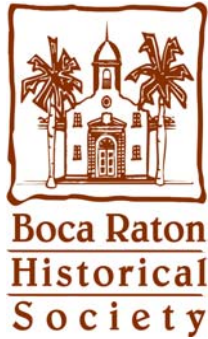


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## Boca Raton Celebrates 100 Years of Education

The Boca Raton Historical Society is pleased to announce the theme for its 2008 commemorative ornament, Boca Raton's First Schoolhouse. The wood framed structure was built in 1908 by the citizens of Boca Raton as part of an agreement with the (Dade County) school board for sending a teacher to the small farming community. The first schoolhouse stood west of the FEC railroad tracks near today's Boca Raton police station. It was used until a new masonry school building was constructed in 1920 at the site of the present Boca Raton Elementary School. The ornament depicts an historic vignette of the schoolhouse created by Boca artist Barbara Montgomery O'Connell.

The schoolhouse ornament is the twelfth in a series produced by the Boca Raton Historical Society. Previous subjects include various Boca Raton landmarks such as Town Hall, the FEC Depot, Singing Pines, the Boca Raton Hotel, the Administration Building, etc. The Schoolhouse ornament will be available by the end of November at the Historical Society's Fire Bay Gift Shop. Cost is \$18.95 plus sales tax. Sales proceeds benefit the historic preservation and heritage education programs of the BRHS. To purchase an ornament visit the Fire Bay Gift Shop at Town Hall, 71 North Federal Highway, Boca Raton 33432. Hours are Monday-Friday 10-4. Or call 561-395-6766 X 102 or visit our website at [www.bocahistory.org](http://www.bocahistory.org)

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The Boca Raton Historical Society (BRHS) is a non-profit membership organization, founded in 1972. Since its inception, the BRHS 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.