

East Lake Reflections



March 2023

East Lake Historical Society

Community Program

Monday March 13, 2023
at 6:00 pm
Insight Christian Center
31241 Church Street, Sorrento

“Guest Speaker”

Justin S. Elkins, Recreation Coordinator
Office Of Parks And Trails

He will have a slide presentation showing the different steps they have taken to bring the Sunken Garden back to life. The PARK is located at 31100 Grassy Sprain Avenue, Sorrento.


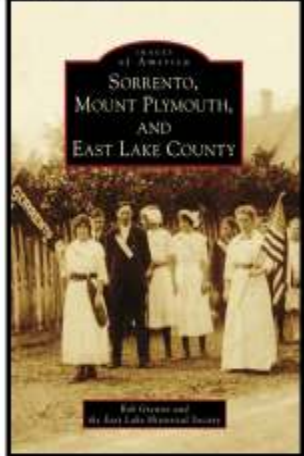
“I Made A Difference Award”

Come and meet Terri Pietroburgo and hear her story about what she has done to make our area a better place to live and to enjoy.

****Invite your family & friends*
Everyone Welcome***

Book Launch

Get your copy today! – Have it signed by Author
All Proceeds benefit the East Lake Historical Society

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March 7, 2023 -- 6:00 to 8:00 PM
at the East Lake Chamber of Commerce
24214 Sorrento Avenue
Sorrento, FL 32776
Short Presentation by Author
Light Refreshments

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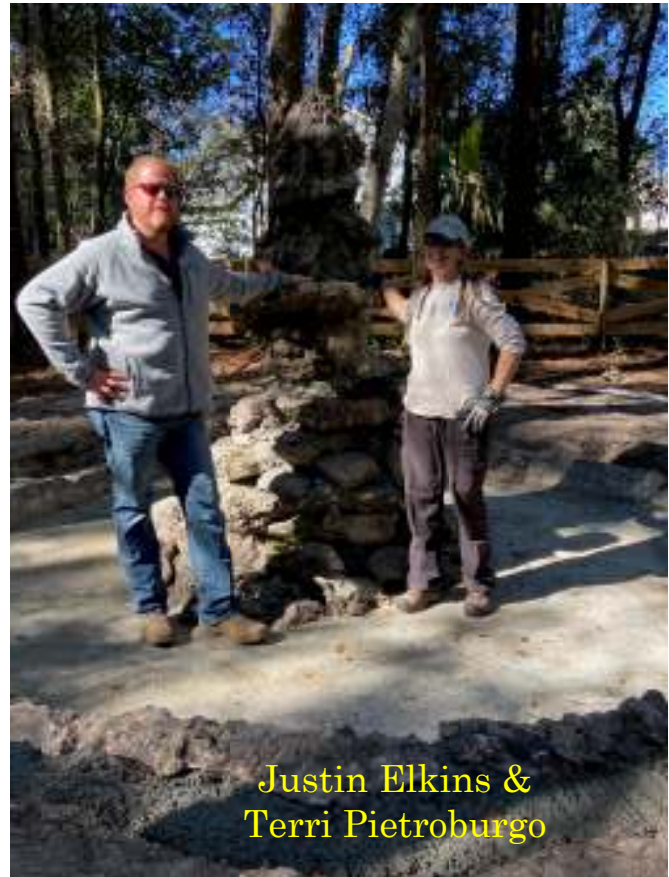
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I Made A Difference



Terri Pietroburgo

Terri has been instrumental in the location and excavation of the original Sunken Garden Coquina Rock basin/pool wall, also performing some restoration to its features as needed. To accomplish this huge feat, Terri hand removed (digging with shovel) sediments that had eroded into the pool and overtaken the features over the course of the past hundred years. Terri also removed, by hand, several metric tons of invasive plant materials, such as Bamboo, Camphor Tree, Caesar Weed, nuisance oak species, etc.



Justin Elkins & Terri Pietroburgo

Terri coordinates and leads several clean-up efforts to the park with the assistance of WILA group (Working In-leu of Arrest) adolescents. New Park boundary survey, construction of new boundary "cross-buck" fencing, and relocation/restoration of the Besse Park Fountain are all additional tasks in which Terri assisted with the creation of the new Sunken Garden Park. Terri is excited to assist with all phases of future plans, to include; informational kiosks, addition to the trail footprint, invasive plant work, reintroduction of native plant species, signage, and upkeep.

Terri Pietroburgo began her career with the Office of Parks and Trails in April of 2013 as a Park Ranger. Terri has since worked her way through the ranks, receiving several promotions, and is currently employed in the Construction Inspector 1 title with the Lake County Board of County Commission, Office of Parks and Trails. Assisting with the daily operation on over several thousand acres of Parks and Trails properties; including natural areas, active sports complexes, hiking and bicycling trails, community centers, cemeteries, boat ramps, and nature centers. Terri works to ensure they are clean, safe, and attractive for our patrons and citizens of Lake County.

By Justin S. Elkins, Recreation Coordinator
Office of Parks & Trails

The Mount Plymouth Fountain has a new home. by Maggie Fisher



History took place on January 9, 2023 when The Fountain was disassembled and and the next day moved and reassembled to its new home at the *Sunken Garden*.

Stop by and enjoy a work in progress!



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President ' s Message - Scott Amey

This year we would like to have the Society Members & friends involved in field trips to historically significant places around Lake County focusing on East Lake County and surrounding areas. The Historical Society and the Mount Plymouth Landowners League have been working together with Lake County Parks and Trails to restore the Sunken Garden in Mount Plymouth and turned it into a park. A few years ago *The Fountain* fell over and in January of this year Lake County Parks and Trails moved the Fountain from Bessie Park, located beside the former Mount Plymouth Golf Course, to the Sunken Gardens where they restored it.

This park will be the first in a series of field trips this year and would like for our members to join us. Please follow us on Facebook, check your email and come to our March Membership Meeting for more details.

Sorrento Cemetery Association, Inc.

The Trustees of the Sorrento Cemetery Association has made a lot of new changes at the cemetery. We now have electricity and a new water pump. The head stones have been cleaned and flowers planted. Everything looks really good and we would like to invite everyone to stop by and look around. If you have any questions and need help with anything please call the Chairman, Angela Lantrip at 352-525-0343 or Maggie Fisher, Secretary at 352-383-3403

Thanks to Greg Wiggins, owner of Wiggins Bros' Well Drilling for donating and installing a new pump so we can have running water. It has been a blessings to the new flowers and to keeping the cemetery clean.

Below is a picture of Maggie and Angela presenting a plaque of appreciation to Greg Wiggins and his wife Rhonda.

Thank you Greg and Rhonda for all you do for our community.

By Maggie Fisher,
Sorrento Cemetery Trustee

