



The Volunteer Dispatch

A monthly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park

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A Note from MVHP:

Happy October, everyone!

Take a look inside the volunteer newsletter for the latest information from Manatee Village Historical Park. If you prefer a hardcopy newsletter we will have printed copies available in the Wiggins Storefront; just give me a call to set up a time to pick up your copy.

Have questions or suggestions? Please don't hesitate to reach out! You can contact me directly at allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com or by calling **941-749-7165**.

Best wishes,

Allyson O'Leary

Education + Volunteer Coordinator

COVID Update & Open Volunteer Opportunities

COVID Update

Manatee Village Historical Park is continuously monitoring the latest information regarding COVID-19. It was recently announced that Florida would begin entering Phase 3 of it's reopening plan. At this time, I have not received an update about what Phase 3 means for MVHP's operations. Until I receive an update from the Director of Historical Resources we will continue to postpone volunteer return to Manatee Village.

As a reminder, your volunteer positions will be held for you until such a time as it is safe for you to return.

Until then, we'd love to have you visit as a guest! Currently, MVHP is open to the public by appointment only. You can make an appointment by calling **941-749-7165** or by visiting our website at <https://www.manateevillage.org/>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update please don't hesitate to reach out.

Volunteer Opportunities

⇒ **Cemetery Family Trees Research Volunteer**

This is a chance for you to volunteer for MVHP from home (or wherever you are)! The goal of this position is to do ancestry and genealogy research to create family trees for those families buried in the 1850 Manatee Burying Ground. The position involves detailed work, thorough historical research, and an understanding of how to find ancestry and genealogical records.

Interested in the Cemetery Family Trees Research volunteer position?

Contact Allyson O'Leary for more information and pick your family today!

941-749-7165 Or allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com

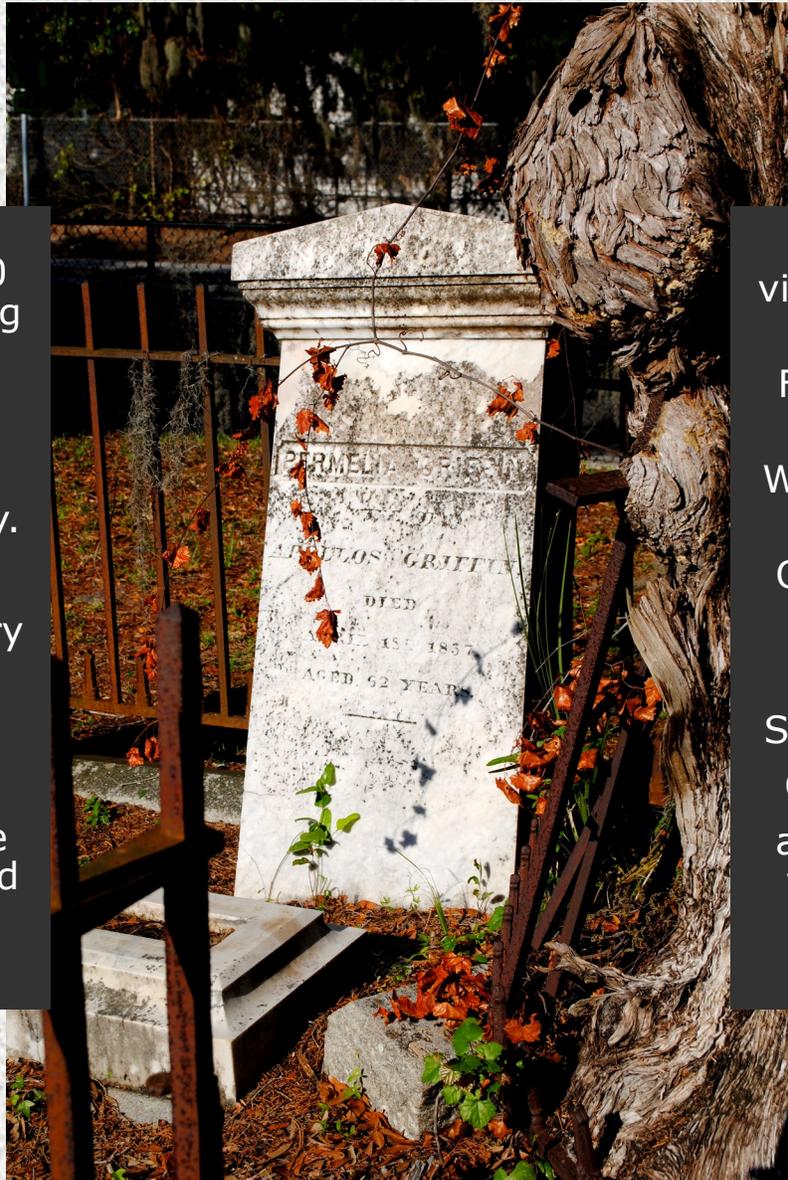
New & Upcoming Special Events

Tombstone Tour

Digital Event

A digital event about the 1850 Manatee Burying Ground, the oldest cemetery in Manatee County.

Learn the history of the land, tombstone symbols, and stories of those who were buried there.



Sign up & the video will be sent at 4:00pm on Friday, October 16th.

Watch it anytime between October 16 and November 1.

Sign up between October 16-29 and receive the video the next business day!

Sign Up:

Registration is required but free and slots are limited:

www.manateevillage.org/events

New & Upcoming Exhibits

Upcoming Exhibit: *Medicine in Manatee*

MVHP's curator, Dr. Jeffrey Brown, has been hard at work putting together a brand new exhibit! *Medicine in Manatee* is about the medical care and home cures available to folks living on the Florida frontier from the 1840s to 1918. It also touches on the 1886 Yellow Fever outbreak, some of the first doctors in our area, and more.

Check out the artifact pictured below. It is a **Strychnine Sulfate Tablet Bottle**, c. 1880s. This drug was used to treat paralysis of limbs and it was also used as a stimulant. However, it was so deadly that even the smallest of doses was lethal, which led to its discontinued use.

This artifact and others will be on display in the *Medicine in Manatee* exhibit. The exhibit is currently expected to begin its run starting in November 2020. A digital preview of the exhibit will be available to the public until such a time as the Wiggins Store is opened back up for visitors to view the exhibit in person.



Image: Strychnine Sulfate Tablet Bottle, c. 1880s - Manatee Village Historical Park Collection

Volunteer Visits for *Medicine in Manatee*

As a thank you for all that you do for us, we'd like our volunteers to have a chance to view the new exhibit in person! Come see the exhibit before the general public.

How does a volunteer visit for the exhibit work if the Wiggins Store is closed to the public?

1. Volunteers will receive an email in November.
2. The email will contain a link to **sign up** for a **designated day and time** to view the exhibit in person.
3. Volunteers will be allowed to bring up to **one** guest with them to see the new exhibit.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to reach out to allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com or call 941-749-7165.

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have been hard at work on the cemetery family trees project! Kay, Barbara, Robin, and Marguerite have all dug up some great information on the families buried in the 1850 Manatee Burying Ground.

Take a look at the image on the right to see an example of the type of research these volunteers are doing.



Image: Obituary for Fannie Riggin.

A big thank you to Rolf, Crystal, and Andrea! The three of them helped MVHP staff put together this year's digital Tombstone Tour event. To maintain social distancing guidelines we brought them in one at a time to record their parts for the video.

Be sure to check out our digital Tombstone Tour event this October and let them be your digital guides for the 1850 Manatee Burying Ground!



Pictured: Rolf giving a talk visitors about burial practices at Tombstone Tours 2019.



Pictured: Crystal (left) and Andrea (right) leading a group of visitors at Tombstone Tours 2019.

Fun & Games

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John Crews Pelot

Marble

Permelia Griffin

Ezekial Glazier

James Helveston

John Riffin

Mary Gates

Reverend Crowder

Gravestone

James Vanderipe

Manatee Burying Ground

Obelisk

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