HISTORICAL VILLAGE SEEKING WWII ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

October 15, 2015 – The Historical Village is seeking to borrow WWII memorabilia for its Christmas display. The theme will be "I'll Be Home for Christmas," in recognition of the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII. The festivities will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. on Luminary Day, December 4.

The event will highlight what it was like here on Sanibel during Christmas 1945, as well as what was taking place across the country.

"We want to include as many WWII items as possible in each display so it will truly be a memorable experience for all visitors. To do this, we need the community's help," said event co-chair Gayle Pence.

Pence said the Christmas committee is looking for any and all WWII items and stories, such as letters, pictures, uniforms, personal stories, posters, collections, toys of the era (hobby horses were very popular), ladies' hats and dresses of the 1940s, electric trains, and music.

The committee would also like items specific to the Buckingham Army Airfield and Gunnery School.

The village Christmas event will include carolers from the Sanibel Community Chorus under the direction of Steve Cramer. Each village building will incorporate patriotic pieces of the time in celebration of the theme with live interactive events. The Rutland House will be lively with docent Dave Richard at the piano, along with an individual photo opportunity for guests.

The Sanibel Historical Village opened for season October 20. Hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no additional charge, depending on docent availability. The Sanibel Historical Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to all buildings. Admission is $10 for adults (18 and over). Members and children are free. For more information, call 472-4648 during museum hours or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.

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