



## **April 2023 Newsletter & Happenings**

### ***Punta Gorda Historical Society***



***The Punta Gorda Historical Society sends to You,  
Easter Wishes of...  
Joy, Peace and Love***

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# Music in the Park

**April 12, 2023 - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**The Tradesmen**

*“kickback”*  
MUSIC AT HISTORY PARK



*live music • food trucks*  
*byo chair & beverage*

**5:00 - 7:00 pm**  
October 12, 2022 to May 24, 2023  
Second and fourth Wednesday of  
each month

**April 12th Entertainment**  
The Tradesmen: Classic Rock  
Wayne Ellis, Dan Martin &  
Mike Luther

**Located at:**  
Punta Gorda History Park  
501 Shreve St., Punta Gorda  
[www.puntagordahistory.com](http://www.puntagordahistory.com)  
Hosted by Punta Gorda Historical Society

**In lieu of admission fees, the Punta Gorda Historical Society requests your donations for the ongoing maintenance of our four History Park buildings. Thank you.**




# Music in the Park

April 26, 2023 - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Don Bonzi Project

*“kickback”*  
MUSIC AT HISTORY PARK



*live music • food trucks  
byo chair & beverage*

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**April 26th Entertainment**  
Don Bonzi Project: Playing Illinois  
Rock & Roll  
Don Bonzi, Steve Arbuthnot, Dave  
Rice, Loren Berry & Dave Diveley

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## **Benefit for the Punta Gorda Historical Society**

**Karen Cohen - Hibiscus Band - Chakulla & ME**

**April 20, 2023 - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

Located at the Woman's Club, 118 Sullivan Street, Punta Gorda FL  
Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Bring your own beverages for this performance... ***admission \$10.00 at the door***  
for the Punta Gorda Historical Society. Proceeds will be utilized for repairs and  
restoration of the Woman's Club (1926) listed on the National Historic Registry!

Punta Gorda Historical Society

**KAREN COHEN  
HIBISCUS BAND  
CHAKULLA & ME  
Great Music Line Up!**

THURSDAY, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

DOORS OPEN 6:30 P.M.

Benefit Concert for  
the Punta Gorda  
Historical Society

\$10.00 at the Door

Bring your own  
Beverage!

An Evening of Great  
Entertainment!



Woman's Club  
118 Sullivan Street  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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## History Park Sunday Market Closed Easter Sunday - April 9

We invite you to welcome our new vendors and support small local businesses. There's nothing like strolling through our beautiful park and shopping! Try our fresh Produce vendors, Baked goods, Empanadas, BBQ, Plants, Vintage items, Jewelry, T-Shirts, Coffee, Clothing and an amazing group of Artists and Craftspeople.

***The Sunday Market is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. year-round.***

What a great way to spend the morning!

We are now taking applications for Year-round Full Time Vendors. If interested, please email your contact and product information to Sandy Moon, Executive Director at [118pghs@gmail.com](mailto:118pghs@gmail.com)





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## History Park - Updates

### So much is Happening at History Park!

Our Vision of an Artisan Village in a Historic Backdrop is coming to fruition... We'd like to Welcome to the Park our Newest Addition - SWFL Potters Guild who will be opening a Shop and Studio in the Trabue Sales Office on May 1st!

Please be sure to stop by on Sundays during the Market and visit the Common Threads (VAC) in the Quednau-Hindman House; the Peace River Woodturners at the Price House and in May, stop and visit the SWFL Potters Guild.

We have accomplished projects in March with much more to come. The Quednau-Hindman House was upgraded with new base boards. Work is being

done in preparation of fresh paint outside with window re-glazing, gutter and soffit repairs to name a few.

Thanks to a handful of volunteers, the Butterfly Garden is undergoing a cleanup and transformation. It is a tedious and back breaking job, and we appreciate our volunteers. The Fairy Village has also been relocated closer to the Butterfly Garden, stop by and make a wish!

If you build it they will come... the Peace River Woodturner volunteers deserve more kudos than can be expressed. They have been working tirelessly replacing the decking around the Price House. Two deck bases have been replaced with stairs and rails to come. We will keep moving forward with their support to restore all decks and porches in the near future.





Tear Out and Structural Start of the  
Price House Middle Deck





Replacement of Price House  
L-Shaped Side / Back Deck





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## **Dedicated Volunteers Needed & Appreciated**



A variety of opportunities are available to fit all interests and schedules. Volunteers assist with special events and programs, park maintenance and gardening, and much more. Hours are flexible!

If you'd like to learn more, please contact Punta Gorda Historical Society, Sandy Moon, Executive Director. Email: [118pghs@gmail.com](mailto:118pghs@gmail.com).  
Website: [www.puntagordahistory.com](http://www.puntagordahistory.com)

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## **Become a Member**

## **Make History by Saving History**





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### Membership Drive: Make History by Saving History

Our member's support helps us empower Punta Gorda and Charlotte County to shape a more inclusive, resilient, and meaningful community culture through preservation. This is an existential time for our city in so many ways. Change is happening so quickly that it's hard to keep up, especially when it impacts the places we love. **This makes our work more important than ever, because if the Punta Gorda Historical Society isn't here to do this, who will?**

#### **Will you rise to the challenge by joining or renewing your membership today?**

Your support makes our nonprofit's work possible, while we are blessed with several organizations dedicated to preserving and promoting our historic character and heritage, the Punta Gorda Historical Society is unique in its mission: Our mission is to protect significant historic properties representing our diverse cultural experience by taking direct action and inspiring broad public support. And how do we do it? By fostering a deep sense of community, commitment, and passion for saving these historic houses, buildings, and neighborhoods.

PGHS owns two properties which are on the National Register of Historic Places, the Woman's Club, and the Train Depot. We also lease History Park from the City to house four (4) of our historic buildings. PGHS is rededicating itself to protecting these assets both fiscally and physically. Your support also provides the financial stability necessary to plan for restoration, expansion, growth, and innovation.

We have a lot to do in the coming years to ensure the preservation of the neighborhoods and city we love, and we can't do it without you! Working together will give us access to the tools and resources to stand up for our history and play an active role in reshaping our future.

As a current member, we trust you will rejoin the effort to preserve and protect what makes Punta Gorda a unique, charming, livable city. If you are considering joining as a new member, we welcome your energy, passion, and support of our mission. Members are the lifeblood of the Punta Gorda Historical Society, and we are grateful for your support.

Membership Applications can be found at: [www.puntagordahistory.com/membership](http://www.puntagordahistory.com/membership). Please mail your application with check: The Punta Gorda Historical Society, 118 Sullivan Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Respectfully,

Sandy Moon  
Executive Director  
Punta Gorda Historical Society  
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## Membership Application (2022 – 2023)

We invite you to join us on our mission to protect significant historic properties and foster a deep sense of community, commitment, and passion for saving our Society's historic houses and buildings.

Please visit and support our properties: Woman's Club; The Historic Train Depot; and the History Park and Market. Market days are Sundays year-round, Rain or Shine from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Subscribe to our monthly newsletter for the latest updates: [www.puntagordahistory.com](http://www.puntagordahistory.com). Explore our event calendar while you're visiting the website.

Punta Gorda Historical Society could not operate without the support and assistance of dedicated volunteers. Our needs change as do the seasons. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Sandy Moon, Executive Director at [118pghs@gmail.com](mailto:118pghs@gmail.com).

***Please make all checks payable to: Punta Gorda Historical Society***

**Please print clearly. Thank you for your support!**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>First Name (1<sup>st</sup> Person)</b>	<b>First Name (2<sup>nd</sup> Person)</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
<b>Phones:</b>	<b>Home:</b>	<b>Cell:</b>	<b>Cell:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Member</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Member</b>	
<b>Home: Address</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State / Zip Code</b>
<b>Is your Membership?</b>	<b>Renewal (Circle)</b>	<b>New (Circle)</b>	
<b>Type of Membership (Circle):</b>	<b>Single Membership \$40.00</b>	<b>Family Membership \$50.00</b>	

I (We) would also like to give a donation for the Repairs and Maintenance of the Buildings in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_ also enclosed.





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