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## This Month at the Museum

November 2025

### A Note from the Director

Dear Friends:

Happy Fall!

Last week, we joined staff, students, and supporters from UNF to celebrate their sculpture program. Through a series of events, the Beaches Museum officially became the second site for the “Seaside Sculpture Park.” These creative and often whimsical pieces have been delighting our visitors ever since! Meeting the students and learning how their ideas took shape—from sketches on paper to striking installations in the History Park—was truly inspiring. We deeply value our partnership with institutions like UNF and are proud to host such remarkable works of art.



November marks our final month of “regularly scheduled programs” before the holiday season arrives—and it’s shaping up to be a great one! If “explore local history through its cemetery” or “celebrate our community’s critters” are still on your end-of-year checklist, you’re in luck!

We’re so grateful for the incredible talent in our community—and even more grateful that so many share it with us. As always, thank YOU for your continued support in making it all possible!

Sincerely,

Chris

Chris Hoffman  
Executive Director

### Current Exhibit - *Beach Front Home Front: War at the Beaches*



*War has left a lasting impression on our island, not only through battles fought abroad, but in the quiet transformations felt at home. From reshaped waterways and the construction of the Navy base to the personal sacrifices made by residents, the Beaches community has been deeply affected by conflicts across the centuries.*

**Beach Front Home Front: War at the Beaches** explores the many ways war has touched our community, how it has reshaped our landscapes, tested our resilience, and brought us together.

Director Chris Hoffman and Archivist Susan Gold discussed the upcoming exhibit on First Coast Connect! View the recording [here](#). The exhibit was also featured in [Jax Today](#), as well as the [Florida Times Union](#). Read all about it!

*On exhibit until November 16, 2025.*

### Member Deal of the Month: War in Paradise

## MUSEUM MEMBER DEAL PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

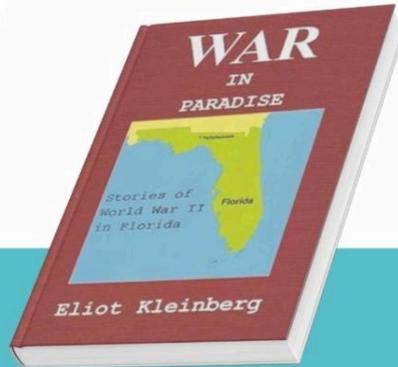
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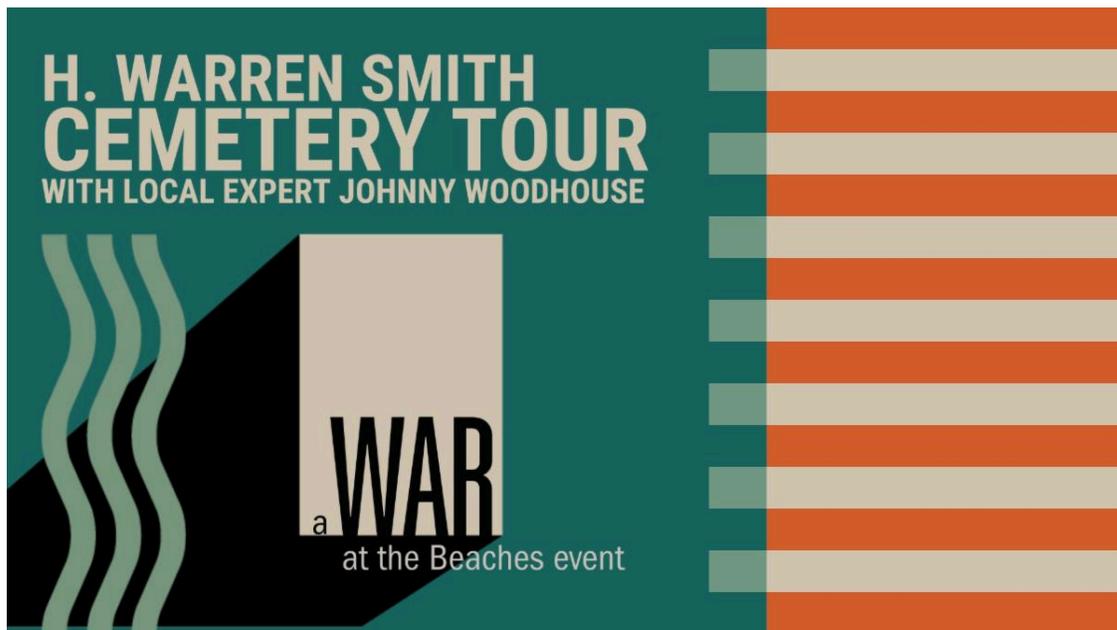


This month, Museum members and veterans can enjoy 15% off *War in Paradise: Stories of World War II in Florida* by Eliot Kleinberg, available in our gift shop.

This compelling collection explores the impact of World War II on the Sunshine State, featuring stories of German POWs, U-boat attacks, Floridians at Pearl Harbor, RAF trainees, and more. Richly illustrated with maps, photographs, and original sources, *War in Paradise* offers a fascinating look at Florida's wartime history.

### MEMBERSHIP

**Cemetery Tour: H. Warren Smith**  
**Sunday, November 9 - 2:00 p.m.**



Join local expert Johnny Woodhouse at H. Warren Smith Cemetery for a walk through history, from the Civil War to Vietnam.

The tour will occur in a clockwise manner along a paved path with stops at pre-selected grave sites. Woodhouse will touch on veterans from the Beaches area. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions during and after the event.

The Cemetery is located at 1538 2nd Avenue N, Jacksonville Beach. Parking is available at neighboring Lee Kirkland Cemetery, 2-30 Penman Rd, Jacksonville Beach.

*Museum events are free to members, with a suggested \$5 donation for non-members. Because attendance is limited, registration is required.*

**REGISTER**

**Chapel Concert: David Julia Band  
Tuesday, November 18 - 7:00 p.m.**



The Beaches Museum Concert Series continues with David Julia on Tuesday, **November 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

Experience the next generation of Blues! Join us for an unforgettable evening with David Julia — a Central Florida guitarist, singer-songwriter, and entertainer who's already made his mark at festivals like Springing the Blues and the International Blues Challenge in Memphis. With soulful vocals, fiery guitar work, and a deep love for the Blues, David brings energy and heart to every performance. His debut album, *Inspired*, pays tribute to the Blues masters who shaped his sound with original songs showcasing his fresh and modern edge.

*The Chapel Concert series, now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, has featured a wide variety of musical genres, nationally and internationally known artists, and award-winning music. The Chapel Concerts benefit the Beaches Museum.*

**Check-in and refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 7:00 p.m. No physical tickets will be issued but your name will be on the list at check-in. Thank you for your support!**

#### TICKETS

**Exhibit Reception - The World Thru Scotie Cousin's Eyes  
November 21 - 6:00 p.m.**



In a continued celebration of local artists, the Beaches Museum is proud to present the work of Scotie Cousin with a dynamic exhibit that showcases beloved works aside explorations into new mediums, all united by his unmistakable signature style. Come experience Scotie's energy, creativity, and vision firsthand, and you won't see the world the same way again.

The community is welcome to join the artist for a first look at **The World Thru Scotie Cousin's Eyes** over drinks and light appetizers. Artwork will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Beaches Museum.

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**REGISTER**

**Florida Chamber Music Project**  
**Sunday, November 23 - 3:00 p.m.**



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CONCERT

SEASON 13 - BEACHES MUSEUM CHAPEL  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, AT 3:00 P.M.

Sponsored by Zisser Frazier Family Law

Guest artist: Giovanni Bertoni, Clarinet.

PROGRAM:

*Clarinet Quintet in A Major, K. 581* • Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
*Gumboots* • David Bruce



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Please Note

Upcoming Thanksgiving Hours

The Beaches Museum will be closed Thursday the 27th and Friday the 28th for Thanksgiving.



We will reopen for *Small Business Saturday*  
and *Museum Store Sunday*!

Museum visitors, please note that we will be **closed for Thanksgiving all day on the 27th and 28th of November!** However, we will reopen for our regular operating hours on the 29th and 30th in time for Small Business Saturday and Museum Store Sunday. Please plan your visits accordingly!

### Partner Spotlight: Atlantic Video Productions

We are proud to call [Atlantic Video Productions](#), owned and operated by 2024 Beach Legend Mitch Kaufmann, a trusted partner of the Beaches Museum.



Atlantic Video Productions creates the powerful videos featured in our annual Beach Legends Gala, capturing the stories that make our community shine. At Atlantic Video productions, every step of the process is handled with creativity, care, and attention to detail.

We're grateful for their partnership and dedication to helping us share the history and heart of the Beaches! Check out our *Tidal Shift* video below for an example of the great work by Atlantic Video Productions.

#### Beach Legends 2025: TIDAL SHIFT



### Leave Your Mark! Buy a Brick!

Show your Beaches Museum pride, memorialize a loved one, or celebrate something special by having your message displayed on a commemorative brick to be installed inside our Train Enclosure.



Engraved on your brick could be a name, a message, a business, or something else entirely! Whatever you decide,

your brick will serve as a visible reminder of your commitment to the Museum and the Beaches area.

Every brick has a story. Write yours and make your mark as a part of the Beaches Museum. History is in the making, and this is your chance to memorialize the things that matter most to you. Your brick will be a place where the past meets the future in a perfectly preserved moment as a permanent part of Beaches history.

The 4"x 8"x 2 ¼" bricks are engraved using state-of-the-art laser technology and they are all guaranteed for life. Each brick is \$100, and each purchase supports the Museum in our mission to preserve and share Beaches history.

### Buy-A-Brick

## Support the Museum through Membership!

Membership at the Beaches Museum is a great way to show your support!

Join us in preserving, understanding, and celebrating the history of the Beaches – become a member of the Beaches Museum. Join now, and you receive all the benefits of membership, including access to historic buildings, the Beaches Museum, and rotating exhibits showcasing the colorful heritage of our Beaches communities.



You can become a member of Beaches Museum on our [website](#). You can also [donate](#) directly to the Museum. When you choose to donate, you can select a project that most interests you, including the Chapel Preservation Fund, the Jean McCormick Founders Fund, or the Museum's General Fund.

### Join or Renew!

## Beaches Museum Legacy Circle

Help ensure a future for our past by making a planned gift or a gift to our endowment!

To learn more about remembering the Museum in your will or contributing to the future sustainability of our organization, please contact Chris at 904-241-5657 x 113 or [director@beachmuseum.org](mailto:director@beachmuseum.org).



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### Save the Date!



BEACHES MUSEUM  
*Chapel Concerts*

**December 11**  
**Chapel Concert:**  
**Backtrack Blues Band**



**December 12 & 13**  
**Beaches North Pole**  
**Express**



**December 18**  
**Christmas at the Cabin**

[View Full Calendar](#)

### About the Beaches Museum

Beaches Museum's mission is "to preserve and share the distinct history and culture of the Beaches area."

The Beaches Museum is generously supported by The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville and Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.



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