

VHI receives grant for Lord-Higel House




Venice Heritage Inc. received a John Ringling Tower Grant of \$3,000 from the Arts and Cultural Alliance for historical preservation. The money will be used to replicate the firebox and hearth and installing the original fireplace surround at the Lord-Higel House, the oldest house in Venice.

The house is currently being restored to its original condition to be used as a museum. Originally built by Joseph H. Lord in 1896 in a citrus grove on the south side of Roberts Bay, the house was relocated to 409 Granada Ave. in 2005.

Left, the original fireplace surround in the Lord-Higel House, which will be restored and installed in the historic building.





THE BELLS

A 1926 Black/White Silent Film
Starring Lionel Barrymore

Friday, December 16, 2022
William H. Jervey, Jr. Venice Public Library
Community Room
Starting at 3 p.m. - 1 hour long
Sponsored by Venice Heritage

This silent film with subtitles and accompanying music was the first film shown at the La Prado movie theater located in the 300 block of West Venice Avenue (now demolished). The theater building was constructed in 1926 by Stanton Ennes and over the years was known by various names including Venice Theatre and Gulf Theatre.

Coming Up

Mark your calendar

Saturday, Jan. 28 and Sunday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Looking for few good people who love sharing the story of Venice are needed to help man the **VHI booth at the annual Venice Craft Festival** in downtown Venice. Volunteer hours are 9 a.m. - noon; noon - 2:30 p.m.; and 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. **To volunteer**, email veniceheritageinc@gmail.com.



Saturday, Feb. 18, take a **trolley tour of historic Venice**. Tours start at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. from the Venice Museum. Cost is \$30. What a great way to entertain out-of-town guests in February. Reservations may be made in January at veniceheritage.org.

Some gifts keep on giving after the holiday season



This precious holiday ornament will remind you and your gift recipients of the importance of preserving the history of Venice. It can be purchased at veniceheritage.org for \$15 plus shipping.

Need a stocking stuffer? How about a deck of regulation playing cards. Each card has a unique historic image of Venice on it. They may be purchased at \$10 per deck plus shipping.

Do your grandchildren love Legos? A 219-piece set depicting "Old Betsy," the city's first fire engine, is available for \$50 plus shipping.

For the person who already has everything, how about a membership in VHI?



For more gift ideas, see veniceheritage.org.

Venice Heritage Inc. (VHI)

An all-volunteer tax exempt 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to **promote and protect the heritage of the greater Venice area.**

OUR GOALS

- To preserve and protect the John Nolen Plan of Venice
- To support and promote City of Venice Museum & Archives sites:
 - Triangle Inn
 - Julia Cousins Laning and Dale Laning Archives & Research Center
- To restore the Lord-Higel House for an early settler museum
- To support an exhibit space for Old Betsy, the city's first fire engine
- To educate the public about the history of Venice