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#### Hours

Monday -Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sundays: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Free Friday Hours: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

#### Location

233 S. 3rd St. Historic Fernandina Beach Florida 32034

#### Admission

Adults - \$8.00 Students - \$5.00 Active Military - \$5.00 5 and Under - Free Docent led tours at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Included with Admission

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#### Mission Statement

In bringing alive the past, the Amelia Island Museum of History preserves, protects and promotes the unique history of Amelia Island and it's surrounding area for a diverse community of residents, researchers and visitors.

## **Objectives**

- To Collect, preserve, and exhibit artifacts, documents, photographs and additional materials in both traditional and multi-media format.
- To Research, document, and interpret the historical record
- To Promote and share the community's rich and diverse history through tours, educational programs, publications, research facilities, and other outreach activities



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### **History**

- Incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization with the State of Florida in 1977 under the name The Fernandina Historical Museum at which time the City of Fernandina Beach entrusted to the Museum "The Decker Collection," which became the core of the archival collections.
- In 1979, the Museum Board and the Nassau Board of County Commissioners negotiated a 99-year lease for the former Nassau County Jail Building (1878-1979) at the cost of \$1 per year. In 1997 ownership was transferred to the Board of Trustees with deed restrictions.
- On April 15, 1986 the refurbished jail opened to the public under the name of "The Amelia Island Museum of History."
- In 2003 the Museum re-opened with all new permanent exhibits throughout the first floor and embarked on a large-scale historic building renovation in 2005 that added ADA accessibility.
- In 2010 the Fernandina Beach Maritime Museum was created at 17 S. Front Street upon the
  request of the City of Fernandina Beach. This space was then transitioned to the
  Fernandina Beach Shrimping Museum & Welcome Center, celebrating the birthplace of the
  modern shrimping industry.

#### The Museum at a Glance

- Governance: thirteen elected Trustees
- Staff: 4 full-time, 4 part-time
- Active volunteers: 150+ with over 6,000 volunteer hours served in 2019.
- Paid members: 600
- Budget for the year 2019 was \$380,378.00 with 31% derived from tours, admissions and programs; 34% from fundraising efforts; 19% from memberships; and 12% from grants (this represents a significant decrease from previous years). The two largest fundraising efforts come from a golf tournament, and the Holiday Home Tour.
- Visitors served annually (2019): 23,000
- Museum open to the public every day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; docent-led Eight Flag Tours at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Free Friday Hours from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays; Research Library open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Current programs:
  - → Walking Tours
  - → Lectures and special events
  - → Children's Programs:
    - Museum and Student Tours including specialized 4th Grade tours Children's Summer Camp for 1st through 5th Grades
  - → Oral History Projects:
    - Heritage Keepers Project focuses on preserving local histories Veterans History Project - Over 150 interviews conducted to date of Nassau County Veterans.



