

# The Fort Mose Story

Fort Mose Historical Society:  
African American Community of Freedom

The Fort Mose story is the courageous journey of those escaping enslavement in the British colonies; terminus of our country's first "Underground Railroad," 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.

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.



## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

*Help Us 'Tell the Story'*



### *Reconstruction: 1738 Fort Mose*

Latest approved architectural rendering of the Fort



Fort Mose Historical Society  
Incorporated June 26, 1996  
25 Years of 'Telling the Fort Mose Story'

Selected Awards & Honors  
Site of Memory, UNESCO Slave Route Project  
US National Historic Landmark  
Site, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom  
Citizen Support Organization of the Year, FL Park Service

For more information contact: [admin@FortMose.org](mailto:admin@FortMose.org)

**Friday, April 28, 2023**  
St. Johns Golf Club,  
4900 Cypress Links Blvd. Elkton, FL 32033  
**904-209-0350**



**Mose Family & Friends**

**Schedule of Events**

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!

Joann Johnson FMHS,  
Golf Chair - 904.806.6560

Charles Ellis - FMHS, President  
Golf Co-Chairperson - 904.501.8299

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

**Player registration and sponsorships available today here on Eventbrite!!!**



(All sponsorship levels include Green and cart 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.**

Musket salute

**1:00 p.m.**

Shotgun



**Sponsorship Levels**

**GOLD SPONSOR (\$3,000)**

- 2 Teams
- CEO-Lifetime Membership
- Website Recognition
- Invitation to Speak at Awards Reception
- Golfer’s Bag Contributor

**SILVER SPONSOR (\$1,500)**

- 1 Team
- Beverage Cart Signature
- Website Recognition
- Golfer’s Bag Contributor

**BRONZE SPONSOR (\$700)**

- 1 Team
- Green or Tee Box Sponsor
- Golfer’s Bag Contributor

**GREEN/TEE BOX SPONSOR (\$200)**

**Golfer (\$110 per person)**

As golfers tee off, your company’s name is placed on an 18 x 24 inch sign prominently located on the Green Tee.

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

**2022 Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors**

**GOLD**

Geico (Roxane Jackson) Orlando, FL.

**SILVER**

Pop-a-Lock of St. Augustine (Jay & Pat Kane)

**BRONZE**

- Jim & Rose Griffin
- Sedrick Lee, Chamuel Man
- Herbie Wiles Insurance
- The Bailey Group
- Burkhardt Sales & Services
- American Legion Post 194
- John Valdes & Associates, Inc.
- Ancient City Brewing
- Coldwell Banker Premium Properties

All sponsorships must be received by April 21, 2023

**\$110 per golfer**

Player 1/Team Leader: .....

Address: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

HDCP: .....

Player 2: .....

Phone: .....

HDCP: .....

Player 3: .....

Phone: .....

HDCP: .....

Player 4: .....

Phone: .....

HDCP: .....

**\$25 Game Day Pass valued at \$1,000 includes (3) mulligans, (10) 50/50 donation tickets and other prizes.**