

CANAL GATOR TALES

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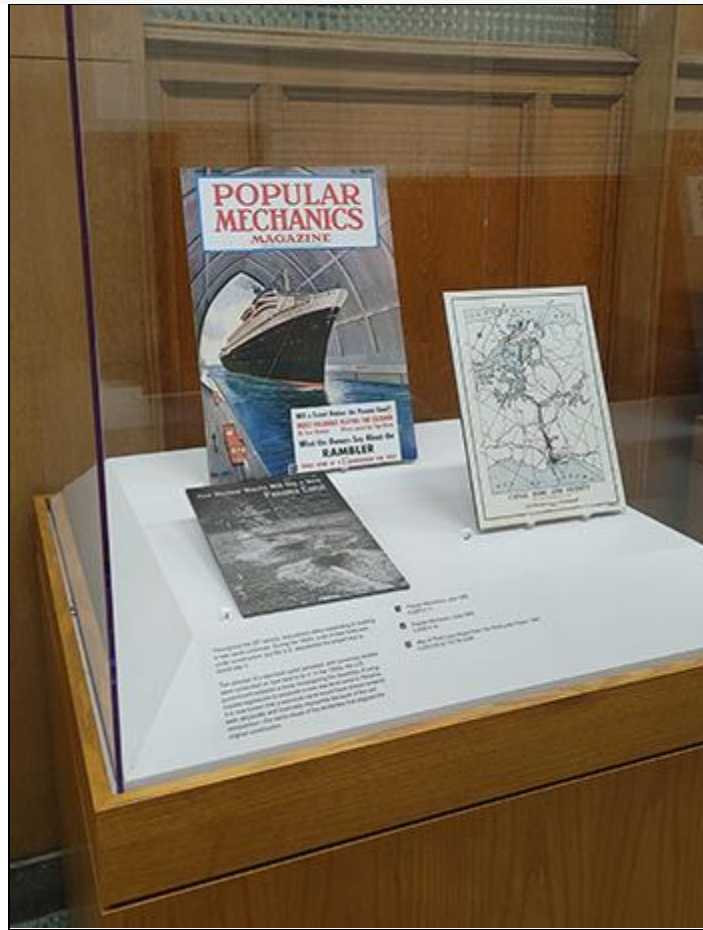
Spring Luncheon & *Cutting Edge* Exhibition in April

Thanks again to everyone who was able to join us here in Gainesville for our Spring Luncheon and joint meeting with the Panama Canal Society on Saturday, April 22. If you weren't able to attend, the luncheon included the opening of our new exhibition in the [Albert H. Nahmad Panama Canal Gallery](#), which is titled *Cutting Edge*. The exhibition examines the engineering of the Panama Canal's construction, including the innovations in materials and technology that enabled the U.S. to complete a project of monumental scale in a time frame that many thought impossible. The exhibition also explores the engineering aspects of alternative and new canals across Panama that were proposed throughout the 20th century, as well as the new locks and expansion completed in 2016.

If you are interested in visiting the UF campus to view the exhibition, please contact John Nemmers at jnemmers@ufl.edu. For those of you who are not able to visit in person, an online version of the exhibition is forthcoming soon and we will share the link in the next issue of *Canal Gator Tales*.







Silent Auction 2023

The Friends of the PCMC will hold their annual silent auction at the Panama Canal Society Reunion in Orlando in 2023 in order to raise funds to support the collection. We are fortunate that volunteers have once again stepped forward to donate their

time and energy to coordinate every aspect of the auction. Of course, we still need your help. First, please consider donating items for the auction. We accept everything from clothing and jewelry to art and decorative objects.

Second, please consider volunteering your time to help at the auction with set-up and clean-up and everything in between. If you are interested in donating your time or your items, please contact Mickey Walker Fitzgerald (mickeyftz@aol.com), Carole Miller (czmiller345@gmail.com), or Kathy Egolf (Pankee@aol.com).

Thanks to everyone who has already donated or volunteered to help the auction!

Friends Memberships

If you haven't done so already, now is a good time to renew your membership in the Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection at UF. If you are not a member already, please consider joining!

The funds collected are used to support education and research through the preservation, conservation, digitization, and processing of the collection. Funds also support the creation and development of local, traveling, and online exhibits that increase awareness about the collection, the Panama Canal, the Canal Zone, and its people.

We maintain these efforts through the support of friends like you when you join or renew your membership. Dues and donations qualify for tax deductions. Thank you for your continued support of the PCMC at UF. To join or renew membership in the Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection visit <https://apps.uflib.ufl.edu/pcmmembership/> or call 352-273-2505 for more information.



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July 5-9, 2023

Exhibit, Auction and Cultural Seminar at the Panama Canal Society Reunion at the Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, FL. Please contact Mickey Walker Fitzgerald (mickeyftz@aol.com), Carole Miller (czmiller345@gmail.com), or Kathy Egolf (Pankee@aol.com) if you have items to donate or if you want to volunteer to help out.