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HISTORICAL VILLAGE STAFF PREPARES FOR RE-OPENING

October 8, 2014 – The Sanibel Historical Village staff is back at work after the off-season break, working hard preparing for the village’s re-opening on November 5.

“A lot of work continued at the village throughout the summer, with board president Dorothy Donaldson and others working with contractors on the renovation of Shore Haven and the many details to be addressed before opening day,” said Emilie Alfino, museum manager. “In addition, work has started on the Caretakers’ Cottage but completion likely will be delayed until January.”

Differences this season include a new entrance to the village from the Rutland House to Shore Haven. In addition, the Gift Shop has been moved from Bailey’s General Store to the back porch of Rutland House.



Assistant Manager Abbey Allison, Museum Manager Emilie Alfino, and Business Manager Mary Jo Bunnell

“We have a lot of events planned this year,” Alfino said. “As usual, there will be training for our docents; A Homesteader’s Christmas, which is new this year; Twilight Talks; Calusa Day; Florida Lighthouse Day; and a major event on March 19.”

New volunteers are always needed at the village. Interested people are encouraged to call Alfino at 472-4648. “There are quite a variety of things for volunteers to do, so I think anyone can find a comfortable spot among our village family,” Alfino said.

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village opens for season November 5. Hours are Wednesdays 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.