

November 29, 2022



Mission

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

Honoring A Hero

Salvador Martinez-Ybor, Jr., the grandson of Ybor City founder, Vicente Martinez-Ybor, proved to be a hero among men. He was born to Salvador Martinez-Ybor, Sr. and Consuela Pou in 1910 and raised in Ybor City with his brother, Ignacio, Sr. before moving to Cuba in the 1930s.



After the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Salvador left his affluent life in Cuba to fight for the country he loved by enlisting in the U.S. Army. In January of 1945, he was killed in action, making the Martinez-Ybor family a Gold Star family.

Salvador's purple heart has been donated to the Ybor City Museum Society in loving memory by his nephew, Ignacio Martinez-Ybor, Jr. Join us in the garden of the Ybor City Museum State Park on December 7, 2022, 1:00 pm as we honor this hero, among others.

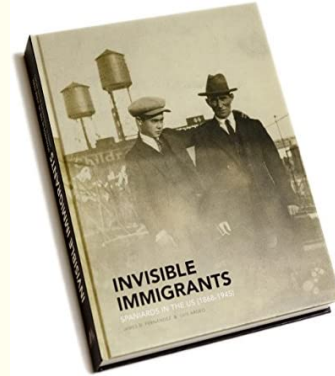
Florida State Senator Jay Collins and Tampa City Councilman Luis Viera are among the speakers for the dedication. Collins is a purple heart recipient and Viera liaised with Ignacio Martinez-Ybor, Jr. to arrange the donation of the medal to the Society. Pearl Harbor Day was selected for this solemn and inspiring program as a reminder of the sacrifices our fallen heroes have made for our country.

Following *Fernando's Footsteps*

A New Exhibit Opens

Following Fernando's Footsteps: A Tale of Tampa's "Invisible Immigrants" is the keystone of a program series focusing on the history of Spanish immigration to Tampa. The exhibit, based on a historical work of fiction by Tony Carreño, opened at the Ybor City Museum State

The Ybor City Museum Society and El Centro Español de Tampa invite you to an engaging panel discussion on Spanish immigration to Tampa and the U.S. Visiting experts from Spain, Luis Argeo, Filmmaker and Journalist (Asturias) and Maria Luque Larena, Director of Cultural Affairs, United States-Spain Council, will be joined by a distinguished panel including: Dr. Gary R. Mormino, Frank E. Duckwall Professor of History Emeritus, University of



South Florida; The Honorable E.J. Salcines, Local Historian and Expert on Spanish Immigration; John Rañon, President, El Centro Español de Tampa; Tony Carreño, Local Historian and Author of *Fernando's Footsteps*. They will share their expertise and research on the lives and experiences of Spanish immigrants in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The event and parking are FREE. **Registrations** are requested, however not required.

Cooking Corner

Chorizo Stuffed Mushrooms

Spanish tapas are a staple at celebrations, and this recipe was a crowd pleaser at our *Following Fernando Footsteps* exhibit opening on November 13.

[Recipe](#)



A Legacy of Generosity

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Throughout the years, individual and corporate donations have provided critical funding for exhibits and educational experiences for children and adults. Following a robust year of programming that included eight major events and the new *Fernando's Footsteps* exhibit at the Ybor City Museum State Park, ***your tax-deductible gift on Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2022*** will ensure that the Ybor City Museum Society can continue mission-drive projects and programs in 2023. Our heartfelt thanks to those who have supported our nonprofit organization throughout the years, not only with cash donations, but by contributing their time and talent as volunteers and advocates for historic preservation and Ybor City's rich cultural heritage.

Our Community

Ybor City Saturday Market. Founded in the year 2000, this is the largest continually operating outdoor market in the Tampa Bay Area. The Market is in the center of Tampa's National Historic Landmark District and is one of the most popular shopping

destinations for locally produced items unique to the Tampa Bay Area. Open every Saturday year-round, fall/winter hours are 9 am-3 pm (October-April). [Learn More](#)

Saturday Yoga in Ybor, every Saturday at 9:30am. Join others in the community for yoga in the Garden of the Ybor City Museum State Park. Classes are donation based and proceeds benefit the Park. [Learn more](#)

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 that opened on November 13, 2022, *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 is just one of the member benefits.

[Join or renew today!](#)



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