



Thomas Center

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2023 GARDEN PROJECT COMPLETED

Our project to improve the appearance of the grounds as you enter the building from the south parking lot has been completed. Four large planters had all the previous plant material removed, which wasn't an easy job. Two of the four had the stumps from dead palm trees that had to be dug up and cut out with chain saws. We now have four beautiful beds with new foxtail fern, agapanthus, flax, European fan palms, dwarf firebush and liriope, as designed by our landscape architect Caeli Tolar and installed by Bryce Burger. We also placed a few boxwoods and mondo grass around the base of the main sign.



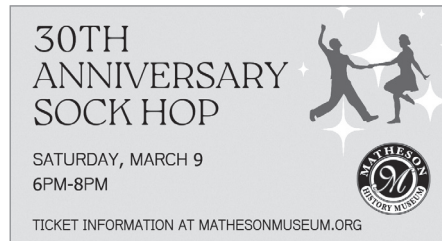
NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are thrilled to announce three new additions to our Board of Directors. These women – Anne Gilroy, Alora Haynes and Darla Raines – have impressive credentials and will bring a wealth of knowledge and energy to the board.



LET'S GO TO THE HOP!

The Matheson History Museum is hosting what sounds like a fun time on Saturday, March 9 from 6 to 8 pm. It's their 30th Anniversary Sock Hop Gala and if you'd like to attend, please visit their website at mathesonmuseum.org.



AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR 2024

We have quite a list of things we want to accomplish for 2024 that includes:

- changes to the Hallway with new lighting and informational wall displays
- changes to the Gowan History Room to highlight more Thomas family history
- schedule for cleaning, repair and replacement of items in the Period Rooms
- updating inventory and securing appraisal
- recovering settee in Conference Room and adding protective film on windows
- growing our adult tour program
- sponsoring more events to highlight and promote the Thomas Center

We also want to be part of a larger discussion with the city of Gainesville on how repairs and maintenance to our historic building exterior can be accomplished.

None of this could happen without your generous support. Thank you!

With kind regards,

Brenda Rainsberger
President 2024

JINGLE BELL BALL

Wow, another fantastic party with even more fantastic people. We had a record 145 attendees (which is probably our max) and hope to have a repeat for this coming December. Mark your calendar now for Friday, December 6, 2024. We'll use the same caterer, Tosh Catering, as their food and service was excellent and they gave us two bars which really helped alleviate congestion.

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