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Florida History Book Club at the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art at MOAS

Daytona Beach, FL – The Museum of Arts & Sciences started hosting a monthly Florida history book club called the Florida Vistas Book Club back in November 2016. The club discusses books that were written in and about Florida, along with discussing paintings in the Museum that relate to the book.

On January 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., the Florida Vistas Book Club will be meeting at the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art at the Museum of Arts & Sciences to discuss the book, *Legendary Locals of Daytona Beach*, by Mark Lane. Since the 1920's, Daytona Beach has sold itself on being "The World's Most Famous Beach," although not literally true, it does suggest that the city has a big personality and large plans. Paintings that relate to the book from the Volusia County exhibit will be discussed.

A month later on February 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., the Florida Vistas Book Club will be meeting again at the Brown Museum for their second session of 2017. The club will be discussing the book, *Florida Boy*, by William Cuyler Hall. William Hall is a local artist who is known for his dark, yet engaging stories about rural life in Florida. *Florida Boy* is about a man named James Arthur Rawlerson who worked for cattlemen in Osceola County, but dreamt of owning his own property. Paintings that relate to this book will be discussed.

The last meeting of the first quarter will be on March 16th at 2:00 p.m. where the Florida Vistas Book Club will be discussing *Mosquito Soup*, by Weona Cleveland. Cleveland was a journalist for more than 30 years at the Melbourne Times and later in the Florida Today newspaper. Her articles on local history and culture earned her a dedicated audience of teachers. This book is a collection of some of Weona Cleveland's best articles about pioneer life in Brevard, Osceola, Orange, and Indian River counties.

Florida Vista Book Club meetings occur once every month in the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art. Light refreshments will be served throughout the meeting. The meetings are \$5.00 for future members and free for MOAS members.

For more information about the Florida Vista Book Club or to RSVP, please call the Museum at 386-255-0285.

Exhibits and dates subject to change.

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About the Museum of Arts & Sciences - The Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) is the primary **art, science and history museum in Central Florida**. The area's largest museum, MOAS is nationally accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate. Located on a 90-acre Florida nature preserve, the 100,000 square foot facility is host to over 30,000 objects including the Dow Gallery of American Art, one of the finest collections of American art in the Southeast, the Schulte Gallery of Chinese Art, the Bouchelle Collection and Gallery of Decorative Arts, the largest and most comprehensive collection in the South, the Gillespy Gallery of Sub-Saharan African artifacts, the Cuban Foundation Museum showcasing one of the most significant collections of Cuban paintings in the United States, the Prehistory of Florida gallery featuring Florida's Giant Ground Sloth skeleton and the Root Family Museum displaying restored railroad cars, antique automobiles and the largest collection of Coca-Cola® memorabilia in Florida. The Helene B. Roberson Visible Storage Building exhibits thousands of objects from many donors which are owned by the Museum, while the Linda and Williams Children's Museum presents an interactive experience for children. A new state-of-the-art planetarium and the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art showcasing the largest collection of Florida-based art in the world, rounds out areas to explore inside the Museum of Arts & Sciences.

Museum Hours are 10am-5pm (Monday-Saturday) and 11am-5pm (Sunday). Museum of Arts & Sciences admission is \$12.95 adults; \$6.95 children 6-17; \$10.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Daily Planetarium shows and weekly laser shows. Museum of Arts & Sciences admission includes one Planetarium show. Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art admission is \$10.95 adults; \$4.95 children 6-17; \$8.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Combo ticket admission is \$18.95 adults; \$9.95 children 6-17; \$16.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Combo ticket admission includes one Planetarium show. Additional Planetarium shows are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 17 and under. Parking is free. Admission is FREE for Volusia County residents the first Tuesday of each month (does not include Planetarium shows). MOAS is fully accessible to the handicapped. MOAS is located at 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114. For more information call 386.255.0285 or visit the website www.moas.org.

MOAS is a not-for-profit educational institution founded in 1955 and chartered by the State of Florida in 1962. The Museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Programs sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the County of Volusia.

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