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### **Learn About Florida History: Patrick Smith's A Land Remembered**

The libraries and friends groups of the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative will present *Patrick Smith's A Land Remembered: The Multimedia Tour*, on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. This free *Viva Florida 500* event will be held in the Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium on Miracle Strip Pkwy.

*A Land Remembered* author Patrick Smith has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and has traveled the world bringing to life "the real Florida" as it was in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

The multimedia program, developed by the author's son, Rick Smith, highlights in words and pictures the history of Florida as depicted in the famous novel, *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith.

*A Land Remembered* was winner of the Florida Historical Society Tebeau Prize as the Most Outstanding Florida Historical Novel. In 2009 it was voted Best Florida Book for the 9th year in a row by readers of Florida Monthly Magazine.

Student editions of *A Land Remembered* are available for young readers and for use in the schools. Copies are available from local libraries.

Joe Wisdom, an English professor at Gulf Coast University, said *A Land Remembered* "should be handed out with orange juice at welcome stations to anyone who crosses the state line."

Presenter Rick Smith is an award-winning media producer and his father's biggest fan. His passion for his subject is clearly evident in this lovingly produced program. Come and enjoy an unforgettable journey into a Florida that once was, is no more, and never again will be.

For more information, please contact the Fort Walton Beach Library at 833-9590. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Seating is limited to the first 400 attendees.

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