

## **Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum**

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### **Siege of Santa Lucia: The Spanish Fort at Jupiter Inlet**

**Jupiter, FL:** Jim Snyder, Author and Historian, will present *The Spanish Fort at Jupiter Inlet* at the free Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Lecture Series on Thursday, February 16, 2012. This intriguing presentation is from 3-4 pm at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum and will be held outdoors on the Lighthouse deck. The Program is part of the LENS programs (Lighthouse Education & Natural Sciences) presented by the Loxahatchee River Historical Society.

Snyder is in the midst of writing yet another book about the Loxahatchee River and Jupiter Inlet area, this time focusing on the visit of the Spaniards in the mid-1500s. A few history buffs know that the Spanish settled St. Augustine in 1565, but nearly lost in history is the story of how Spanish soldiers also gained a brief foothold at Jupiter Inlet that same year. Snyder's lecture will discuss his research on how our Inlet factored in the Spanish colonization strategy and how the local Jeaga Indians felt about it. "The "Siege of Santa Lucia" is part of my forthcoming historical novel about the Calusa empire that ruled South Florida for 2,000 years before it was a gleam in Spanish eyes," says Snyder. Lecture attendees will learn how Jupiter Inlet and the local Jeaga Indians fit into the big picture of Spain's expansion.

Jim Snyder was raised in Evanston, Illinois and graduated from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. A 35-year veteran as a Washington correspondent and publisher of business magazines, Snyder wove his knack for writing and love of history to author six books. The long-time Jupiter resident has been a docent and former Board Chairman for the Loxahatchee River Historical Society and been very involved with the growth of the organization over the years. His current work-in-progress reflects another facet of our early area history and will add to the accomplished works Snyder already has under his pen including *Five Thousand Years on the Loxahatchee*, *A Light in the Wilderness*, *Black Gold and Silver Sands* and *Life and Death on the Loxahatchee*.

The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Lecture Series is free to the public, but donations are welcome. Seating is limited and is in an outdoor setting and weather dependent. Please call (561) 747-8380 x101 to RSVP. Visit our web site at [www.jupiterlighthouse.org](http://www.jupiterlighthouse.org) for future lectures and additional programs.

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**Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum**, Lighthouse Park, 500 Captain Armour's Way, Jupiter, FL, 33469 PH: 561-747-8380  
Open Tuesday - Sunday, (7 Days a week January-February,) 10am-5pm, last lighthouse tour leaves at 4pm. Call for tour information. [www.jupiterlighthouse.org](http://www.jupiterlighthouse.org) Operated by the Loxahatchee River Historical Society