

Program Schedule

All programs begin at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)
at Flagler College Auditorium, 14 Granada St.

- November 2, 2009**
Monday 5:30 p.m. *General Assembly*
Synopsis of Commemoration Commission's 450th Strategic Plan
- November 5, 2009**
Thursday *Peoples Before Ponce de Leon*
Seminole Tribe of Florida
Mr. Willie Johns, Brighton Reservation – Okeechobee
Mr. Herbie Jim and traditional arts demonstrators, Tampa
- November 23, 2009**
Monday *First America: Colonial St. Augustine*
Mr. Chaz Mena, Chataouqua performance as "Pedro Menendez"
Dr. Kathleen Deagan, Distinguished Research Curator, UF
Mr. Carl Halbirt, Archaeologist, City of St. Augustine
- December 9, 2009**
Wednesday *Pirates! Fact & Fiction*
Dr. Pat Croce, Pirate Soul Museum creator, author and entrepreneur
Mr. Brendan Burke, Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program
- January 7, 2010**
Thursday *The British are Coming!*
Mr. Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson (presented through Colonial
Williamsburg Foundation)
Mr. John Stavely as Jesse Fish
British Night Watch
- February 5, 2010**
Friday *The Great Southern Cracker Roadshow*
Ms. Janis Owens, author and storyteller
Mr. Dana Ste.Claire, Author and Cracker historian
Bluegrass Musicians
- April 13, 2010**
Tuesday *Palaces in Paradise: Flagler's Age of Opulence*
Dr. Tom Graham, Professor Emeritus of History, Flagler College
Mr. John Blades, Executive Director, Flagler Museum
A Conversation with Henry Flagler, Mr. Tom Rahner as Mr. Flagler
and Mayor Joseph Boles, Jr., as himself!
- May 18, 2010**
Tuesday *Road to Freedom; African-Americans in Florida*
Mr. Derek Hankerson, Actor and Creative Director
Mr. James Bullock, Actor and Creative Director

Program Description

Peoples Before Ponce de Leon

The story of St. Augustine and La Florida begins with the history of its first people. In this unique program, the story of Native Americans is told by Native Americans. Members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida present their history and culture. Traditional tribal crafts demonstrations will be featured.

First America: Colonial St. Augustine

Movie actor and “Law and Order” judge Chaz Mena will portray Pedro Menendez de Aviles, St. Augustine’s founder and colonial Spanish Florida’s first governor in an entertaining and engaging look at the settlement of the nation’s oldest city. Adding to the evening will be internationally-renowned archaeologist Dr. Kathleen Deagan detailing the first settlement- the Menendez landing site- and early colonial life in La Florida.

Pirates! Fact & Fiction

Pat Croce, internationally known pirate expert partnering with Steven Spielberg on the new movie Blackbeard, will share fascinating truths about privateers, swashbucklers and other pirates of La Florida and the Caribbean. Brendan Burke, a maritime archaeologist and diver, will share findings gleaned from shipwrecks off the coast of Florida.

The British are Coming!

Thomas Jefferson, Colonial Williamsburg’s William Barker, will visit the 14th Colony of East Florida and champion the cause of revolt by the American colonists. Colonial Loyalist Jesse Fish, (played by John Stavely) who managed to curry favor with both sides of the British-Spanish conquest of the colony for many years, amassing a significant fortune and a substantial plantation as well, will also address the public. British Night Watch reenactors will host the evening and will create an authentic British Colonial atmosphere for the evening.

The Great Southern Cracker Roadshow

From the front porch of rural America comes a full-blooded celebration of the stories, songs, and essential spirit of the Cracker culture. Southern author Janis Owens delights the audience with her stories of her kith and kin and their epic struggle with faith, food and their place in modern life. Cracker writer and expert Dana Ste. Claire entertains with vignettes on what makes a Cracker a Cracker and the centuries-old history of this rogue and tenacious breed of Southern pioneer.

Palaces in Paradise: Flagler’s Age of Opulence

Henry Flagler was, arguably, the most influential entrepreneur in Florida’s history, leaving an indelible physical and cultural mark on much of the state. Enjoy an evening sharing the experience of Mr. Flagler’s legacy through the eyes of scholars Dr. Tom Graham, presenting Flagler’s early Florida endeavors and Mr. John Blades, highlighting Flagler’s life in Palm Beach and beyond. Henry Flagler, portrayed by Tom Rahner, will reappear from the past to have a lively discussion with Mayor Joe Boles on how St. Augustine has changed over the last century.

Road to Freedom; African-Americans in Florida

From colonial Fort Mose, the first free African-American settlement in present-day United States, through the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, African-Americans have played an important role in the cultural and historical development of St. Augustine. Experience the stories and share the journey through James Bullock's Road to Freedom Production, as well as other programs and exhibits.