



HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Dear Pass Christian Historical Society Members,

I want to thank Amy Steiner, home owners, house captains, docents, Tour of Homes Staff members and volunteers who made the 2025 "Tour of Homes" a wonderful day in May.

I must thank our Archivist Bruce Stinson for doing a fabulous job. Also, I want to thank all "Volunteers" who contribute their time and energy for the good of the "Historical Society."

I hope to see everyone at the July 28th Luncheon and mark your calendars for the August 25th Luncheon to be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall where the theme will be 20th Year since Hurricane Katrina where individuals will give their account of that time.

Please come and enjoy the Society building. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Rory Robin Rafferty Jr. President 228-547-4873 ror-y39571@gmail.com.

Very Respectfully,

Robin Rafferty



We were saddened to learn of the passing of Virgil Harris, a past-president of the historical society and indeed one of the pillars of the society and the community. (And we understand that Virgil was one of the finest bridge players on the coast.) Our hearts go out to Margaret and family.

We hope you will support the PC Historical Society by becoming a member or renewing your memberships. Please see additional information on our Membership page at www.passhistory.org.

Open Monday - Friday 10 AM-12 N
Plus Thursday 1 PM-3 PM
Also by Appointment

If you are missing your newsletter email, please check your spam folder and click "Not Spam".

Summer 2025 PCHS Newsletter

www.passhistory.org

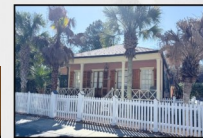
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The Pass Christian Historical Society Tour of Homes 2025 was a wonderful day with good weather, food and tours of 4 beautiful homes!



Pass Christian Historical Society **TOUR OF HOMES**

Sunday, May 4, 2025 ~ 2pm-5pm



127 Seal Avenue



513 East Scenic Drive



765 East Scenic Drive



925 East Scenic Drive

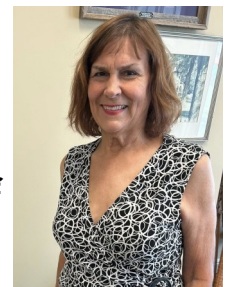


PCHS Awards in 2025

Robin Rafferty accepting the award for Outstanding Local Historical Society from the Mississippi Historical Society.



The Mississippi Historical Society also presented to Catherine C. Myers an Award of Merit for Compiling Written Historics and Historic Images of Pass Christian in *The Magic of a Historic Structure*.



The 2025 PCHS Scholarship History Award winner is Jacoby Johnson from Pass Christian High School. Jacoby will attend Marion Military Institute in the fall with a goal of serving in the Coast Guard. (Don DeMetz presents the award to Jacoby.)

PCHS Calendar of Events 2025

Unless otherwise noted:

General Membership Meetings are on the 2nd Monday at 7P October and November. There is also a Holiday gathering the first Monday in December for the December Membership meeting. Special General Membership meetings may be scheduled during the year.

Monthly Luncheons are on the 4th Monday of the month at 12N. **Please note that reservations are required for the luncheons.**

Additional information regarding reservations follows the calendar entries.

Monday, July 28, 2025 12N Luncheon with Speaker
Professor Douglas Bristol will speak on "Building Bridges: Black GIs, Military Labor and the Fight for Equality in World War II."

Monday, August 25, 2025 12N Luncheon with Speaker
Katrina Stories - A special forum to share some personal stories from our city.

THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT TRINITY EPISCAPOL CHURCH PARRISH HALL, 125 Church Ave.

Monday, September 22, 2025 12N Luncheon with Speaker
Speaker TBD

Monday, October 13, 2025 7P Membership Meeting
Trustee Nominating Committee presents candidates to Membership.
Speaker TBD

Monday, October 27, 2025 12N Luncheon with Speaker
Speaker TBD

Monday, November 10, 2025 7P Membership Meeting
Election of three new Trustees.
Speaker TBD

Monday, December 1, 2025 6P Holiday Membership Party
Holiday Membership Cocktail Party 1st Monday in December 6P - 8:30P Location TBD

Friday, December 5, 2025 5P Christmas in the Pass
Christmas in the Pass Parade Viewing. Come join the fun at the Historical Society!! BYOB and a snack to share!! No Reservations Needed

Monday, January 26, 2026 12N Luncheon with Speaker
Speaker TBD

Please Note the following regarding luncheons.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION by Friday 5 PM prior to Monday luncheon!
\$15.00 Members/\$17.00 Non-members.

The special presentation 8/25 will be \$15.00 Members/\$20.00 Non-members.

Call 228-452-7254 or Email: reservations@passhistory.org.

Please cancel by Sunday so PCHS does not incur the cost of an unused lunch.

Sorry BUT, NO Walk-Ins, NO Observers and NO Standing Reservations. Seating is limited to 50.

Billy Bourdin Memorial Library

Visitors are always welcome to peruse our collection of books and artifacts in the Billy Bourdin Memorial Library during our open hours: Monday - Friday 10 AM-12 N; Thursday 1 PM-3 PM. Other times by request.

We are on the web!

www.passhistory.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES GALORE!!

DOCENTS, DIGITIZATION, NEWSPAPER CLIPPING!!

COME JOIN THE FUN!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT US!!

228-452-7254

OR EMAIL:

INFO@PASSHISTORY.ORG

The Pass Christian Historical Society would like to recognize these new memberships for 2025.

Thank you for joining!!!

Janis Anderson
Linda Barnes
Chris and Ashley Bass
Joe and Laura Benoit
Beth Brock
Colleen Buchanan
Jane Lang Byrne
Vickie Coles
Lyda Denney and Pat Sievers
Mary G Dick
Karen T Dixon
Deborah R Fournier
James Keating

Terie Kelly
Carol Lindsay
Kathryn MacDowell
Janet McQueen
Mitchell Myers
Scott Naugle and Sean Pittman
Sylvia O'Connor
Carol Peters
Laura and Tom Pickich
Mark J. Santos
Jena Smith
Mary Youngblood

It is time to renew your Membership for 2025!!

You can join or renew at our web site at passhistory.org.
For additional information call the Historical Society at

Hurricane Katrina Commemoration

As we all know, 2025 is the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. This was certainly an historic event for our city and for our nation. The Historical Society would like to remember and commemorate this event in a couple ways.

First, at our August luncheon we will have some Katrina stories from those who stayed in town for the storm. As with all luncheons reservations are required. Please see the calendar for additional information.

Second, we would like to create a repository for everyone's Katrina story so that our descendants, future generations of Pass residents, and visitors can understand the storm through a collection of individual written stories. We think of Katrina as having three phases:

Landfall with residents bravely coping with one of the most destructive storms ever to hit the continental United States.

Recovery, when the immediate days and months after landfall saw citizens sorting through debris fields for treasured items, cleaning up flooded homes and businesses, finding a place to live either in town or out of town, eating in mobile kitchens set up by generous volunteer organizations, dealing with the trauma and shock of vast destruction, submitting insurance claims, and so much more.

Rebuilding, as we come back house by house, business by business, even now 20 years later.

This is history that we lived through and made, and in fact continue to make. We should not let our stories go untold and unrecorded. Some may have already committed their Katrina story to paper. For those who have not, time is passing, and we are not getting any younger and our memories of that time are not getting any sharper. Please, take the time to tell your story. Write it down and share it with our Society so that it is preserved.

Writing is hard work, we understand. If putting it down on paper is too daunting, we can make a recording of you. Either way, please let