

Friends of the Museum of the Everglades

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Board Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2016
3:30 pm at City Hall

Author's Hour

By Karen Bartlett

**"A Mostly Kids' Guide to
Naples Marco Island
& the Everglades"**

Friday, January 6, 2017
12 – 1 pm

Pauline Reeves Gallery

January/February 2017

"Reflections of Florida"

An Photographic Exhibit
by John Brady
Artist's Reception
Saturday
January 14, 2017

Everglades Seafood Festival

February 11 & 12, 2017

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

February 21 through 25, 2017

Pauline Reeves Gallery "Reflections of Florida"

An Exhibit by John Brady

The Museum of the Everglades is proud to present the beautiful photographic exhibit "Reflections of Florida" by John Brady. His exhibit will be showing in the Pauline Reeves Gallery of the museum during January and February of 2017. An Artist reception will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 1pm to 3pm with refreshments. John's reception is being hosted by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades.

John has owned and operated the Everglades Gallery since 2005. He has exhibited work at the Fuji Salon Gallery in Tokyo and is currently working with a gallery in Germany.

Besides preserving the wet jungles, creeks and prairies of Florida's remote wilderness through his photographs, John hopes others will become passionate about our need to protect our fragile environment.

For more information about this and other exhibits
please call us at 239-695-0008.



December's Featured Artist

Dick Jay's Exhibit brought many visitors who were amazed to see how our town 'was.' As a local artistic his reception was greeted by several folks who have known Dick over the years. Everyone seems to appreciate his use of paints to create a realistic dimension. Pictured left is Dick at the meet and greet.

Photo by Helen Bryan

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According to the Collier County Museums website you can “journey back to more than a million years of Southwest Florida history.” The events, people and places documenting this heritage can be explored in each of the five museums located throughout the county. In addition to the main museum in Naples another museum is housed in a former train station. The main lobby features a unique representation of the sight and sound of a locomotive chugging into the downtown area.

If you enjoy agriculture check out the historical displays and information at the Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch (pictured below).



Our own Museum of the Everglades continues to have an evolving artistic exhibit each month in the Pauline Reeves Gallery. New programs, such as the monthly author’s hour and participation in the annual Marjorie Douglas Stoneham festival continue to draw visitors from near and far.

The newest addition to Collier County’s Museums is the one on Marco Island. Their serene entrance boasting a wooden gazebo invites people to sit and relax for a leisurely hour or two. Inside the Marco Island Museum displays are organized in a way that shows the transformation of this once uninhabited island to its modern day allure.

Whatever your preference for museuming, you will find that the Collier County Museums has exhibits, displays, documents, and programs that appeal to the young as well as the young at heart. Visit their website at www.colliermuseums.com

VOLUNTEERING

Everyone benefits when one provides a service to our community. Why not serve as a host who greets visitors from around the world? How about helping with mailing the newsletter? Do you like to take pictures or write articles? On occasion we need people who can deliver brochures in Marco or Naples. Perhaps, you have an idea that we can implement. Whatever your preference we welcome you to our team of museum lovers.

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Author's Hour . . .

Start the year right by joining local and visiting folks during our monthly Author's Hour. As you may recall our first author was Marya Repko and our second author was Cesar Becerra. On January 6, 2016 from 12 to 1 pm at the Museum of the Everglades our third author is Karen Bartlett who, in addition to being an award winning writer, is also a noted photographer.

Ms. Bartlett will be speaking about her book, "A Mostly Kids' Guide to Naples Marco Island & the Everglades." The book is written from the point of view of a reporter, a storyteller, and a mom. The title itself makes one curious about how she melds her words so it appeals to kids and adults. A meet and greet with the author along with a book signing and refreshments will be held after the discussion.

For inspiration and a greater appreciation for this talented author visit her website at: www.karentbartlett.com

Please call Martha Hutcheson at 239 695-0008 for more information about our monthly author's hour.

VOLUNTEERS

Our most appreciated and resourceful dynamic of the Museum of the Everglades are the volunteers. Those who greet visitors, assist with clerical tasks, or help organize events are the wonder of it all.

Won't you spare an hour or so helping our community?

For more information about becoming a volunteer please call Martha Hutcheson at 239 695 0008.

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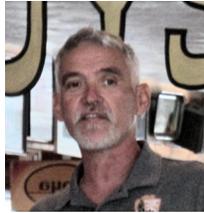
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Food for Thought

By Marlene A. Sassaman, Ed.D



The annual Friends of the Museum luncheon was held on December 5 at the Oyster House and was enjoyed by more than 30 guests. A delicious buffet with shrimp, salad and homemade decorative cupcakes was followed with a lecture from Tony Pernas, Supervisory Botanist with the National Big Cypress Preserve.

Mr. Pernas, pictured above, is a local resident of Everglades City. He spared no nonsense about the impact of invasive species on our fragile ecosystem. From his intonation it was obvious that Tony has a personal affection for the river of grass and abhors those who neglectfully bring invasive species into our precious habitat.

Although not all invasive plants and animals are invited by people, they harm the indigenous lifeforms regardless of how they arrive. From deer eating pythons to a variety of plants, Tony made it clear that the best defense is to landscape using plants indigenous to our precious river of grass. Similarly, know what you will do with an animal who just might grow too big for a house pet.

Further support of the research by Tony, his staff and colleagues who use modern technology to record and graph the Big Cypress Preserve and adjacent lands, was recently documented. The supporting data appeared in an article on invasive species this past week in an online newspaper called Click Orlando. According to a contributor, Amilee Speck, "Florida is the unwelcome home to many non-native species including marine life, insects, reptiles, and mammals. Furthermore, Florida is at great risk for invasive bugs wiping out trees and causing billions of dollars in damage a year."

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MANAGER'S REPORT

By Martha Hutcheson, Museum Interim Manager, Museum of the Everglades

The Museum of the Everglades is starting to get busy as the town buzzes with the return of tourists and our wonderful part time residents. With this annual influx of people we are happy to have so many of our volunteers return to help greet the visitors who are arriving everyday. We are grateful for the interest our volunteers show in our museum.

Our Artist of the Months for January and February is John Brady. Tom will have his work on display in the Pauline Reeves Gallery which is in the front room of the museum. A reception hosted by the Friends of the Museum will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 1 to 3 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Our Author's Hour on January 6, 2017 from 12 noon to 1 pm will feature local Naples author, Karen Bartlett. Karen will lead a discussion about her children's book entitled, "A Mostly Kids' Guide to Naples Marco & the Everglades." After her talk we invite you to our meet and greet book signing. The Friends of the Museum will be serving refreshments.

Plans are underway for the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival to be held February 21 through February 25, 2017. For a list of activities please call me at the Museum so we can get your names on the list of activities you want to participate in. Many of these activities have a limited number of people that can be accommodated. From nature walks to canoe/kayak trips, and guest speakers there is something for everyone.

The Friends of the Museum of the Everglades are also looking for members to help during the annual Everglades Seafood Festival. The festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12, 2017. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down our tent and to serve as host under our tent sharing our museum's mission, history, and plans with visitors who stop by. The informal atmosphere of the Festival make this a great time to mingle with folks from near and far. Even one hour of your time is appreciated.

As I stated at the beginning of this month's Manager's Report, we are busy with excitement. We look forward to seeing you at each of our events, big or small. Mostly, I want to thank each of you for your dedication to and support of our wonderful small but valuable museum.

Regards,

Martha Hutcheson

Friends of the Museum 2016 Year in Review

Photos Courtesy of Helen Bryan



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