of the little commercial fishing village of Goodland and how it suddenly grew one long hot summer.

***The Voice of St. Croix WIVI***

**NEW 2021!**



Hazel Stephens Vickers, sister of Tommie Barfield, possessed that pioneering spirit that had driven her family on the Georgia-Florida trail for six years by wagon, railroad train, and sailboat. Hazel went out to the Virgin Islands and with the help of her soon to be husband, Ray Higdon, established the first radio communications in 1950 heard all over the island and in Puerto Rico as well. In short Hazel was to the Virgin Islands what her sister, Tommie, was to Marco Island, perhaps more! Governor de Castro asked Ray and Hazel Higdon to write the story of radio broadcasting in the Virgin Islands and in the Caribbean in 1950. The radio station, WIVI in St. Croix, became WSTX AM/FM.

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