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## This Month at the Museum

March 2026

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### A Note from the Director

Dear Friends:

This month, the Beaches Museum turns 20!

While our organization—the Beaches Area Historical Society—has been serving the community since 1978, the Museum as we know it officially opened its doors in March 2006.

Thinking back to that time is a reminder of just how much the world has changed. George W. Bush was President. Twitter had just been founded, and Facebook was expanding beyond college campuses. Pluto was demoted from planet status, and many of us were still using flip phones or BlackBerrys. It was the year Miley Cyrus became Hannah Montana—along with so many other cultural moments that now feel like snapshots from another era.



Here at home, 2006 marked something just as significant: the opening of the Beaches Museum as a central hub for exploring and celebrating our community's history and culture.

In the past two decades, hundreds of thousands of visitors have walked through our doors—exploring exhibits, attending programs and special events, conducting research in our archives and collections, volunteering their time, and connecting with the rich story of the Beaches. What began as a vision has grown into a vibrant gathering place for learning, reflection, and community engagement.

We are incredibly proud of what has been accomplished over the past 20 years—and we are just getting started. The next chapter will bring a brand-new permanent exhibit, expanded programming, increased access to our collections, and even more opportunities to share and preserve the stories that define our Beaches community.

Thank you for being part of our first 20 years. We look forward to celebrating with you—and to welcoming you to the Museum soon.

Sincerely,

Chris

Chris Hoffman  
Executive Director

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**Upcoming Exhibit - Women Arts Exchange**  
On exhibit March 6, 2026 - April, 17, 2026



In a continued celebration of local artists, the Beaches Museum is proud to present five artists in partnership with Women Arts Exchange. Visit our Dickinson Gallery to view the work of artists Amanda Holloway, Anne Cullum, Kim Hurt, Balsam Abo Zour, and Susanne Schuenke for a limited time.

*On exhibit until April 17, 2026.*

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**Member Moment: Set up a Recurring Membership!**



Take the stress out of renewing your membership by becoming an annual recurring member. With automatic renewal each year, you'll never miss a moment of the exhibitions, programs, and special events you love—no action needed.

You can also spread your membership dues out over the course of the year with convenient monthly payments! With monthly payments, it's easier than ever to support the Museum while enjoying all the benefits of membership. Simple, flexible, and worry-free—just the way membership should be.

[START OR RENEW A MEMBERSHIP](#)

[ASK ABOUT EXISTING MEMBERSHIPS](#)

### Member Deal of the Month:

A promotional banner for the Beaches Museum Chapel Concerts. It features a collage of images: a band performing, a musician playing a guitar, and another musician playing a guitar. Text includes: "OUR MEMBERS deserve a STANDING OVATION", "enjoy 15% off on spring concerts", "MEMBERSHIP" with a membership card icon, and "BEACHES museum Culture • History • Community". Specific artists mentioned are Blair Crimmins and The Hookers, Otto Junior Springing the Blues Special, and Jim Bickerstaff and The White Knuckle Flyers.

For over a decade, the Beaches Museum Chapel Concert Series has brought an extraordinary range of musical talent to our historic stage. Featuring local to international performers spanning a wide variety of genres, each concert offers an

intimate, unforgettable live music experience in one of the Beaches' most unique settings: our own 1887 Chapel.

For this month only, **our members** get an exclusive 15% off discount on Chapel Concert tickets. Simply use the code MEMBER at checkout. Not a member yet? Why not sign up today! Click the membership link below to get started or inquire at the front desk next time you visit the Museum.

CONCERTS

MEMBERSHIP

**Chapel Concert: Blair Crimmins and the Hookers**  
Wednesday, March 4 - 7:00 p.m.



Blair Crimmins blends hot ragtime jazz, Dixieland, and early New Orleans swing with a modern edge and a touch of rock 'n' roll. A dynamic multi-instrumentalist on guitar, banjo, and piano, Crimmins leads a classic horn section featuring trumpet, clarinet, and trombone for a high-energy, toe-tapping sound.

Having toured across the U.S. and Italy and shared stages with acts like Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Old Crow Medicine Show, Crimmins has earned critical acclaim and a devoted following. His previous appearance at the Beaches Museum Chapel was a hit—don't miss the return of this crowd-pleasing performer!

*The Chapel Concert series, now in its 11th 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.*

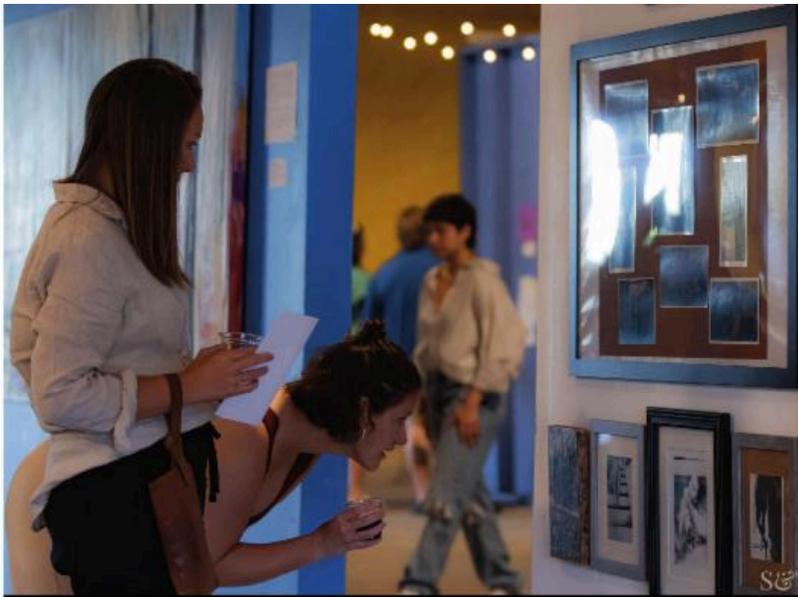
**Check-in and refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 7:00 p.m.** No physical tickets will be issued but your name will be on the list at check-in. Thank you for your support!

TICKETS

**The 4th Annual Women Arts Exchange**  
Friday and Saturday, March 6th and 7th - 6:30 p.m.



WOMEN ARTS EXCHANGE



An electrifying celebration of visual art & contemporary dance

**March 6 + 7, 2026**

**Come, join us.**

6:30 pm  
Beaches Museum  
**VISION!**  
Art Gallery  
Sip' n Stroll

8:00 pm  
Players by the Sea  
**MOVE!**  
Contemporary Dance  
Festival



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HISTORIAN | PUBLIC SPEAKER | WRITER



MARCH 18

## FLORIDA WOMEN'S FIGHT FOR SUFFRAGE

In celebration of Women's History Month, join us at the Museum for a special Boardwalk Talk featuring historian Dr. Peggy Macdonald! Macdonald traces Florida's suffrage movement from its origins to early successes, examining a selection of Florida's most prominent suffragists like Fay Gibson Moulton Bridges, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, and May Mann Jennings, along with their strategies to secure the right to vote.

*Dr. Peggy Macdonald is a public historian and adjunct professor. She has taught at Stetson University, Indian River State College and Southern New Hampshire University. A native Floridian, Dr. Macdonald has written about local and Florida history for FORUM Magazine, Gainesville Magazine, Our Town Magazine, and Senior Times. In 2014, the University Press of Florida published her first book, Marjorie Harris Carr: Defender of Florida's Environment. Dr. Macdonald is an alumna of the University of Florida, where she received a Ph.D. in American history.*

Boardwalk talks are free to members, with a \$5 donation suggested for non-members. Please use **discount code Member** at registration for free access. Because seating space is limited, registration is required to attend.

REGISTER

March Only: 20 Years, 20 Off!



If you graduated from Fletcher in 2006 or later, use the code "FLETCHER0626" for to celebrate 20 years of the Beaches Museum with 20% off any Fletcher All-Class Block Party ticket purchase. Celebrate Fletcher, toast to 20 years of the Beaches Museum, and enjoy a party that brings grads together!

The purpose of the Fletcher All-Class Block party is to celebrate decades of graduates, faculty, and supporters of Fletcher, the Beaches' only high school in support of the Beaches Museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Music from a local band, dancing, food trucks, gathering of classmates and much more will be on-hand for party guests. The theme is "Stars, Stripes, and Purple Pride!"

All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Museum and contribute to the continued success of our mission "to preserve and share the distinct history and culture of the Beaches area."

[BUY YOUR TICKETS](#)

### Partner Spotlight: Dagher Printing

The Beaches Museum is proud to print and mail postcards with Dagher Printing!



If you've ever received a postcard promoting one of the Beaches Museum's events, you've seen Dagher's work firsthand. Locally owned since 1986, Dagher Printing sources more than 85% of their labor, supplies, and materials locally, ensuring that each project they produce helps strengthen and support the community.

We are grateful for Dagher's partnership and dedication to helping the Beaches Museum reach your mailbox!

### Birdies for Charity



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

Donate to a local nonprofit and guess the number of birdies that will be made during THE PLAYERS 2026. **The individual who guesses correctly will receive a chance to win \$10,000!**

**Contest runs November 25, 2025 - March 11, 2026**  
Visit [THEPLAYERS.com/Birdies](https://www.theplayers.com/Birdies) to participate  
& for more information.

OPEN ONLY TO LEGAL RESIDENTS ON 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.

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 2026. Enter any time now through Wednesday, March 11, 2026. 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@beachmuseum.org](mailto:director@beachmuseum.org).



## Save the Date!



BEACHES MUSEUM  
*Chapel Concerts*

**April 11**  
**Springing the Blooms**



**April 11**  
**Springing the Blooms**



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

[View Full Calendar](#)

[About the Beaches Museum](#)

The Beaches Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission "to preserve and share the distinct history and culture of the Beaches area."

A thriving creative economy enhances the quality of life for us all. Supported in part by the Merit-Based Cultural Service Grant Program, administered by the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville with funding from the City of Jacksonville and our elected officials, we extend our gratitude to all partners who make this possible.



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