Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum presents “Boca History 101”

The Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum is pleased to announce a virtual lecture series, Boca History 101, presented by our curator, Susan Gillis. There will be ten half hour lectures beginning Thursday September 10, 2020 at noon and continuing each consecutive Thursday.

The topics include:

Boca Raton, A Brief History. This three part series will introduce listeners to the history of Boca Raton from the pre-Columbian era through the end of the 20th century. Learn about the native people who called Boca home as long as 2000 years ago, how Boca Raton got her name, and some of the major influences that shaped our modern community.

Boca Raton’s Pioneer Days. This two part series will share seldom seen images and information of Boca Raton’s formative era from the 1890s through the 1910s. Learn about the challenges and joys of pioneer life in a tropical frontier.

Addison Mizner and the 1920s. A two part series will explore the thrilling “Florida Land Boom” of the 1920s and the Bust that followed. Learn about architect Addison Mizner and his vision for the small farming town that literally put little Boca Raton on the map.

Boca Raton During World War II. This three part series explores the establishment of the Boca Raton Army Air Field, the Army Air Corps’ wartime radar training base pivotal in the winning of the war. Learn about the U-boat attacks right off our shores and how each and every local citizen was impacted during this time in our world’s history.

The series is free to Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum members or $25 for the entire series for non-members. To sign up or become a member please contact research@bocahistory.org.