



FORT MOSE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AFRICAN-AMERICAN
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11th Annual
GOLF TOURNAMENT



Help Us Tell The Story!



11th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, April 28, 2023

St. Johns Golf Club, 4900 Cypress Links Blvd. Elkton, FL 32033



Dear Corporate Partner:

Fort Mose Historical Society invites you to become a Sponsor of our 11th Annual Golf Tournament. Will you help us ‘tell the Fort Mose story’? You can help preserve and enhance the site of the first legally sanctioned free Black community in the United States. Your support will help us construct a replica of the original fort, including a state-of-the-art educational center. In addition, your decision to become a Sponsor in 2023 will assist us in expanding our schedule of popular public programs such as musters, battle reenactments, publications, tours and lectures.

The sponsorship levels are as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Gold Sponsor	\$3,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Silver Sponsor	\$1,500.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bronze Sponsor	\$700.00

The Fort Mose story must be told -it is the courageous journey of those escaping enslavement in the British colonies; terminus of our country’s first “Underground Railroad”; formation of the first free Black militia; and a thriving community forced to flee to Cuba upon British occupancy of St. Augustine. The Fort Mose site has been recognized as a U.S. National Landmark, a Historic Florida State Park and a “Site of Memory” by the UNESCO Slave Route Project.

Our Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, April 28, 2023 at the St. Johns Golf Club, 4900 Cypress Links Blvd. Elkton, FL 32033. All proceeds from this popular event will support projects and educational programs of the Fort Mose Historical Society. See the enclosed brochure for more detailed information.

Depending upon your selected level of sponsorship, your company may receive: (1) Fort Mose website recognition for one year; (2) team participation in the tournament; (3) an opportunity to speak at our Annual Awards Dinner; and (4) a Lifetime Corporate Membership in the Fort Mose Historical Society.

Thank you in advance for your generous support. See you on the course!

Gratefully, Charles Ellis, President
Fort Mose Historical Society, ceellis@bellsouth.net (904)501-8299 or contact tournament Chair Joann Johnson, joannjohnson@fortmose.org (904)806-6560



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Dear Friends of Fort Mose:

The Fort Mose Historical Society will host its 11th Annual Golf Tournament at St. Johns Golf Club, 4900 Cypress Links Blvd. Elkton, FL 32033 on April 28, 2023. As the Citizen Support Organization (CSO) for Fort Mose Historic State Park, all proceeds from the tournament go to support projects, programs and activities at the park.

Our mission is to support the Florida Park Service to preserve, protect and interpret Fort Mose Historic State Park, the site of the first legally sanctioned free Black settlement in continental USA and its significance as the birth place of freedom in America for present and future generations. The Fort Mose Historical Society has for more than 20 years dedicated itself to ensuring that the Fort Mose site and the story of its African inhabitants are seamlessly woven into the diverse tapestry of American history.

Your generous support has propelled us into achieving our goal of \$500,000 to build a representation of the 1738 fortification at Mose with interactive educational displays and to continue our award winning dynamic and popular living history educational program which highlights the most significant historical events at Mose in the long and arduous struggle and fight for freedom.

Considerable progress was made in reaching these twin goals in 2017. The architectural plans for the construction of the 1738 fortification received final approval from Florida's Division of Historical Resources. The Experience Fort Mose - the Birth Place of Freedom Program for the second year received the \$1,000 Diversity and Inclusion Award from Florida's Division of Cultural Affairs. Fort Mose and its volunteer historical re-enactors were prominently featured in the nationally televised PBS documentary "Secrets of Spanish Florida." Attendance at the Park's living history events set a record of 4,455 visitors - more than a three-fold increase since 2013.

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With the resounding support of the St. Augustine Amphitheatre's Jazz and Blues Series concerts, Ft. Mose continues to reach new financial and social heights.

The Foundation also secured \$250,000 in matching funds from the Florida Park Service, the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation, Florida Blue, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida and St. Johns County.

Together we can give Fort Mose its rightful place in American history as the birth place of the struggle and fight for freedom for African-Americans. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support without which it would be impossible to bring to life this incredible, albeit little known, chapter in America's rich and diverse cultural heritage.



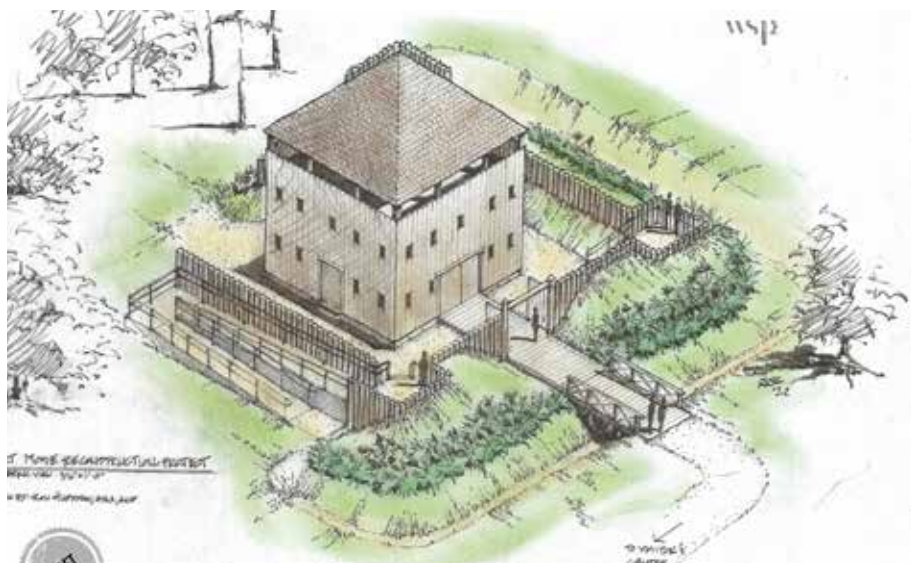


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FORT MOSE - WHERE'S THE FORT?



Florida State Parks Foundation unveils architectural renderings for 1738 Fort Mose reconstruction

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Fort Mose Historic State Park - America's first site of freedom - has taken a major step toward realizing the dream of reconstructing the 1738 Fort Mose on park property in St. Augustine.

The Florida State Parks Foundation, in conjunction with partners from the Florida Park Service, the Fort Mose Historical Society and Drs. Kathleen Deagan and Jane Landers, today unveiled a draft architectural rendering of the 1738 Fort Mose.

Groundbreaking for the life-sized, full-scale reconstruction is scheduled for fall 2023, with completion anticipated in early 2024.

“Seeing this draft rendering for the first time takes your breath away,” said Julia Gill Woodward, CEO of the Florida State Parks Foundation. “This project has been a dream for many years, and it’s incredibly exciting to get the first glimpse of what it will look like when completed.”

Fort Mose was the site of the first legally sanctioned free African settlement in what is now the United States. In 1738, the Spanish governor of Florida chartered the settlement of Gracia Real de Santa Teresa de Mose, or Fort Mose, as a place for formerly enslaved people fleeing from the English colonies in the Carolinas. Their only stipulations were to declare allegiance to the king of Spain and join the Catholic Church.

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“We love hosting visitors at Fort Mose Historic State Park, but people are always asking, ‘So, where is the fort?’” said Charles Ellis, president of the Fort Mose Historic Society. “Fort Mose has one of the most inspiring and fascinating stories in our nation’s history, and having this reconstruction on site will help us to share it in a fresh, comprehensive way. We can’t wait to see it finished.”

The Fort Mose site was acquired by the state of Florida in 1989 and was designated a National Historic Landmark and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1994. In addition to a museum and visitor center, the 41-acre park also offers opportunities for kayaking and canoeing, wildlife viewing and picnicking.

“Fort Mose is one of our state’s most significant historical resources, and this fort will help us share it with as many people as possible,” said Chuck Hatcher, director of Florida State Parks. “This is all coming together as the result of years of determination from many different people, and we are grateful to see everyone’s hard work and dedication paying off in such an amazing way.”

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The Florida State Parks Foundation, founded in 1993 as Friends of Florida State Parks and renamed in 2018, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation whose mission is to support and help sustain the Florida Park Service, its 175 award-winning parks and trails, local Friends groups and more than 20,000 park volunteers.

It does this through programs that preserve and protect state parks, educate visitors about the value of state parks, encourage community engagement and active use of state parks, and advocacy. This project is being completed through the Florida State Parks Foundation Services LLC, which is a limited liability company affiliate of the Foundation.

The volunteer Board of Directors represents private and public sectors as well as local and statewide interests.

Fact Sheet: The History of Fort Mose

Did you know?

- Fort Mose (officially Gracia Real de Santa Teresa de Mose) was the first legally sanctioned free Black community within the present boundaries of the United States. Fort Mose Historic State Park is now a National Historic Landmark (NHL) and a Site of Memory of the UNESCO Slave Route Project.
- Fort Mose (pronounced “Moh- say”) was established in 1738 as a military and residential community, guarding the northern boundary of Spanish St. Augustine.



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- This is a story of freedom. Fort Mose men and women escaped enslavement on British plantations. Along their perilous journey to St. Augustine they were often aided by Natives, thus forging an early Underground Railroad that ran south.

Background

- St. Augustine was the first permanent Spanish settlement within the present-day United States, established in 1565. Jamestown was the first permanent English settlement, established in 1607.
- The first freedom seekers reached St. Augustine in 1687. This group included eight men, two women and a nursing child, traveling by dugout canoe.
- In 1693, King Charles II of Spain issued a royal proclamation granting liberty to all freedom seekers who would accept the Catholic religion. Spanish Florida would benefit from the specialized skills that freedom seekers had acquired within Africa and while on British plantations. Additionally, a steady loss of enslaved workers weakened the British plantation economy.

Fort Mose History

1687 The first group of freedom seekers arrives in St. Augustine.

1738 Fort Mose is established on St. Augustine's northern border.

1740 British troops launch a month-long siege of St. Augustine. Allied Spanish and Native forces and Fort Mose free Black militia win the Battle of Bloody Mose, although, during the battle, the fort is destroyed. The siege is lifted after reinforcements arrive from Cuba, and St. Augustine remains under Spanish control.

1740 Fort Mose citizens move into town, living peaceably among local Spanish and Native residents.

1752 Fort Mose is rebuilt, close to the original site.

1763 England gains control of Spanish St. Augustine, upon conclusion of the Seven Years War. Most citizens of Fort Mose and St. Augustine evacuate to Cuba.

Black inhabitants of Fort Mose played a nationally significant role in the colonial conflict between England and Spain.



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British sources describe it as 20 meters square with flankers at each corner, banked with earth and sod, and surrounded by a moat planted with prickly pear and Spanish bayonet. Inside the fort there was a well, blockhouse and a tower. We know that the blockhouse inside the fort was large since the British housed many of their men and arms inside it during the Siege of 1740 and even considered using it as a field hospital during the siege.

With not much else to go on and with the help of Dr. Kathleen Deagan, who had along with Dr. Jane Landers and others done the pioneering archaeological work and research in the Archives of the Indies on the Mose site, we assembled the detailed descriptive information about four other Spanish fortifications built during the first half of the 17th century. These were Mission San Luis (1695), Pupo (1738), Picolata (1740) and the second Mose (1752). By comparing the detailed descriptions of these fortifications, it was possible to identify construction features that were similar or shared in common. By extrapolation, it was possible to arrive at well-reasoned best guesses about the construction materials and dimensions of the walls, moat and blockhouse at Mose.

With this information, a rough sketch of the first Mose was prepared. This sketch along with the comparative data compiled from the other fortifications was given to Stephen Mccullar Registered Architects to produce the detailed site plan and architectural drawings.

The architect's plans were submitted to the Florida Park Service where they were reviewed and approved. The park service forwarded them to the Department of State's Division of Historical Resources for final State of Florida approval. Once approved, Stephen Mccullar Registered Architects will prepare the final architectural drawings and bid package for the Florida Park Service and the Fort Mose Historical Society to go out with a request for bids from interested contractors. The target date to commence construction of the representation is Fall of 2023.

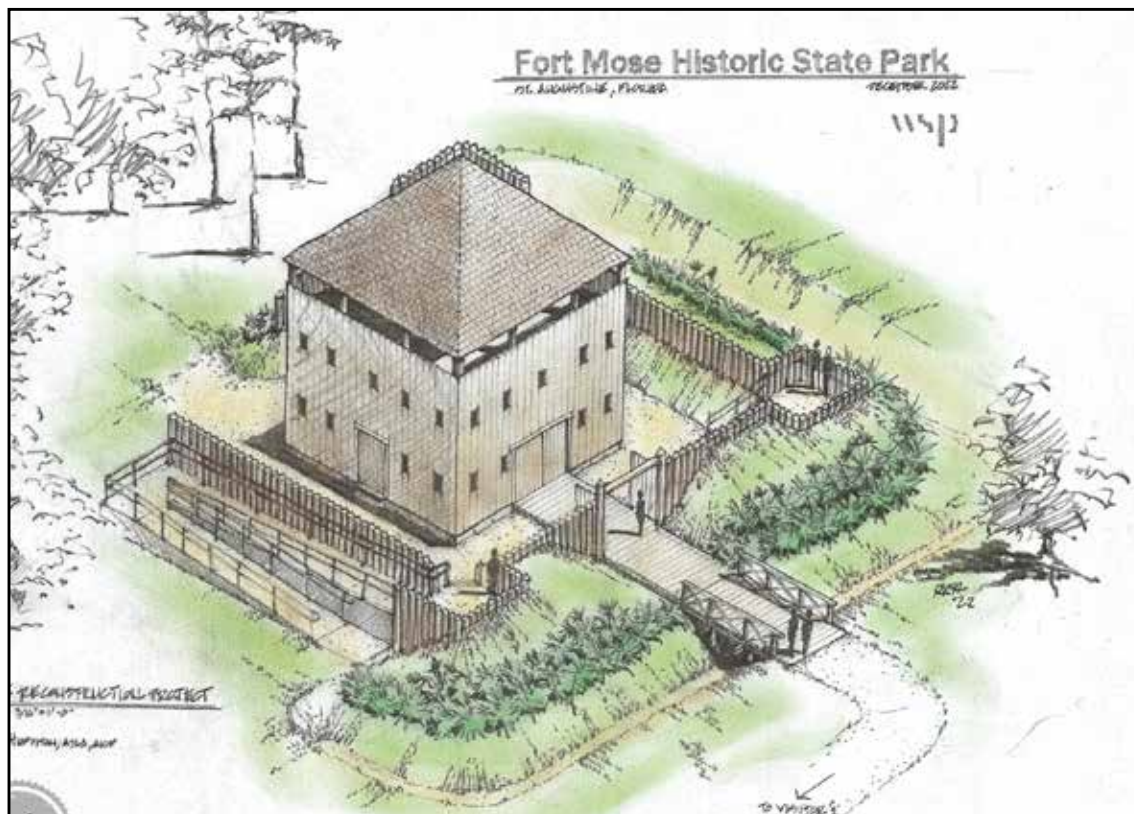
Funding to build it comes from our Annual tournaments and private donations.

Once completed, no longer will visitors ask "Where is the fort?" But more importantly, Fort Mose Historic State Park will have an educational and interpretative facility for its living history portrayals and re-enactments and a place where visitors, students and teachers will be able to experience Fort Mose as the birth place of freedom, justice and equality for African-Americans.

*Written by:
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Executive Board Member
Fort Mose Historical Society*



RECONSTRUCTION 1738 MOSE



Architectual Rendering of 1738 Fortification



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The resistance began when the first enslaved Africans arrived on our shores. Africans valiantly escaped enslavement in the British colonies by fleeing to St. Augustine for refuge. Theirs was a risky and perilous journey through hundreds of miles of dense forests, treacherous swamps and an endless maze of coastal marshes. We will never know how many made it, but those who did arrive in St. Augustine were given sanctuary by the Spanish government.

In 1738, Spanish Governor Manuel de Montiano proclaimed the establishment of a settlement called El Pueblo de Gracia Real de Santa Teresa de Mose. Located a few miles north of the Castillo de San Marcos, Fort Mose, as we call it today, became the first legally sanctioned free Black settlement in what is now the continental USA and was headquarters for St. Augustine's free Black militia. This remarkable story of courage, determination and survival was lost to history and rediscovered only recently through the dedicated work of ordinary citizens, political leaders, archaeologists and scholars.

These efforts led to the establishment of Fort Mose Historic State Park in 1989, and later the founding of the Fort Mose Historical Society in 1996. The state-of-the-art Visitors Center and Museum opened within the park in 2008.

Our work has only begun in telling our long-ignored story and we invite you to partner with us on this historical journey.



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Reconstruction: 1738 Fort Mose

Latest approved architectural rendering of the Fort



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 25 Years of 'Telling the Fort Mose Story'

Selected Awards & Honors:
 Site of Memory, UNESCO Slave Route Project
 US National Historical Landmark
 Site, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom
 Cultural Super-Locations of the Year, FL Park Service

For more information contact: admin@FortMose.org



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Mose Family & Friends
Schedule of Events
FMHS Golfer Registration Form

On Friday, April 28, 2023, the Ft. Mose Historical Society will host its 11th Annual Golf Tournament at St. Johns Golf Club, 4900 Cypress Links Blvd. Elkton, FL 32033. Your participation as a Sponsor and Player will help us continue to "tell the story" by preserving and enhancing the site of the first legally sanctioned free Black community in the United States. It will also help fund the reconstruction of the original fort and support other programs and activities.

Looking forward to seeing you ON THE GREEN!

Juanita Johnson FMHS Golf Chair - 904.806.6968

Charley Hill - FMHS President Golf Co-Chairperson - 904.811.6299

Mail Registration:
FMHS Golf
Rt. 1, Landon Dukes
P.O. Box 4230
St. Augustine, FL 32085-4230
Email - golf@fortmose.org

Player registration and sponsorships available today here on Eventbrite!



Get sponsorship items and use Green and can fees, a player gift pack, a chance to win awards and prizes and a reception buffet dinner!

12:45 p.m.
Kick off

12:50 p.m.
Basket salute

1:00 p.m.
Shotgun

Sponsorship Levels

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3 Teams
CFO Lifetime Membership
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Infinite to Speak at Award Reception
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1 Team
Name on Tee Box Signage
Golfer's Bag Contributor

GREEN TEE BOX SPONSOR (\$200)

Golfer (\$125 per person)

No golfer fee off your company's name is added on our No. 1 shirt sign prominently located on the Green Tee

Fee includes green and cart fee, player gift pack, chance to win prizes and awards and reception dinner.



2022 Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors

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Gator/Bass/Jackson/Shankle, FL

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All sponsorships must be received by April 21, 2023

\$110 per golfer

Player 1/Team Leader: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

HDCP: _____

Player 2: _____

Phone: _____

HDCP: _____

Player 3: _____

Phone: _____

HDCP: _____

Player 4: _____

Phone: _____

HDCP: _____

\$75 Basic Day Fee valued at \$1,000 includes (2) multipacks, (50) \$4.00 donation shirts and other prizes.



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