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KIDS HUNT TREASURE AT SANIBEL HISTORICAL VILLAGE

March 13, 2015 - It's time to celebrate pirates at the Sanibel Historical Village. Children who visit the village are invited to go on a treasure hunt and then choose a prize from the treasure chest at the Rutland House.

The notorious pirate Black Caesar made Sanibel his home for a time in the early 1800s, building a village of rough palm-thatched huts on the bay side, somewhere near the old ferry landing. He sailed up and down the gulf coast of South Florida, attacking and plundering ships in search of silver and gold. Some say he buried his treasure on Sanibel. If so, has it ever been found? No one knows.

On March 25, Calusa Day, there will be a Twilight Talk by Charles LeBuff. The Topic of LeBuff's talk is "Getting to Know the Calusa People." LeBuff is the author of the best-selling historical novel, "The Calusan." Although it is a work of fiction, this book accurately describes the culture of these extinct Native Americans. Tickets are required for LeBuff's 7 p.m. presentation at \$5 per person. The event will take place in Shore Haven. Please make reservations early by calling the museum at 472-4648.

LeBuff's talk will conclude this year's Calusa Day at the village. The day begins with curator Theresa Schober and artist Luc Century giving a 10:45 presentation exploring the Calusa in art. In addition, Calusa Day will include activities for the children including coloring Calusa masks. There will also be Calusa shells and pottery available for viewing and handling.

The historical village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older; those under 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings. Admission for entrance to go only to the Museum Store is free. For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.