

THE CIRCUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. PRESENTS

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Bringing Circus Past and Present Together!

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“Our Mission is to Preserve, Promote and Share through Education, the history and cultural significance of the circus & the allied arts, past and present.

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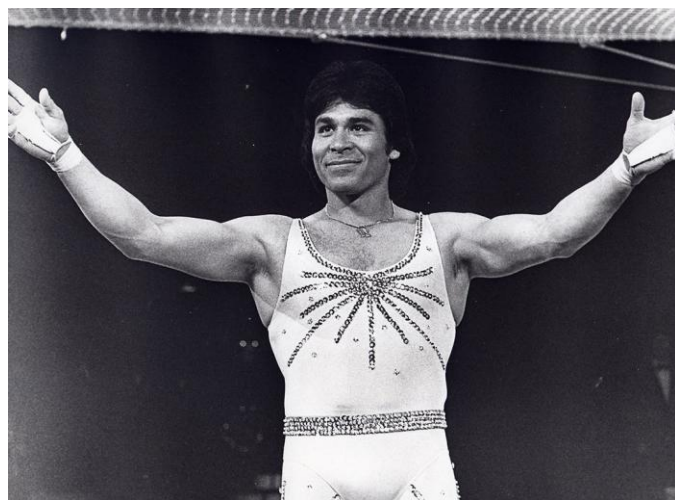
See You in Sarasota!!!!

The HUGE Circus Historical Society will be held in Sarasota, Florida Wednesday May 1st through Saturday May 4th. Performances of the Hanneford Circus are optional on May 5th in Kissimmee, Florida.

First things first. If you are planning on attending, you'll want to book a room at the Convention Hotel. Go to the Hilton at <http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/CircusHistoricalSociety>

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Why do we call this a HUGE event? Let's start with Key Note Speaker, the legendary, Tito Gaona.



The renowned triple somersaulting superstar of the flying trapeze thrilled audiences on the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus for years. He amazed the crowds with his final descent from aloft, only to end up sitting on the catcher's trapeze. Tito holds a school in Venice for flying trapeze students.



WARD HALL TRIBUTE

Many of you knew Ward Hall. He was a long time member of the Circus Historical Society and owner of one of the last All Day Side Shows in the country.

The Circus Historical Society will begin the Convention by taking a side trip to the Independent Showman's Museum in Gibsonton, Florida and during the convention pay tribute and honor Ward Hall for a lifetime of achievements and for being one of the leading carnival historians in this country.



Have you registered for to attend the Convention yet? It's never too late. You can register for the Convention online at <https://circushistory.org/event/2019-convention/> This allows you to use a credit card or PayPal account through PayPal. There is a \$ 5.00 PayPal fee included in this price.

You can also fill out the attached registration and mail it in. With only six weeks until the convention starts, this needs to be done sooner, than later. You'll be glad you did.

So far, we told you about hearing from one of circusdom's legendary performers and honoring one of the country's leading historians in live entertainment. What else will you do?

MAY 1ST

REGISTRATION

IISA Showman's Museum (Gibsonton/Riverview)
Showpeople's Winter Quarters (Ringling Train)
CHS Board of Trustees Meeting
Opening Reception and "1956: Memories and Films"
- Bill Taggart and Kenny Dodd (Showfolks Club)

MAY 2ND

Tito Gaona: My Life As a First of May - Keynote Address
1969 to 1919 - Chris Berry
Train Car to Trailer Park - Peggy Williams
The Circus Ministry - Father Jerry Hogan
The Future of Your Collection - Neil Cockerline
A Face to History: Forensic Facial Reconstruction of the
Barnum Museum's Mummy - Kathleen Maher
A Tribute to Ward Hall
The Story Captain Costentensus- Amelia Osterud
The Circus 1914 - Kristin Lee
Routes and Why Shows Succeeded or Failed –
William Hansard
PT Barnum at a Fan Convention - Betsy Kellem
Collections No One Knew About (Circus World Museum)
- Peter Shrake
History Detective: Charles Sparks True Identity
- Steve Shelton
How to Get Published in Bandwagon - Greg Parkinson
Tour of The Ringling Museums

MAY 3RD

Circus Arts in Japan Prints –
Gérard and Jeanne-Yvonne Borg
Collections No One Knew About –Maureen Brunsdale
(Illinois State University, Milner Library)
The Writings of Johnny Herriot - Cindy Herriot Wells
Collections No One Knew About (Ringling) –
Jennifer Lemmer-Posey/Heidi Connor
Travelling with Animals: From Alligators to Zebras
- Debbie Fahrenbruck
Luncheon and Shows: The Big Cat Habitat and Gulf
Coast Sanctuary
BANQUET - Circus Arts Conservatory

MAY 4TH

Membership Meeting
CHS Memorabilia Auction

SUNDAY MAY 5TH - OPTIONAL DAY

CFA Tent Meeting/Luncheon (Kissimmee) - Barry Brazell - Optional - Transportation NOT provided

Royal Hanneford Circus (Kissimmee) - 10:30a, 2p, 6:30p Optional - Transportation NOT Provided



Convention Registration

Name: _____ Telephone : _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Spouse / Guest : _____
Email : _____

Registration per member and Spouse / Guest _____ x \$ 140.00 = _____
Non-member Registration includes New membership ___x \$ 200.00= _____
Late Fee after April 1st = \$25.00 _____ x \$ 25.00 = _____
Registration at the Door = \$ 50.00 late fee _____ x \$ 50.00 = _____
Total included = _____

Please make your Hotel Reservations at Hilton Garden Inn, 8270 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL. 34243. The rooms are \$ 99.00 for a single or \$ 109.00 for double occupancy rooms and include your Breakfast. You can call 941-552-1100 to make reservations or use

<http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/CircusHistoricalSociety>

For any questions, please contact Chris Berry at circusposters@gmail.com

Send your Reservations and check, payable to the Circus Historical Society to:

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SATURDAY AUCTION

While the Circus Historical Society has traditionally held a fundraising auction at the Convention each year, this year will be the largest auction we have ever had.

Circus Historical Society member Brian Hollifield and his wife Kisha Hollifield are known as Freedom Auction Company. Many of you know that they have provided the auctions at the Showfolks of Sarasota the last few winters. This is the social event of the year with close to five hundred different lots going up for bid.



(These were some of the rare items that were sold at our 2011 CHS Convention)



(Part of a Hagenbeck-Wallace Horse trapping – this was offered at our 2010 Convention.)



(This poster was sold at our 2012 CHS Convention Auction)

The online catalog will be posted for perusal and pre-bidding in late April. Bidding will be available onsite during the auction in addition to worldwide participation via the online platforms of LiveAuctioneers and Invaluable.

There are two ways to participate as a seller. As a donor, your items will be sold with 100% benefit to the CHS. As a consignor, all proceeds, less the auction commission, will be paid directly to you, the seller. Freedom Auction Company will contribute an additional 10% of the hammer price on donated items along with a portion of their proceeds of the consigned items to the Circus Historical Society. If you have items you would like to sell, please contact the folks at Freedom Auction Company by calling them at 941-725-2166 or send an email to info@freedomauctions.com.

This will be the largest auction ever held on behalf of the Circus Historical Society. It will be an all day event. The possibilities will be endless. You won't want to miss this one.

Hurry, hurry, hurry! Register now. The Big Show is about to start. We'll see you, in Sarasota.