

## PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

The Punta Gorda Historical Society, founded in 1983 as Old Punta Gorda, Inc., is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the rich history of Punta Gorda, Florida. By saving historic buildings and other elements linked to the community's past, the Society not only provides connections to Punta Gorda's history, but suggests opportunities for its future.

The Society's efforts have included the preservation of significant Punta Gorda historic structures, the publication of local history books and materials, and the presentation of many educational programs.

New illustrations of the Society's preservation and restoration work include:

- Preservation of the Trabue Land Sales Office
- Preservation of the Cigar Worker's Cottage
- Preservation of the Price House
- Preservation of the Quednau-Hindman House
- Restoration of the Punta Gorda Railroad Depot and Punta Gorda Woman's Club Building
- Creation and Management of the Punta Gorda History Park

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### HISTORY PARK 501 Shreve Street

The History Park opened in 1999 as an outdoor museum consisting of a collection of historical structures in a garden setting. Ongoing features include a weekly Sunday farmer's market, special events and programs. The Park hosts the Trabue Land Sales Office, the Cigar Worker's Cottage, the Price House, the Quednau-Hindman House, and the original town jail.



### THE PUNTA GORDA WOMAN'S CLUB 118 Sullivan Street | 941.639.1887

The c. 1926 building was constructed for the Punta Gorda Woman's Club on land donated by Judge William F. Cooper. It now houses the office of the Punta Gorda Historical Society and is available for public use for parties, meetings and receptions.

### THE PUNTA GORDA RAILROAD DEPOT 1009 Taylor Road | 941.639.6774

The Depot, built in 1928 for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, is currently a historic museum and antique mall. Regular hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The depot is a Nationally Registered Historic Landmark.

PUNTA GORDA

HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

118 SULLIVAN STREET | PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950

WORKING TOGETHER TO  
PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF  
PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA



THE PUNTA GORDA  
WOMAN'S CLUB BUILDING



THE RAILROAD DEPOT



# COMMITTED TO PRESERVING PUNTA GORDA HISTORY



## THE CIGAR COTTAGE

The El Palmetto Cigar Co., established in the 1890's, built cottages around their factory for their workers. The cottages housed two families and did not have a kitchen. In October 1999, this cottage was the first historical building to be relocated to the History Park.



## TRABUE LAND SALES OFFICE

The Trabue Land Sales Office was built in 1886 by Isaac Trabue, founder of Punta Gorda, as his law and land sales office. The little structure was also the first Post Office. It was moved to the History Park in 2000, and is currently operated as an Art Gallery Gift Shop.



## THE PRICE HOUSE

Maxwell Price, an architect known for his church designs, joined two cottages together in 1914 to form the house as it appears today. The Searles family purchased the property in the 1990's and operated it as a bed and breakfast known as the Gilchrist B&B. It was moved to the History Park in 2005.



## QUEDNAU | HINDMAN HOUSE

The home of the Quednau | Hindman family was originally located at 220 Goldstein Street. Fred Quednau was a fisherman, cafe owner, Punta Gorda Mayor and County Sheriff. His daughter, Tosie Hindman, was Supervisor of Elections for Charlotte County for many years.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.  
PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US TODAY.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to become a member of the Punta Gorda Historical Society. Please find my check enclosed.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to become personally involved in helping the Historical Society as a volunteer.

\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership \$40 Annually

\_\_\_\_ Business Membership \$100 Annually

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THANK YOU!

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