
This Month at the Museum

January 2026

A Note from the Director

Dear Friends:

Happy New Year!

While the holiday décor has been packed away, the Museum is as vibrant as ever with the works of Scotie Cousin still on display. This month brings several exciting opportunities to learn more about Scotie and his artwork — including a Children’s Art Day that offers a hands-on experience with the artist himself.

If one of your New Year’s resolutions is to enjoy more live music or discover unique date-night experiences, be sure to keep an eye out for the Spring Chapel Concert Series announcement later this month. Season tickets sell quickly, so don’t miss your chance to secure a full season of unforgettable performances.

This year also marks a major milestone for us — the Beaches Museum turns 20! Along with this anniversary, we will be wrapping up the Tidal Shift campaign and installing a brand-new permanent exhibit. It’s an exciting moment to reimagine our space and further our mission to preserve and share the distinct history and culture of the Beaches area, now two decades after the original exhibit’s debut.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Museum in 2026!

Sincerely,



Chris Hoffman
Executive Director



Current Exhibit - *The World Thru Scotie Cousin's Eyes*
On exhibit November 21, 2025 - March 1, 2026



In a continued celebration of local artists, the Beaches Museum is proud to present the work of Scotie Cousin.

Step into *The World Thru Scotie Cousin's Eyes*, 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.

Artwork is available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Beaches Museum.

On exhibit until March 1, 2026.

Member Deal of the Month: Pioneer Family by Michel Oesterreicher

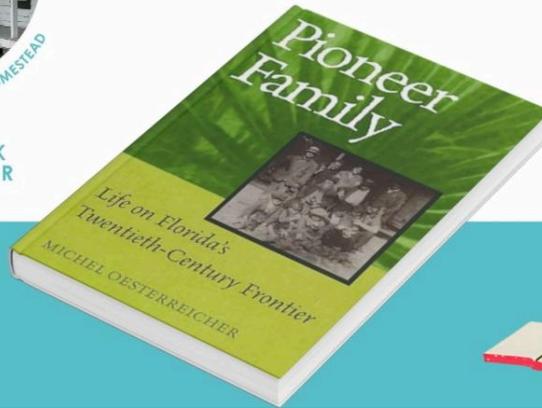
MUSEUM MEMBER DEAL PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

PIONEER FAMILY:
LIFE ON FLORIDA'S TWENTIETH-
CENTURY FRONTIER

15%
OFF



VISIT THE
HISTORY PARK
AND SEE IT FOR
YOURSELF!



For the month of January, Museum members can enjoy 15% off the best-selling book in our gift shop: Pioneer Family by Michel Oesterreicher, from the family that lived in our very own 1873 Oesterreicher Homestead!

It's the season to get some cozy reading done indoors! This moving true story will transport you to the rugged landscape of early twentieth-century northeast Florida. Based on firsthand recollections of Hugie and Oleta, Pioneer Family traces a life of resilience, ingenuity, and faith on the frontier.

MEMBERSHIP

History Haunt with Corbyn Bentley Friday, January 16



BEACHES HISTORY
museum HAUNT



Join paranormal investigator Corbin 'yo.retro' Bentley for a haunted tour of the history park after dark! Guests and employees have long reported supernatural

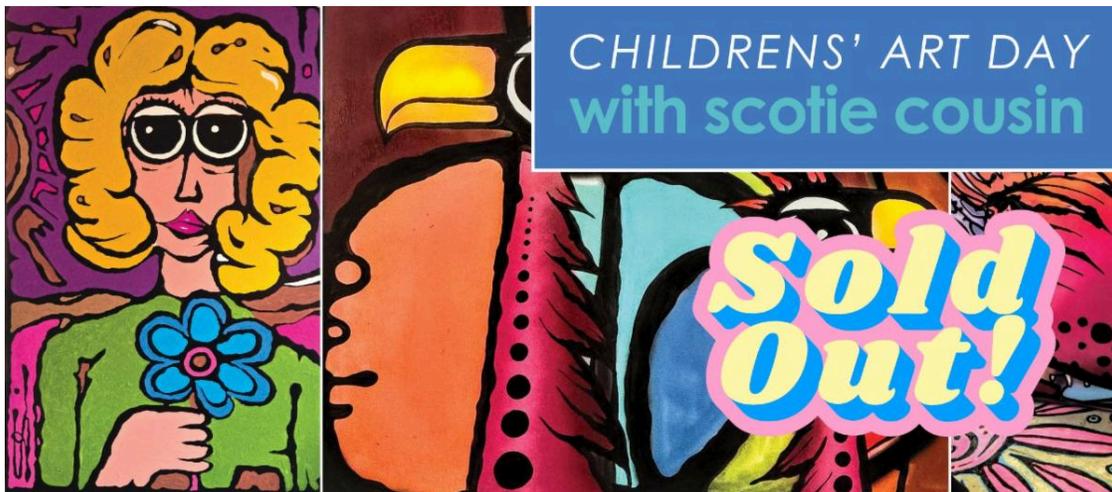
experiences on the Museum grounds. Is there any truth to these accounts? It's up to you to decide on this ghost investigation.

This event is hosted by a third party. Proceeds benefit the Museum.

Admission is \$30 per person and attendance is limited to 15 slots per tour.

VISIT EVENT WEBSITE

Childrens' Art Day with Scotie Cousin
Saturday, January 17 - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



*"I didn't adapt to what was taught to me.
I learned to embrace that I don't fit a category,
a convention, a theme, or style."* - Scotie Cousin

Kids ages 6-10 are invited to join artist Scotie Cousin for a hands-on creative adventure! Participants will create collaborative artwork, learn unique art techniques, and take home a special coloring page inspired by Scotie's designs. Pre-registration is required and space is limited!

All pre-registration spots are booked for this event, but click the button below and sign up to be notified of our next hands-on kids activity at the Museum!

NOTIFY ME

Florida Chamber Music Project
Sunday, January 25 - 3:00 p.m.

CONCERT
SEASON 13 - BEACHES MUSEUM CHAPEL
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, AT 3:00 P.M.

Sponsored by Antonia Porterfield
Guest artist: Hyunsoon Whang, Piano.
PROGRAM:
Eclogue, Op. 56, No. 2 • Antonin Dvořák
Piano Quintet in A Major, Op. 81 • Antonin Dvořák



Music Among Friends

Meet the musicians at a reception after the concert.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT:
FLCHAMBERMUSIC.ORG
STUDENT TICKETS AT DOOR: \$10.00
FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE OFF PABLO AVE.

BEACHES MUSEUM CHAPEL:
505 BEACH BLVD.
JAX BEACH.



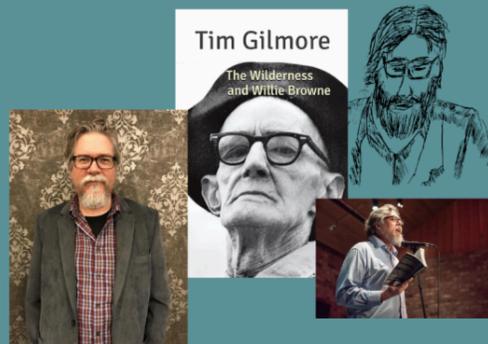
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Boardwalk Talk: The Wilderness and Willie Browne
Thursday, January 29 - 6:30 p.m.

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WITH AUTHOR
TIM GILMORE

IN COLLABORATION WITH TIMUCUAN PARKS FOUNDATION



JANUARY 29

THE WILDERNESS
AND WILLIE BROWNE

Thursday, January 29 at 6:30 PM, join us at the Museum for a special Boardwalk Talk with guest speaker Tim Gilmore, brought to you by collaboration between the

Beaches Museum and Timucuan Parks Foundation.

Passionate letters of gratitude poured in from all over, from the Caribbean to the Arctic Circle, though Willie Browne never traveled further than the Georgia state line, never had a phone, nor electricity. He did, however, have countless friends. When he died alone in his cabin in the woods in 1970, he left to the Nature Conservancy hundreds of acres of marshes, hardwood forest and bluffs overlooking the St. Johns River. Though he would never have chosen it, his became the face of the conservation movement in much of the South, beloved of environmentalists and hikers, artists and writers. Half a century later, more people know Willie Browne than ever. And they still say they can feel his presence in these woods.

The Boardwalk Talk is free to Museum members with a suggested \$5 donation for non-members. **Because seating space is limited, registration is required.** Members, please use code **Member** at checkout for free access!

REGISTER

The World Thru Scotie Cousin's Eyes Gallery Tour Saturday, January 31 - 11:00 a.m.



Join Scotie Cousin for an intimate gallery tour where he shares the stories, inspirations, and inventive techniques behind his work. Artwork remains available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Beaches Museum. Come experience Scotie's energy, creativity, and vision firsthand, and you won't see the world the same way again.

Gallery tours are free to Museum members with a \$5 donation suggested for non-members. Because space is limited, registration is required. Members, please use code **Member** at checkout for free access.

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Partner Spotlight: CopyGraphics



We are proud to call locally-owned and operated [CopyGraphics](#) a trusted partner of the Beaches Museum.

CopyGraphics produces the envelopes we use for our Thank You and Membership letters! If you've ever received one, you've seen their work! They also produce our Christmas cards each year, sponsorship posters for our special events, and much more.

We are grateful for CopyGraphics' work and support of the museum, which helps connect us with our members and the community!

Birdies for Charity



You Could Win \$10,000 By Giving Back!

To participate in **THE PLAYERS Championship Birdies for Charity** contest, donate to a local nonprofit and guess the number of birdies that will be made during the 2025 tournament. **The individual who guesses correctly will receive a chance to win \$10,000!**

Contest runs **NOVEMBER 18, 2024 - MARCH 12, 2025**

Visit THEPLAYERS.com/birdies to participate
& for more information.

OPEN ONLY TO LEGAL RESIDENTS OF THE 50 UNITED STATES AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
(EXCLUDING NEW YORK) WHO ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER AS OF THE DATE OF ENTRY. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.

Contest runs Nov. 18, 2024 – March 12, 2025

Five minutes and a \$20 donation could earn you \$10K! The Birdies for Charity campaign invites you to enter a contest by making a minimum donation to a local nonprofit like us and guessing the number of birdies during THE PLAYERS Championship 2025. Enter any time now through Wednesday, March 12, 2025. PLAYERS covers credit card fees so that all donations go to your selected charity.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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@beachesmuseum.org.



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LEGACY
CIRCLE

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BEACHES MUSEUM
Chapel Concerts

**Spring Series
Announcement
Coming Soon!**



**April 11
Springing the Blooms**



**April 25
Fletcher All-Class
Block Party**

[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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