



FAIRHOPERS

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Have a Holly Jolly Christmas

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News You Can Use:

The Baldwin Family Village thanked us for our donation to them for \$50,000. They opened in May, 2023.

We donated \$2,300 to the Baldwin Pops to help them continue to enrich our community.

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From the President: Lee Turner

It has been a busy year at FSTC because of several fantastic events.

- We have switched to single billing based on a request from our finance committee. This undertaking made me a bit nervous; however, the single billing has worked out fantastically; gathering rave reviews from staff and lessees.
- The board recently approved a \$745,000 gift to our volunteer fire department to completely fund a “live fire” training facility. Our firemen do such an excellent service and we are proud to support their training.
- It has been exciting watching some of the recent fundings getting utilized. Three of them are FEEF’s Pelicans Nest, Colony Nature Park, and Founder’s Park and track.

2025 Lecture Series January through April
Third Tuesdays Giddens Auditorium
6:00PM – 7:00 PM

Join us for a free lecture series highlighting Fairhope. Come and enjoy these outstanding individuals who embody cooperative work while promoting our utopian society.

January 21
Henry Stuart’s Correspondence, Diaries & Photographs: *New information from The Hermit of Montrose.*



Catherine King will be talking about new documents and images from Henry Stuart, Ye Olde Weaver, Hermit, builder and dweller of the Round House in Montrose.

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FSTC Education Committee:

Wendy Beshear, Jim Estes, Debby Hackbarth, Kris Lafferty, Wayne Miller, Margaret Neely, Alan Samry, and Pam Turner.

Have a story idea for an upcoming newsletter or want to serve on the FSTC Education Committee?

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February 18

The Gulf Coast Extension: The History and Local, Regional, and National Influence on Agriculture.



Thompson Produce, Green Road, Fairhope. Fairhope Museum of History Collection. Donated by Alicia & Tommy McKenzie, McKenzie Farms.



Todd Frank, Auburn Cooperative Extension Asst. Director will be speaking about the History of the Gulf Coast Extension, and its local, regional, and national influence on agriculture.

March 18

We Are Here: Celebrating Hope Community's Past, Present, and Future.



Shawn Graham, Hope Community Founder and President, will speak about the present and future of Hope Community.

Mara Hunter will discuss "[We Are Here.](#)" a digital exhibit she completed with grants from the University of South Alabama, the Hope Community and the Fairhope Public Library.

April 15

Fairhope Police Department



Fairhope Police Chief **Stephanie Hollinghead** will talk about community policing trends, the Citizen's Police Academy, the Summer Camp for Middle Schoolers, the Narcan Program, and more!