

# Flagler Beach Historical Museum

From the Stone Age to the Space Age...



Displays that amaze begin with bones and teeth from prehistoric animals continuing on to more current history like our city flag that circled Earth on the Endeavour space shuttle.



## Ask about our self-guided Historic Downtown Walking Tour



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Mon-Sun. 10-4; 1st Friday Evenings  
Hours Seasonal -- May Call to Confirm  
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## Our Island History: Water to Air

From Flagler's earliest years through today getting "over" to the beach has been half the fun. The view of the village, its pier and miles of deep blue ocean, still delights all that traverse today's soaring modern span over the Intracoastal Waterway.



Travel back in time as you cross by taking your 3rd right onto Central Avenue. Park at the Flagler Beach Museum and inside learn how travelers brought their Model-Ts over in the early 1900s via a rope-pulled ferry.

View a model replica of the hand-cranked turnstile bridge built in 1920 and peruse photos of the manually operated drawbridge that replaced it in 1951.



Until 1997, the rustic bridge still opened several times daily allowing boaters through, while land-locked drivers, waiting for the vessels to pass, could dream about water-going adventures of their own.



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Conquering the transportational challenges of great waterways is just the beginning of Flagler Beach history. Air travel is also well-represented. Charles Lindbergh made an impromptu visit when forced by fog to land his plane here in 1931. The reputedly shy and quiet man enjoyed the area so much he returned the following year.



The 1940s brought a flurry of mobile activity to Flagler's coast as WWII became the subject of our nation's concern. Local residents served as lookouts for airplanes, submarines and any suspicious movement in the air or off their shores. The Coast Guard trained the civilians to help staff the many spotter towers that dotted the beach.

Fast forward to history being made today with the most adventurous air travel of our era. Courtesy of the formerly local Kelly family's twin astronauts Scott & Mark, the Museum displays space food and a city flag that traveled with Mark on the Endeavour Shuttle in December 2001.



This photo by Rob Creal, and others, are available for purchase at the Museum.

The Flagler Beach Museum thanks the Flagler County Tourist Development Council & County Commissioners for their ongoing support.



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From the very young to college post-graduates, students are in for a treat when they visit the Museum. Younger children enjoy activity and coloring books. Elementary students on field trips gravitate to the ever-popular prehistoric remains,

local seashells, and dehydrated space food as they learn about history they have studied in school. Working in teams, students compete in Educational "Scavenger Hunts" and earn Junior Historian certificates.

Mentored Seniors gain school credit volunteering at the Museum on projects like interviewing Flagler County elders for our Oral History Archives. College students have assisted on many special projects.



These brochure photos are just a sampling of the Museum's pictorial chronology of the City of Flagler Beach and the surrounding areas of Flagler County. The Museum also features many artifact displays, research resource material, oral histories, and books by local authors.

Each quarter a new temporary display is created at the museum to keep things fresh and interesting. We also partner with other local organizations to bring history of the entire Flagler County area to our residents and visitors alike.

The Museum is staffed by a great group of volunteers and we are always on the lookout for people with a bit of spare time who would like to join in the genuine fun we have documenting or planning special events.

**Call to join the fun: 517-2025**

## Ask about our Downtown Walking Tour

Flagler Beach is known for their famous July 4th fireworks blasting skyward from our pier reflected in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. Celebrating the 4th at the beach is a Flagler County tradition that dates back to the 1st fest in 1926.

A favorite year-round event that the Museum co-founded is "Family Movie Nights at Wickline Park." The popular outdoor evening movies are an escape to an earlier era as films are projected onto the pink wall of the city's old Wickline schoolhouse.



On "First Friday Evenings" of every month the city celebrates "Music in the Park." Live entertainment is always the backdrop for the fun of culinary cook-offs, car shows, dance contests and more. The Museum is open late along with GOLA and our neighbors: The Village Shops.

And if you are here the first weekend in December, don't miss Holiday @ the Beach. Call or come by the Museum to learn about our popular "Scramble Ramble" walking puzzle contest and other fun and festive activities throughout the year.

Photos Courtesy of Rob Creal, Bill Lepson, Teri Pruden, and the Flagler Beach Historical Museum.



Fireworks Photo by Bill Lepson

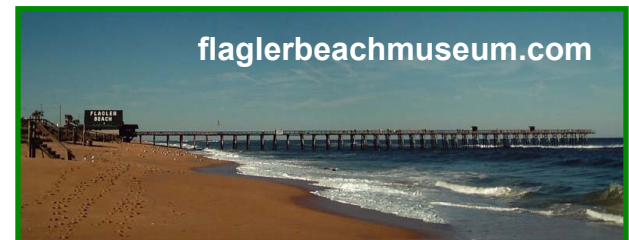


## Flagler's Pier through the Years

Wooden pier construction began in 1927 and its Grand Opening coincided with 4th of July festivities in 1928. A variety of buildings have been entryways to the structure, and nature's challenges to the Pier have resulted in rebuilding to various lengths due to nor'easters and other storms. 30 feet were replaced after the unrelenting hurricane season of 2004.



Come visit the Museum, then enjoy a stroll on today's Pier just half a block away.



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