



Matheson History Museum Newsletter

Join us for the Founding Families Gala on November 2nd!

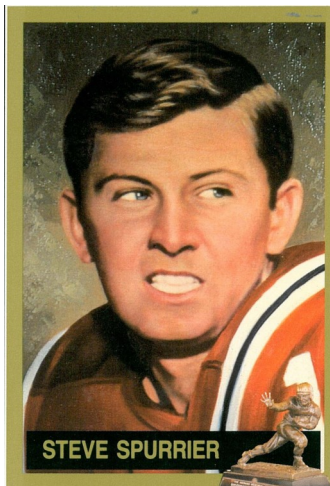
Founding Families, a fundraiser gala, will take place on Friday, November 2 from 5:30pm to 9:30pm at the Matheson History Museum. We will honor families who contributed unique and important firsts to the history of Gainesville and Alachua County, including Heisman Trophy winner Steve Spurrier, who coached the University of Florida Gators to their first national football championship in 1996. Coach Spurrier will give the keynote address.

The evening will include cocktails, dinner featuring dishes inspired by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings's book *Cross Creek Cookery*, and a silent auction. Dinner will be served inside the museum. Black tie is optional.

Tickets for this unique fundraiser are \$250 and can be purchased via Eventbrite.com. Due to the state's dramatic slash in funding for the arts and cultural organizations, this fundraiser is more important than ever for the Matheson. Proceeds from ticket sales, sponsorships and a silent auction will go towards the museum's future exhibitions and programs, collections care, and maintenance of the Matheson History Museum Complex, which includes the museum, 1867 Matheson House, Matheson Library & Archives and Tison Tool Barn.

Interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities? Please contact Peggy Macdonald at 352-378-2280 or director@mathesonmuseum.org.

The Founding Families Gala is being produced by Talia Felicia Events + Design.



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The Opening Reception for the *Gators and Beyond* Exhibition on August 23, 2018;
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Questions? Contact Peggy
Macdonald at 352-378-
2280.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE CELLPHONE TOUR

We are so excited about this! Peggy Macdonald and Joanna Grey Talbot researched and wrote the scripts for a historic downtown Gainesville cellphone tour. The finished product was produced in partnership with Y-Not Theatre, Tone Control Studio, Visit Gainesville—Alachua County, FL, and The City of Gainesville—Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs. We recorded 25 local actors telling the history of 26 historic sites ranging from Union Academy to the 1885 Alachua County Courthouse.

The completed tour will be available on Visit Gainesville's website. We'll announce when it's live!

**Paul Gabbard, director of Y-Not Theatre and some of the
local actors who helped bring history to life with the cellphone tour**



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The Immigrant World of Ybor City

With Gary Mormino

Thursday, September 13, 6pm—Free

A Certain Loneliness: A Memoir

Book Launch with Sandra Lambert

Friday, September 14, 6:30pm - Free

Quest for Blackbeard: The True Story of Edward Thache and His World

“Talk Like a Pirate” Day with Baylus Brooks

Wednesday, September 19, 6pm - Free

Son of Real Florida: Stories from My Life

with Jeff Klinkenberg

Friday, September 21, 6pm - Free

***Here is Home: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Cross Creek* documentary premiere**

with Sonya Doctorian and Ann McCutchan

Friday, October 12, 6:30pm—Free

Wrestling Alligators: The New Seminole Wars

Documentary Screening with Peter Gallagher

Saturday, October 13, 6pm—Free

The Origins of Football in Gainesville

with Fred Awbrey

Thursday, October 18, 6pm - Free

Matheson Antique, Vintage Floridiana and Rare Book Sale

Saturday, October 20

10am-4pm - Suggested Donation \$3 for 12 and up



The Matheson and Y-Not Theatre are offering a one-of-a-kind immersive theatre experience on **Thursday, October 25, and Friday, October 26, at 7pm** at the Matheson. *Halloween Moon Rising* by Kelby Siddons begins when audience members get out of their car. The play begins on the porch of the 1867 Matheson House and moves through three different acts in different settings. Audience members must be 21; themed food and drinks will be part of the experience. Tickets are limited and can be purchased via Eventbrite.com. Proceeds will benefit the Matheson and Y-Not Theatre.

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Gators and Beyond: A Sports History of Alachua County

August 8, 2018—February 16, 2019

Main Exhibit Hall

Finding the Fountain of Youth: Exploring the Myth of Florida's Magical Waters

Mary Ann Cofrin Exhibit Hall

MUSEUM PARTNERS WITH FLORIDA HUMANITIES COUNCIL

The Matheson received \$5,000 from the Florida Humanities Council for the “Weird, Wild, Wonderful Florida” Speaker Series of 2018-2019. Six speakers will cover six very different topics, from Cypress Gardens to Florida food culture, highlighting what makes our great state so unique.

Jeff Klinkenberg—9/21
Steve Noll—11/8
Gary Mormino—1/12
Lu Vickers—2/9
Craig Pittman—2/23
Gary Monroe—4/6

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