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EVENTS

Mid-Month Movie Night

BAD SPIRITS

Filmed in the Glades

Flashbacks to Our History

Friday, October 19, at 5:30pm

Museum of the Everglades

ARTIST RECEPTION

Matt Stock & Charles Kropke

Saturday, October 27, 1pm

Museum of the Everglades

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Members' Luncheon

Monday, December 3

venue to be announced

EXHIBITS

Pauline Reeves Gallery

August, September, October:

Abandoned Vehicles of the Everglades

photos by Matt Stock

RECEPTION: October 27th

November, December:

The Rod & Gun Club

From Pioneer Homestead to Dignitary Destination

RECEPTION: January 4th

January, February, March:

Skunk Apes, Scallywags, & Swamp Spirits

Legends and Lore of the Everglades



LAST CHANCE to see the marvelous exhibit of Abandoned Vehicles.
A visitor said "Awesome! The photos and narratives were exceptional."

You can chat with photographer Matt Stock and explorer Charles Kropke on Saturday, October 27, during a reception in the Museum.

If you want to purchase images or read about the project, see their website www.abandonedvehicles.com.

Mid-Month Movie Night

The video "Bad Spirits" was filmed in the Glades but includes historic snippets to set the scene about early settlers who moved into sacred Indian territory. Years later, treasure hunters tried to find the homestead and endured spooky happenings.

See this FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY movie on **Friday, October 19**, at 5:30pm in the Museum. Free popcorn & soda!



The Museum is located at 105 West Broadway, Everglades City, 34139. Telephone (239) 695-0008.
Open to the public Monday through Saturday, 9AM to 4 PM – Free Admission.



The recent FAM conference program featured the Tamiami Trail on its cover. Visitors to the Museum enjoyed learning about our history and tasting local food.

In an email during the conference week, the Manager wrote:

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for helping with the private museum tour with buffet on Sunday. It was SPECTACULAR! Everybody raved about it and I keep hearing "I heard great things about your event" from random people I meet. Thanks to all of you for making us shine so brightly.

Extra special thanks to Martha for going so far above and beyond arranging the food and adding wonderful creative touches to the serving table. I was so proud of our museum and how everyone showed up to greet our guests and make this an amazing opportunity to spread the word about MOE.

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

by Thomas Lockyear

There's lots of activity going on at Museum of the Everglades as we move into our busy season. We've been working diligently to complete the new exhibits that we've added and also those being upgraded or restored. Our revised CALUSA exhibit is nearing completion and new artifacts have been added. Alongside replicas of a ceremonial mask, a carved alligator totem, and barracuda jaw saw (a local archeologist told me this could actually be used to cut down a tree!) we've placed pieces of native pottery and tool fragments made from bone and shell excavated from local sites.

We are also making great progress on our HURRICANES exhibit. Originally mentioning only Hurricane Donna, this area is being expanded to include the stories of Hurricane Wilma and the recent devastation of Hurricane Irma as well as historic photos of storms that hit the region in 1926, 1928, 1935, 1945, and more. The exhibit will maintain some of the photos from the "Images of Irma" exhibit by artist JohnBob Carlos while adding others donated by local photographer Captain Bruce Hitchcock.

The Museum recently hosted a visit from 20 museum professionals in town for the annual Florida Association of Museums (FAM) conference held in Naples this year. These guests were treated to a narrated history of the Tamiami Trail during their bus ride and then enjoyed an amazing buffet of "Cracker Cuisine" with frog legs, fish dip and gator bites (*see photos on left*). Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their excursion and Museum of the Everglades was the talk of the conference all week.

We will be hosting a similar evening filled with food, fun and stories in January as more of our friends and supporters return to the area – celebrating the next exhibit in the Pauline Reeves Gallery, "The Rod & Gun Club: from Pioneer Homestead to Dignitary Destination". This exhibit will display images and artifacts telling the story of the historic hunting and fishing lodge that began life as the Storter family home. A fixture in the culture and commerce of Everglades City since its days as a general store, this local institution has hosted all manner of celebrities and several U.S. Presidents. The exhibit opens on November 5th and our "Remembering the Rod & Gun" evening event takes place on Friday, January 4th – one month before it closes.

Meanwhile, you can join us for a meet and greet with photographer Matt Stock on Saturday, October 27th (1pm – 3pm) where he will share his adventures about finding and photographing ABANDONED VEHICLES OF THE EVERGLADES (currently on display in the Pauline Reeves Gallery until November 3rd.)

Mid-Month Movie Night continues on Friday, October 19th with "Bad Spirits" – a family-friendly ghost story (no blood, no monsters) about relic hunters who disturb a burial ground. Filmed in Everglades National Park and on the Miccosukee Reservation, we present this independently-produced film from 2007 as another chapter in our continuing exploration of the many movies made in our region. Get in the Halloween spirit and join us for a spooky story so tame it won't give anybody nightmares!

Museum of the Everglades is looking for an old, wooden, single-blade airboat propeller to add to an exhibit about local tourism and the evolution of the airboat for work and play. Please call the Museum on 239-695-0008 if you have one or know of one that we might be able to obtain to help us share this part of the Everglades City story and preserve the region's history.

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President's Message

by Patty Huff

The FME Board is preparing for our upcoming Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon in December (details to follow in our November newsletter).

Our Nominating Committee has a list of Board candidates for 2019 but we welcome any of our current members to consider serving. Just add your name to the list of nominees or give me a call on (239) 695-2397 if you have any questions.

After working for several years as a greeter at the front desk and becoming a member in 1999, I was elected to the Board in 2002. It has been an honor for me to serve as President for eight of the last 17 years, but it is now time for me to retire.

Think about it and let us know if you're interested in being nominated. We meet at 4:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month from September through May.

Our fundraising efforts contribute financially to the Museum for programs, events, and acquisitions. The Friends also provide volunteers to help the staff by greeting visitors, organizing events, and operating a gift shop.

Most of all, we love our little Museum in the Everglades and serving on the Board is a way to show our love.

FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

We were sorry to hear that "Mama Dot" passed away recently. Fortunately, she had shared her memories of living here at the Museum Birthday in 2017. Dot was well known for the delicious hamburgers she cooked in the old Everglades Inn.



Dorothy Helen Depierro Weeks was born in New York 93 years ago and met her late husband Ivan Weeks when he was stationed up there during World War II. She and her late sister Margie, who also married a Weeks lad, moved to Everglades and were loved by the community.



TRIBAL TRADITIONS

The **American Indian Arts Celebration** takes place on **November 2-3** at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in the Big Cypress Reservation (Exit 49 on I-75).

This annual event, which is hosted by the Seminole tribe, includes music, dance, a fashion show, and crafts vendors. For info, call 863-902-1113 or see their website www.semtribe.com.



Museum assistant Martha Hutcherson got a big surprise on her birthday when some FME members presented her with a silly cake.



MEMBERSHIP

Treasurer Jaye Brunner reports that we have 89 paid-up members.

If you join or renew now, your membership will be extended through 2019. Just fill in the form at the bottom of the page and post it with your check. We also welcome business members and include their small ads in the newsletter.

New members since our last newsletter:

Diane Rahman, Naples

Anne Troemner, Marco Island

And a belated thanks to Helen Bryan who donated \$1,000 as a Patron Member to celebrate her 85th birthday.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

We need volunteers at the desk to greet visitors and to sell items in our gift shop. Museum staff can not handle money for FME so the shop is closed if one of us is not there. Stop in at the Museum to sign up for your preferred shift.

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Our **DIRECTORS** are

Patty Huff (President) Vicky Wells (V-P) Louise Morris (Sec.) Jaye Brunner (Treas.) Helen Bryan (Membership)

Our **NEWSLETTER** is published at least six times per year. It is sent to members by email and is freely available to the public on our website www.evergladesmuseum.org. Comments and contributions are welcome at FME_98@hotmail.com.

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