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EVENTS

Mid-Month Movie Night

DISTANT DRUMS

Filmed in the Glades

Starring Gary Cooper

Friday, November 16, at 6:00pm

Museum of the Everglades

Stories of the Paradise Coast

November 17-18

Collier County Museum, Naples

see item on page 3

Annual Members' Luncheon

Monday, December 3

12:00 noon

Lighthouse Club, Everglades Isle

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EXHIBITS

Pauline Reeves Gallery

November:

Abandoned Vehicles of the Everglades
photos by Matt Stock

December, January:

The Rod & Gun Club

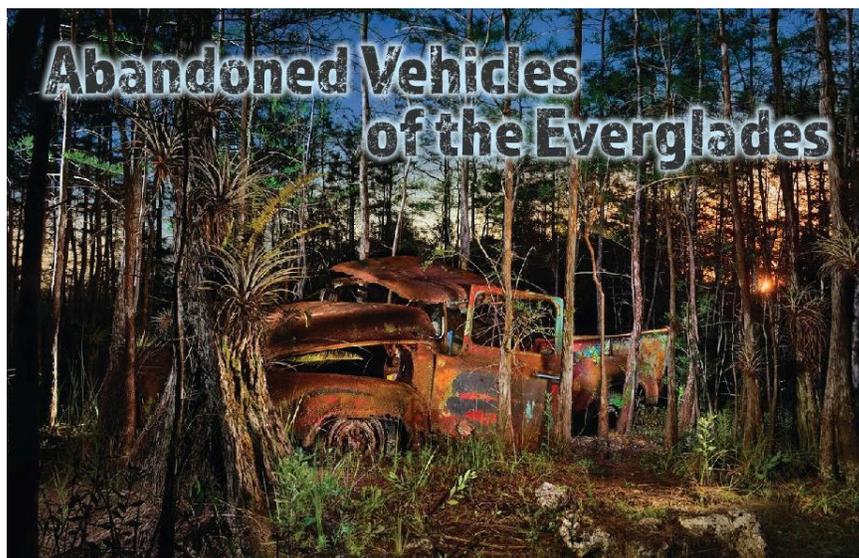
From Pioneer Homestead to Dignitary Destination

RECEPTION: January 4th

February, March:

Skunk Apes, Scallywags, & Swamp Spirits

Legends and Lore of the Everglades



HELD OVER ... this popular exhibit is being extended for another month in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum. *Read the Manager's Message on page 2.*

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

Mid-Month Movie

The film on Friday, November 16, is "Distant Drums" starring Gary Cooper as a soldier during the Seminole War in 1840. The scenes were shot at Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine and in the Everglades, some under water.

The romantic interest is provided by Mari Aldon, a former ballet dancer who later worked mainly in television.

One reviewer said:

Almost everything you expect from a jungle adventure set in Florida is here including alligators, snakes and wild cardboard Indians.

Everyone is welcome to see this classic movie at 6:00pm in the Museum but come early for some background info and free popcorn & soda!



The Museum is located at 105 West Broadway, Everglades City, 34139. Telephone (239) 695-0008.
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The PBS film crew visited the Museum and then had a tour of Fakahatchee Island with guide Tod Dahlke during which young Jackson Lockyear examined one of the big cameras.



Matt Stock talked about his photos of Abandoned Vehicles to a good crowd on October 27 at the reception in the Museum, refreshments by the Friends.

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

by Thomas Lockyear

October was an eventful month at MOE, highlighted by a visit from the film crew from upcoming PBS series “Family Pictures USA”. The show visits towns around the country inviting local people to bring their favorite family photos and share the stories behind them – sort of like Antiques Road Show with photos instead of antiques. Host Thomas Allen Harris spent several hours with me at the museum exploring our regional history and, as long as we don’t get edited out, our museum will be prominently featured on national television.

Local tour guide Tod Dahlke joined us and gave an amazing narrated tour of the backcountry between Chokoloskee and Fakahatchee Island. Once we reached that destination, Captain Darryl Daniels treated us to stories about the Daniels family homestead that once stood there and brought us to the small family cemetery at the center of the island. Fingers crossed that all this wonderful local history is included in the final cut of the show’s Everglades episode.

Field trip season officially got underway with a visit from nearly 60 students from Florida’s other coast with an organization called Build-A-Field-Trip. The groups got a historic walking tour with Museum Assistant Martha Hutcheson and thoroughly enjoyed exploring our freshly-enhanced permanent exhibits.

On Saturday, October 27th, we hosted a meet and greet with Matt Stock, the photographer behind the “Abandoned Vehicles of the Everglades” exhibit in the Pauline Reeves Gallery. Matt treated a capacity crowd to both humorous stories about exploring the ‘glades to find subject matter and an engaging explanation of the techniques he employs. Each photo requires a tremendous amount of time and work involving a full crew to capture the almost surreal beauty of the scene as he re-imagines them.

As our seasonal residents return and the word spreads, we have welcomed more and more visitors driving out to Everglades City specifically to see his work. Matt has graciously agreed to extend the exhibit and it will be held over through the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Our next exhibit, “The Rod & Gun Club - from Pioneer Homestead to Dignitary Destination” will feature a collection of historic images and associated artifacts (including a recently-acquired 1962 Zippo lighter embossed with the Rod & Gun logo) celebrating the legacy of this iconic Everglades City attraction. Postponed a couple weeks to allow more folks to experience “Abandoned Vehicles...”, this exhibit will open on Monday, November 26th and run through February 1st.

Mid-Month Movie Night continues on **Friday, November 16** with “Distant Drums” starring Gary Cooper (1951). We’ll start promptly at 6pm, but come early to grab a seat, enjoy free popcorn and a soft drink – and I’ll share some little known trivia about this musty motion picture – including the famous scream that was used in 150 other films. Last month we showed the family-friendly horror flick “Bad Spirits” (a low-budget tale of treasure hunters in the Everglades who disturb a burial mound) in honor of Halloween but it was more of a yawn-a-thon than a fright fest ... so we’re going to stick to tried and true adventure classics for now. Hope to see you here!

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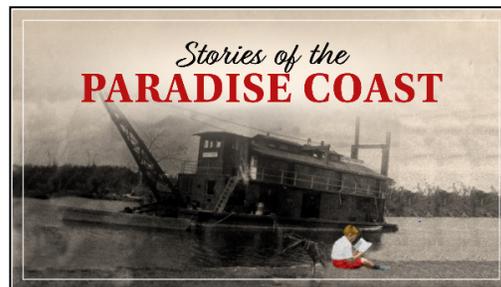
by Patty Huff

It's close to the end of the year and we are preparing for our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Again this year, we will be hosting this event in the Lighthouse Club at the beautiful Everglades Isles, located at 803 Collier Avenue, at noon on **Monday, December 3**. Our speaker this year will be our local historian and author Marya Repko who will present "Everglades Entrepreneur, The Life of Barron Gift Collier" which is also the title of her new book.

As past Present of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, Marya is well-known for her wealth of knowledge about the history of Everglades City and surrounding areas. After moving here about 20 years ago from Sanibel, Marya became interested in our Museum of the Everglades and started researching the people and places of the swamp, inspiring her to write a "brief history" of the Everglades City area, the Fakahatchee, the Smallwood Store in Chokoloskee, Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Deaconess Harriet Bedell. She has also given presentations in Naples, Marco, Sanibel and to many group tours coming to Everglades City to learn about our town.

Barron Gift Collier was a fascinating individual, born in Memphis, Tennessee, and earning his first \$1 million by age 26 as an advertising magnate who developed the idea of placing ads on street cars in New York and throughout the country. His main office was in the Flatiron Building in New York City but it was in this southwest corner of Florida that he invested most of his time and money by the completion of the Tamiami Trail and expanding his ownership of property throughout the county which now embraces his name.

You are invited to come to our Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon and learn more about this amazing man who in 1923 saw the potential and future of our little town in the swamp. To RSVP, phone Martha at (239) 695-0008 by Monday, November 26.



Saturday-Sunday, November 17-18, 11am-5pm

Collier County Museum, Government Center, Naples
FREE admission to this new event: special exhibits, food vendors, kids' activities, and stories by local residents about our past.
For info, see www.colliermuseums.com or phone (239) 252-8476.

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Have you seen the new Calusa case at the Museum?

MEMBERSHIP

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

You will receive a renewal notice for the year 2019 with this newsletter or you can fill in the form below. Please bring your check and application form to the Annual Luncheon, post it to us, or drop it off at the Museum.

We use membership money to help the Museum with events and exhibits, as specified in the bylaws of our 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. Your donation qualifies as tax-deductible.

We welcome business members and recognize their support by including their business cards in the newsletter.

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

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