



Sanibel Historical Museum Rutland House Roof Replacement is Underway!

The City of Sanibel received the following information regarding the Rutland House Roof Replacement Project at the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village:

The Rutland House Roof Replacement Project at the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village is underway. As property owner and partner in fulfilling SHMV's mission, the City of Sanibel is funding the project and selected Quick Roofing LLC to perform the work. The scope includes removal and replacement of the metal roofing system, as well as a structure retrofit and installation of sheathing to comply with current building and wind codes. This is the first essential repair to be completed post-Hurricane Ian before re-opening the house to the public.

Built in 1913, Rutland was originally located on Periwinkle Way, west of the current Periwinkle Park trailer park. It is constructed of slash pine and is a cracker architectural design identified with elements including the wood frame structure with a low-slung roof and a wide front porch. Cracker refers to early pioneers in Florida and their descendants.

Clarence Rutland purchased the home in 1928 and lived there until his death in 1982. He was the son of Irene Rutland. After her first husband's death, Irene married Henry Shanahan, the Sanibel lighthouse keeper in the early 1900s. Rutland and his wife Ruth (Wiles) had no children, but everyone referred to him as Uncle Clarence, and he was known as a "jack of all trades." Ruth became ill and passed away in 1952. After Clarence's death the building was brought to

the historical village in 1982 and for many years housed the entire museum, which opened in 1984.

The Village is excited to welcome visitors during its 42nd year of preserving, sharing, and celebrating Sanibel's history. The general tour experience includes an orientation video and eight historic buildings displaying numerous artifacts telling engaging stories. Much of the site is handicap accessible. Rutland remains closed to the public during repairs.

Annual Memberships are available with levels beginning at \$50. Member benefits include free self-guided visits and 20% discount on museum gift shop merchandise. We welcome donations to support our mission.

The Village Gift Shop in Shore Haven is open during the regular schedule. Admission is not required to shop. Much of the merchandise is by local authors, artists and entrepreneurs.

The Village is located on Sanibel Island at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and parking is free.

The Sanibel Historical Museum & Village operates as a non-profit organization. Visit the Village's website for more information and to sign up for our E-Newsletter: www.sanibelmuseum.org. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

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