

# Florida Living History, Inc.

## Gazette



Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which official took place on Nov. 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, Nov. 11 was “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and know as ‘Armistice Day’ ”.



Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2022 occurs on Thursday, November 24. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

On this Thanksgiving Day let us be grateful for our abundance, thankful for our manifold blessings. Let us also be profoundly appreciative of our freedom to worship according to our hearts and minds.



## *Chap's Corner*

It's easy to be thankful when our health is good and everything seems to be going our way. But what about in times of adversity and sickness? The Apostle Paul reminds us to "give thanks in all circumstances..." (1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV). Certainly easier said than done! However, an attitude of gratitude can change your perspective on troublesome life events when you can't change the circumstances. Contemporary Pastor Chuck Swindoll surmised, "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."

Over a century and a half earlier, Confederate Chaplain E.M. Bounds wrote...

*Gratitude arises from a contemplation of the goodness of God. It arises when we meditate on what God has done for us. Gratitude and thanksgiving both point to, and have to do with God and His mercies. The heart is consciously grateful to God. The soul gives expression to that heartfelt gratitude to God in words or acts. Gratitude is born of meditation on God's grace and mercy. Praise is brought about by gratitude and a conscious obligation to God for mercies given. As we think of mercies past, our hearts are inwardly moved to gratitude" (from The Power of Prayer).*

When we gather together with friends and family this Thanksgiving, may we humbly acknowledge with grateful hearts the role of divine providence in our lives and "give thanks unto the LORD, for his is good: for his mercy endureth forever (Psalm 107:1 KIV)

### **A VETERANS DAY PRAYER**

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country...

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease.

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips

*The ladies of the Florida division UDC*

*Cordially invite you*

*To the annual*

GAMBLE PLANTATION  
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

*Ellenton, FL*



Free admission

*Come see how our ancestors celebrated Christmas the past and enjoy the stories of the mansion's history. Join in the banter with our bell ringer Steve Keck and partake of fine food of hot dogs or BBQ sandwiches. Tour the grounds and scout for Union troops which are said to be in the area.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

OCKLAWAHA RIVER RAID

NOV. 4-6

OCALA

BATTLE OF DADE CITY

NOV. 18-20

### **SPICED CIDER**

8 cups apple cider

Zest and juice of one large orange

Zest and juice of one large lemon

4 tablespoons brown sugar

4 whole allspice berries

4 whole cloves

3 star anise

3 cinnamon sticks

Combine all of the ingredients in a large stockpot and simmer for 10 minutes over low heat. Keep warm over low heat. If you're interested in a bit more zip, add a cup of brandy to the mix. Serves 8



*When Autumn leaves  
are falling  
and Thanksgiving time  
is near  
It warms the heart  
to think of those  
who mean so much  
all year.  
Happy Thanksgiving*