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EVENTS

FME BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 13

Museum, 4pm

Seafood Festival

February 9-11

see article on page 4

MSD Festival

February 20-24

MUSEUM 20th BIRTHDAY TAMIAMI TRAIL 90th

Saturday, April 28

EXHIBITS

Pauline Reeves Gallery

Jan 13 - Feb 17:

Plume Hunting

“Wind Across the Everglades”

Feb 17 - March 24:

Everglades: River of Grass

Art of Robert Fink

March 14 - April 28:

The Trailblazers

Tamiami Trail 90th Anniversary

Volunteers Needed!

Spend a few hours each week greeting visitors at the Museum. No experience necessary, just a smile and a friendly welcome. Meet people from around the world and around the corner. Stop in to register or phone 695-0008.

“Wind Across the Everglades”



photos by Helen Bryan

Among the attendees at the 60th anniversary of the showing of the film on January 27th was special guest K.C. Schulberg, son of the producer and nephew of the author and director of the movie that was made here in 1958. He is seen above with Museum Manager Thomas Lockyear. The event was sponsored by FME.

MSD Festival

The keynote speaker at the opening luncheon on Tuesday, February 20, is June Cussen (seen here with her daughter and Marjory) who is Executive Editor of Pineapple Press, publisher of Marjory’s candid autobiography *Voice of the River*.



Marjory Stoneman Douglas will be portrayed on Tuesday by re-enactor Barbara Hedges.

That is only the start of an exciting week of walks, talks, and tours sponsored by the Friends with generous participation by other local groups and speakers.

On Friday, we learn about MSD’s contemporaries in the presentation “The Three Majorie’s and the Fight for Florida’s Future” by Peggy McDonald, Executive Director of the Matheson History Museum in Gainesville and author of *Marjorie Harris Carr; Defender of Florida’s Environment*.

Except for the luncheon, there is no charge but reservations are required. To reserve your places, phone the Museum at (239) 695-0008.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

by Thomas Lockyear

January has been a busy month here at Museum of the Everglades as we continue to restore our permanent exhibits, adding new information and additional artifacts in the process. Recovery and clean up are still ongoing but we are, for all practical purposes, fully operational.

We have had invaluable assistance from our Museum system colleagues and a small cadre of dedicated volunteers from our Friends group. Collier County Government has also shown us full and unyielding support during this process and have already spent in excess of \$75,000 to repair and restore this national treasure. We are extremely grateful to them and everyone else who has made donations toward the continuing effort to preserve this historic building for generations to come.

Our exhibit celebrating the 60th Anniversary of “Wind Across the Everglades” has been tremendously popular and our screening of the film in our parking lot on Saturday the 27th (sponsored by FME) was very well-received. Almost 70 people joined us for the event, enjoying hotdogs courtesy of the Lion’s Club, the perfect weather and the beautiful haloed moon above. The exhibit runs through February 17th.

Our next event, the 14th Annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival, is right around the corner – beginning on Tuesday, February 20th and continuing through Saturday the 24th. We are very excited to have June Cussen, Executive Editor of Pineapple Press, as the keynote speaker at the inaugural luncheon. Ms. Cussen worked closely with Marjory on her memoir *Voice of the River* and will be sharing personal reminiscences of the time they spent together.

We have a full week of fascinating seminars, talks, and activities scheduled and hope you will join us as we celebrate the legacy of one of Florida’s first and foremost conservationists.

A new temporary exhibit opening on February 20th, concurrent with the start of the Festival, will explore Marjory Stoneman Douglas’ life and career – focusing on her seminal book *The Everglades – River of Grass*. A special section of this exhibit will highlight the work of artist Robert “Bob” Fink, whose illustrations appear in the first and most subsequent editions of the book (*see images on page 3*).

The exhibit will also feature the first ever display of an original block print by Mr. Fink – done as a study for the book’s cover. The print was donated to the Museum by Mr. Fink’s stepson at last year’s festival. Damaged by a fire in the artist’s studio during the 1950’s, it was recently conserved, restored, and framed specially for inclusion in this exhibit. It is an exciting acquisition for our Museum and a must-see artifact for all of our visitors. It will remain on display through March 31st.

We hope that you will join us to see it in person.



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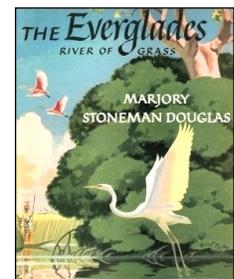
by **Patty Huff**

February is one of our busiest months at the Museum of the Everglades so please come visit the special exhibits in the Pauline Reeves Gallery and attend our programs.

Our current exhibit "*Plume Hunting: From the Forefront of Fashion to the Brink of Extinction and Wind Across the Everglades - Celebrating 60 years*" continues through February 17. It not only highlights the 60th anniversary of *Wind Across the Everglades* with photos and rare behind the scenes information, it also features a variety of artifacts on loan to help illustrate the stories, including plume rifles, a high-fashion feathered fan from the period of the plume craze, and even the original monument to warden Guy Bradley – killed by poachers near Flamingo. Don't miss this exhibit when you come to our annual Everglades Seafood Festival which will be held February 9-11. The Museum will be open with a booth and table outside for information.

Once again the Friends of the Museum is sponsoring the 14th annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival from February 20-24 with extraordinary speakers from across south and central Florida. The program highlights many of the issues facing south Florida today, just as Marjory brought to light many years ago. Our program is available online at www.evergladesmuseum.org; (click on "MSD Festival"). Call our Museum Manager Assistant Martha at 239-695-0008 for tour reservations and more information. As in the past, Martha was primarily responsible for putting this exciting program together. The Friends are proud to sponsor and support our Museum in offering this annual event to the public.

Again, thank you for your continued support of our little museum. Because of you, we are able to provide financial assistance to the Museum of the Everglades for the benefit of all.



Artist Bob Fink illustrated MSD's famous book *The Everglades; River of Grass*. His work will be on display in the Museum during the MSD Festival.

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President - Patty Huff Vice President - Vicky Wells
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SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

The Museum will be open from 9am to 4pm on both **Saturday and Sunday, February 10/11** to welcome the hoards of visitors to this annual jamboree. The Friends plan to have tents outside with merchandise for sale. If you can volunteer a few hours to help, phone Patty at (239) 695-2397.



Learn About FME

The **Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, Inc.** is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation dedicated to keeping history alive at our local Museum by providing financial and volunteer support. FME was founded in 1992 under the leadership of the late Pauline Reeves who spearheaded the move to save the old Laundry building which then became part of the Collier County Museum system when it opened on April 26, 1998.

The **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.

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