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Naples Historical Society Celebrates Triple Tidings of Joy this Season

Naples, Fla. (October 1, 2014) – Naples Historical Society is pleased to announce TWO noteworthy achievements and ONE festive annual event that will bring triple tidings of joy to its members and the public this holiday season:

1. *New Second-Floor Photo Gallery* – Thanks to a special restricted grant to professionally enlarge and frame some never-seen before images in our photograph archives, the Society recently renovated its Second-Floor Photo Gallery. The popular house museum feature now includes 27 newly framed historic images that make the exhibit a must see...again!

“The new additions express a whole new series that convey tales through photographic evidence,” said Naples Historical Society Archival Manager Rayna Alam.

The photo gallery is a popular attraction within Historic Palm Cottage because it conveys the town’s historic tales in photographic imagery. Society volunteers were offered first chance to purchase images from the previous photo gallery collection. The remaining large-format images as well as select prints and picture postcards are available for purchase on the front porch during regular house museum tour hours.

2. *New Heirloom Glass Collection* – Lovers of cut glass and heirloom glass artwork will enjoy viewing the new pieces that were recently generously donated and now on display in the dining room at Historic Palm Cottage.

“The display includes four shelves with a total of 28 glass pieces,” said Alam. “One shelf features cut glass and the collection’s stand-out piece, a glass dish covered in the ‘Naples pattern,’ which was donated by Barbara Meek and is a member favorite.”

There are several new types of glass in the collection including purple slag glass, which is created by taking the waste content of metal ores during iron smelting (slag) and adding it

to molten glass. Other featured pieces include a few Limoges and Japanese Imari glass.

3. Christmas at Palm Cottage – Starting Tuesday, November 11, 2014, visitors can tour the house museum through the holiday season and witness it in all its sugar plum splendor. A local tradition for many full-time and seasonal residents, tours of Historic Palm Cottage during Christmastime are a great way to get in the spirit.

“Christmas at Palm Cottage is a Naples institution and we take the responsibility very seriously,” says Elaine Reed, President & CEO of the Society. “As the home of Walter Haldeman, a Naples founder, Historic Palm Cottage was the site of many holiday celebrations for the community. Christmas provides the Society with a unique opportunity to illustrate the house museum’s charming historic holiday character.”

Naples Historical Society’s Historic Palm Cottage is located one block east of the Naples Pier at 137 12th Avenue South. Enjoy a house museum tour during Christmas at Palm Cottage every Tuesday through Saturday between 1pm-4pm starting Nov. 11th. Tours are \$10 for non-members and free for members. For more information, please call 239.261.8164 or go to www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.