



**Boca Raton**  
**Historical**  
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### **Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum Receives \$700,000 Donation**

The Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum has received a generous gift of \$700,000 from the estate of Dorothy Connell, a longtime member of the Society. “Dorothy was a generous philanthropist, and she believed in historic preservation and the area’s rich history. The Society’s goals of heritage education, quality of life issues and preservation advocacy were some of Mrs. Connell’s core beliefs,” states David Dickenson, her attorney and executor of her estate. “I knew Dorothy for many years, and she was a believer in supporting education and other local non-profits during her lifetime.” The University of Miami and the Boca Raton Community Hospital, among others, were recipients of her generosity in her lifetime

“In recent years, the Historical Society’s collection of historical items, both paper archives and artifacts, has grown substantially, so this gift comes at a critical time,” says Elizabeth Fletcher, Board president. “Most of this donation will be allocated to our endowment fund so that it can continue to work for the Society in the future. The rest will be used to enhance and care for the Historical Society’s collections, including the recent donation of furniture from Addison Mizner’s Worth Avenue apartment.” This collection has been loaned to the Historical Society by the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm

Beach, thanks to the efforts of the Norton's Director, Christina Orr- Cahall and Katharine Dickenson, long-time Society supporter.

The Boca Raton Historical Society is a non-profit membership organization, founded in 1972. Since its inception, the Historical Society has taken on ambitious restoration projects, provided first-rate cultural programming, and followed its mission -- to collect, preserve and present information and artifacts relevant to the past and evolving history of Boca Raton and to maintain a visible role in education and advocacy of historic preservation in our community.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum, or the history of Boca Raton, should go to the Society's website at [www.bocahistory.org](http://www.bocahistory.org).

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Photo caption: Tom Workman, BRHS Treasurer and Betsy Fletcher, BRHS President accept a check from David Dickenson.