

December 20, 2022



Mission

Preserving, promoting, and celebrating the unique cultural heritage of Ybor City and supporting the Ybor City Museum State Park



Happy Holidays! This has been an exciting and eventful year. My sincere gratitude to the Ybor City Museum Society's followers, attendees, members, partners, grantors, and donors for your support in helping us create experiences and memories for our community. Thank you also to the innumerable individuals, families, and the groups of children and adults who visited the Ybor City Museum State Park and the Tampa Baseball Museum at the Al Lopez House in 2022.

As you may know, I will retire at the end of the year after 15 years at the Society's helm. Although this decision was made with mixed emotions, I look forward to a more flexible schedule and time for travel, project work, and consulting. It has been a privilege to work with and serve our community in creating cultural assets and preserving in integral part of Tampa's rich history. My thanks to all who contributed to this ongoing work and living history. I am confident that the celebration of our community's cultural heritage will continue in the capable hands of the next generation of staff, trustees, and constituents who understand the value of knowing one's roots.

My very best wishes to you and yours for a Happy Holiday and a 2023 filled with peace, joy, and good health. Last but not least, thanks for the memories!

Chantal Ruilova Hevia, President and Chief Executive Officer

Announcing the 11th Annual Buildings Alive! Ybor City Architecture Hop



Get on board for [**Buildings Alive! Ybor City Architecture Hop**](#) on Thursday, March 2, 2023, 5:00. Both new and veteran "hoppers" will enjoy a Send-Off Party in the Garden of the Ybor City Museum State Park, "behind-the-scenes" tours of six historic buildings, and an array of tapas and beverages along the way. They will be transported to an evening of discovery and Ybor-style hospitality by Jolley Trolleys. The buildings, which include a line-up of all-time favorites with a few new

entries, will be announced in January.

Looking for a unique holiday gift for yourself and those on your gift list? Buy now and save with discounted pre-sales tickets. Society members receive an additional discount. See you at the hop!

Buy Discounted Tickets

Memories of 2022



Ybor City Museum State Park

A visit to the Ybor City Museum State Park is a terrific way to share Tampa's cultural heritage with friends, family, and out-of-town guests. Visit the new exhibit, *Following Fernando's Footsteps: A Tale of Tampa's "Invisible Immigrants"*.

You can also inquire about renting the Garden, a beautiful 10,000 sq. ft. outdoor space, by [clicking here](#). This unique venue creates its own ambience for your wedding, corporate meeting, or other special event.



Hours of Operation: 9 am - 4 pm Wednesday-Sunday

The "Casita" is currently closed for maintenance.

Admission: \$4 per person, free for children 5 years and younger.

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Membership



YCMS is launching a 40th Anniversary membership campaign. Help us celebrate our birthday year by joining or renewing your Ybor City Museum Society membership. Your membership donations support mission-driven projects, including exhibits and

educational programming. Free admission to the Ybor City Museum State Park and discounted events are just some of the member benefits.

Join or renew today!



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