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**2011 FLHC Speaker Series Presents Veterinarian Dr. Brian Bagnall  
Monday, July 11 at 6:00pm**

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, June 17, 2011**– The Fort Lauderdale History Center’s 2011 Speaker Series welcomes Australian Veterinarian, Dr. Brian Bagnall on Monday, July 11 at 6:00pm in the Lucy Bryan Room at the New River Inn. Dr. Bagnall will be speaking about the History and Biology of the Florida Manatees.

Manatees first appeared in Florida about one million years ago but are now highly endangered with only about 5,000 of them left. They are gentle, harmless creatures that must have water above 68 degrees F and plentiful sources of sea grass to survive. They are the very favorite animal of Floridians. Their biology will be discussed as well as ways we can all help to prevent their extinction.

For more information or to RSVP for the 2011 FLHC Speaker Series, please email [education@fortlauderdalehistorycenter.org](mailto:education@fortlauderdalehistorycenter.org) or call (954) 463-4431 ext. 12.

**ABOUT THE FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Formed in 1962, the Society is responsible for the restoration, preservation and interpretation of the Fort Lauderdale History Center (FLHC). FLHC is home to six different buildings (four of which are historic): the New River Inn, built in 1905; the Philemon Bryan House, built in 1905; the Acetylene Building, built in 1905; the King-Cromartie House, built in 1907; the Hoch Heritage Center, built in the 1940s as a post office warehouse; and the 1899 Replica Schoolhouse. All of the buildings are open to the public over 300 days a year. Through a wide range of educational programs, exhibits, publications, research, tours, outreach and the historic preservation of our buildings, the Historical Society shares the story of the history of our community and the individuals who shaped it.

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