

Upcoming Events 2016

Scenic Sumter Meeting
3rd Tuesday each Month 11 a.m.
Various Locations around the County

December

13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 Baker House
Christmas Tours 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

January

1 Dade Battlefield Historic State
Park-First Hike Day 10-12 p.m.
2-3 Dade Battlefield Historic State
Park-Dade's Battle 2 p.m. each
day.
19 CME Meeting-Webster Communi-
ty Center 11:00 a.m.

February

16 CME Meeting-Dade Battlefield
Historic State Park 11:00 a.m.

March

15 CME Meeting-Bushnell City
Hall 11:00 a.m.

SSHB Directors

Dan McCormic, Explore Sumter
Dawn Cary, Great Lakes Carpet
Jim Veal, Sr., Pana Vista Lodge
Jackey Jackson, Sumter Co. Public Works
Judie Mueller, USPS
Paul Remis, Dade Battlefield
Steve Rinck, Dade Battlefield
Connie Mahan, Connie Mahan Real Estate
Martin Steele, Private Citizen



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Byway Partner/ Destination Spotlight

Half Moon Wildlife Management Area
Minutes from the Byway's northwestern tip, a scenic sampling of Florida nature is just waiting in Half Moon WMA for outdoor enthusiasts to explore. In addition to seasonal hunting, the WMA offers an array of trails suitable for hiking, off-road bicycling, horseback riding and even a bit of fishing.. Motor vehicles are barred



most of the year, so come prepared and enjoy the solitude. And, if you're interested in birds and wildlife, you want to bring your camera and binoculars. There's abundant wildlife and a colony of the elusive Florida Scrub Jays. The entrance is at the north end of CR 247, only 1.5 miles off SR 44, in the Rutland community. While you're there, try one of the side trails of about a mile or so to

ANTIQUE Appraisal Fair

Byway Antique Appraisal Fair

Our second Antique Appraisal Fair was held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at the Lake Panasoffkee Recreational Center on 471. Many people came out with their collectibles to have the Dudley Antique and Auction team give them a fair market value. A bake sale along with Hotdogs and Sloppy Joe's were available. Our next appraisal fair is scheduled for January 21, 2017 at the Belvedere Library in the Villages off of 466. Be on the lookout for information in 2016.



Kiosk Donor Brick Program

The CME will be launching a donor brick program to kick off our first Kiosk to be located at the Rutland Park on SR 44 at the Withlacoochee River. These bricks can be etched with your family or company name or used as a memorial to someone special. The 4x8 brick is a donation of \$50.00 and the 8x8 brick is a donation of \$100.00. Be on the lookout for an order form on our website in January. Funds will be used to purchase supplies and graphics for future kiosks throughout the county. It's a wonderful way to preserve the memory of someone or to highlight groups or families.

Adopt--A-Highway clean up is scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 2015 at the Florida National Cemetery at 9:00 A.M. This is a great opportunity for community service hours for High School students and Citizens. Please wear appropriate clothing and go to our website in order to view the Safety Video if you wish to join us.

Half Moon Wildlife Management Area *continued*...the recently built boardwalk through wetlands and over historic Mill Creek. It'll be worth the walk! Just a hike or bike ride down the approximately six-mile Mill Creek Road will offer plenty of sights. For more information, visit <http://myfwc.com/viewing/recreation/wmas/lead/half-moon/visitor-information/>.

Calling all Volunteers! Are you looking for something to do in your free time? We would love to have you become a part of this exciting adventure that the byway is on. Please contact Dawn Cary at 352-267-8801 if you are interested in serving on one of our many committees.



Garry Balogh recently passed away. Gary was our district consultant with the FDOT, District 5. We will always remember how he assisted us in the design of the byway. We send our condolences to his family. He will be missed.

Cow Chip Bingo

A huge thank you to Wyatt Davis, his family who owns Webster Farm Supply and his cow, Petunia, for coming to our rescue when our original cow came down sick. We raised \$210 in donations for this event.



Gateway to Sumter County Sign

Sumter County's way finding sign project has this beautiful lighted sign at the county like on SR 44 welcoming visitors and citizens home to Sumter County. It is truly a reflection of our counties intrinsic resources. The sign was designed by Doug Smiley with Tangent Media and was contracted by the Sumter County BOCC.