

CANAL GATOR TALES

January 2019

An American Canal in Panama



The new exhibition in the Albert H. Nahmad Panama Canal Gallery will examine U.S.-Panama relations during the 20th Century, focusing primarily on the 1960s through 1999. The exhibition, *An American Canal in Panama*, addresses the Canal Treaty, the end of the Canal Zone, Operation Just Cause, and the 1964 riots, among other topics. As always, the exhibits will feature a variety of photographs, letters, books, and artifacts from the collection. The interactive Magic Box exhibit will display objects acknowledging the 20th Anniversary of the Canal transfer, the 30th Anniversary of Operation Just Cause, the 40th Anniversary of the end of the American Era, and the 55th Anniversary of the riots.

An American Canal in Panama will open to the public on March 16 at the annual joint Panama Canal Society and Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection luncheon on the UF campus. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please refer to the [registration form](#) for PCS members. The exhibition will be available to the public from March 2019 to February 2020 in the Nahmad Panama Canal Gallery in the Smathers Library Building from 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Friday. From mid-August to April, the Gallery is also open 2:00pm - 10:00pm on Sundays.

Operation Just Cause

We will be focusing on the 30th Anniversary of Operation Just Cause at the Panama Canal Society Reunion this year in Orlando, July 3-7, 2019. The PCMC exhibition will feature photos and documents relating to Operation Just Cause, Manuel Noriega, and the experiences of Zonians before and during the military operation. If you have interesting stories to share, please contact Liz Bouton at dizliz@ufl.edu or (352) 273-2685.

We are working with the PCS to plan the Cultural Seminar, which will feature a panel of experts to discuss the invasion from a variety of perspectives. Panelists include Joe Wood, Dick Morgan, Richard Wainio, Kurt Muse, and Bob Rupp. Kurt Muse also will make a special presentation about Operation Just Cause at the Annual Luncheon, which requires advance registration. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information about these activities.

Help Support the Silent Auction!

The Friends of the PCMC will hold a silent auction again this year at the Panama Canal Society Reunion in Orlando, and we need your help. There are two ways you can contribute to this effort: 1) volunteer to be a part of the incredible team that manages the auction, and 2) donate objects for the auction. Your support ensures that we can raise funds to support the PCMC in a variety of activities including preservation, acquisitions, digitization, processing, and promotion of the collection.

If you would like to volunteer and/or you are interested in donating items to the auction, please contact Kathy Egolf (pankee@aol.com) or Joan Ohman (johman1@tampabay.rr.com).

Membership Reminder

If you haven't done so already, now is the time to renew your membership in the Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection at UF. If you are not a member already, please consider joining!

The funds collected are used to support education and research through the preservation, conservation, digitization, and processing of the collection. Funds also support the creation and development of local, traveling, and online exhibits that increase awareness about the collection, the Panama Canal, the Canal Zone, and its people.

We maintain these efforts through the support of friends like you when you join or renew your membership. Dues and donations qualify for tax deductions. Thank you for your continued support of the PCMC at UF.

To join or renew membership in the Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection visit <https://apps.uflib.ufl.edu/pcmmembership/> or call 352-273-2505 for more information.

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PANAMA CANAL
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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA



Save These Dates

March 16, 2019

Joint meeting of the Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection and Panama Canal Society at the University of Florida's Smathers Library in Gainesville, FL. Includes the grand opening of the 2019 exhibition in the Albert H. Nahmad Panama Canal Gallery, *An American Canal in Panama*.

July 3-7, 2019

Exhibit, Auction and Cultural Seminar at the Panama Canal Society Reunion at the Orlando Marriott World Center. Please contact Kathy Egolf (pankee@aol.com) or Joan Ohman (johman1@tampabay.rr.com) if you have items to donate or wish to volunteer.

