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Programs Available

Before the Pioneers: Connecting Ancient and Contemporary South Florida

The 4,000-year human history of the North Bank of the Miami River illustrates how and why ancient and early-modern peoples profoundly shaped the development of Florida long before Henry Flagler, Julia Tuttle and other so-called Miami pioneers. Explore the stories of Tequesta and Seminole Indians, Spanish missionaries, African slaves and white slaveholders, Bahamian wreckers, outlaws, runaways, and American soldiers.

Making Chief Osceola: The Abolitionists and the Rise of an American Myth

Anti-war and abolitionist activists helped promote an enduring series of myths and fabrications about Chief Osceola, who played a pivotal role in the Second Seminole War and died in U.S. military captivity in 1838. Osceola was a focus of debates over Indian wars, Indian removal, and their connections to American slavery.

Modern by Tradition: Innovation and the Transformation of Seminole Culture

Between 1700 and today, the culture of the Florida Seminoles has remained remarkably connected to its roots while also innovating in dramatic fashion, becoming both modern and traditional and reflected in their origin stories, dress, cuisine, housing, ceremonies, and family life.

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