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Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 2017
3:30 pm at City Hall

Pauline Reeves Gallery

March 2017

Barbara Simpson

MYSTERIOUS EVERGLADES

Reception: March 4, 2017 1-3 pm

April/May 2017

Elizabeth Smith

EVERGLADES FOUND

Reception: April 8, 2017 1-3 pm

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ON VOLUNTEERING

The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves.

Helen Keller

Pauline Reeves Gallery

March 2017

Mysterious Everglades

A Photographic Exhibit by Barbara Simpson



The Museum of the Everglades is proud to present the exhibit "Mysterious Everglades" featuring the wonderful photographic work of Toronto native Barbara Simpson. The exhibit is being shown in the Pauline Reeves Gallery of the museum during the month of March 2017.

An Artist's Reception which was open to the public was hosted by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades on Saturday, March 4, 2017. Refreshments were served.

During her early childhood, Barbara became a nature enthusiast. Her interest in the natural environment spawned Barbara's ability to use photography as an ideal means of creative expression. This complemented the inspiration derived from her first tour of the Everglades. A number of trips through the years from her native Toronto has enhanced her understanding and appreciation of this fragile integrated ecosystem. While photographing a beautiful wading bird in the morning light is an exhilarating experience, Barbara has come to appreciate the sense of tranquility and rejuvenation that the Everglades provide.

Information about our April/May exhibit can be found on page 2.

Food for Thought



A Taste of the Good Life was Provided by Sweet Mayberry's at the Opening Ceremony Luncheon for the 2017 MSD Festival

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Pauline Reeves Gallery

April/May 2017

"Everglades Found"

An Artistic Exhibit by Elizabeth Smith

Elizabeth spent her early years in the woods and along the waters of Iowa developing a love for nature. Both her quick plein-air sketches and her more intensive watercolor paintings reflect her enjoyment of the out of doors. Although primarily self-taught, she returned to school later in life and received her BA in art at Florida Gulf Coast University.



Elizabeth also took post graduate classes in education. When not indulging her artistic talents, Elizabeth enjoys exploring the natural world with children and teens. She also leads classes in journaling and drawing with watercolor pencils.

For more information about these or any other exhibit, please contact us at 239-695-0008. The Museum of the Everglades is located at 105 West Broadway, Everglades City, Florida 34139

Manager's Report by Thomas Lockyear



February is traditionally our busiest month at the Museum of the Everglades. Between the Seafood Festival and the MSD Festival we may have achieved a new record for the number of visitors. It us with gratitude that I have become a part of these events which showcase the museum and our fine community.

At the MSD luncheon Martha Hutcheson was honored for her dedication to making this annual event an extraordinary success during the past 13 years. Plans for an even better experience are already in the works. We are grateful when members of the Friends of the Museum assist in carrying out the heritage and hospitality of our area to the thousands of visitors who come from around the world.

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MUSEUM REPORT by *Martha Hutcheson*

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival is a group effort that could only be done with the help of the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades. This year many thanks are given to our volunteers, our wonderful speakers and our activities leaders. Both the private tour owners as well as all the area parks personnel who always say yes to my requests. These people give many hours of their time to help make the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival a success. A big thanks to all those who come back year after year to participate in the many lectures and interactive outdoor activities provided free of charge. To those who join us all day inside our museum to learn from and listen to our many presentators know that you would make Marjory herself proud. We thank you. This festival started so many years ago and has become great grounds for learning about our beloved Florida and its Everglades.



Editor's note: You can see the infectious smile Martha Hutcheson displayed alongside local musician JRoberts at the MSD festival. Her smile reflects Martha's passion for the Everglades. Perhaps she is a reincarnation of Marjorie that motivates her to share what she continues to learn. Being a native to south Florida, Martha grew up experiencing the River of Grass and watched its evolution to what it has become. While studying for her B.A. Martha incorporates her 'book learning' into her informal and formal conversations with the many visitors to our Museum. If you need an answer to a question you have about the Everglades be sure to give Martha a call. Be aware that whether you talk to her in person or on the phone her smiling enthusiasm is catching.

RECORD BREAKING VISITORS

Between the Everglades City Seafood Festival, the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Festival, the Author's Hour and exhibit in the Pauling Reeves Gallery February brought in 5080 visitors. Of those visitors 2006 spent time in the museum during the MSD Festival.



Park Ranger's Lecture about Marjorie



One of many vendors displaying her artwork



MSD Opening Ceremony Hosted at Everglades Isle Resort

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2017 MSD Festival Pictures and Comments

(photos by Helen Bryan)



Georgia Garrett greets a guest at the FME gift shop display.



Hannah Ineson was one of the talented vendors who displayed their work.

Each year I look forward to learning more about this wonderful place called the Everglades. I was not disappointed. The speakers were knowledgeable in their respective areas and if humor was thrown in, the talk was even better. I enjoyed the variety of talks and appreciate the time and effort that went into the planning and execution of the MSD Festival. Martha was there every day to welcome, encourage, and assist both the many visitors and speakers. Can't wait to see what is planned for next year!

Patty Huff, President of the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades

SWAMP WALK with CESAR BECERRA



Photo by Diane Locke

Enthusiastic photographers donned their rain gear to capture the Everglades thanks to Cesar Becerra. Despite the torrential rain on the second day of the festival Cesar Barera led a troupe of shutterbugs who got to experience a wet day in the swampy Everglades.

Diann Locke summed up Cesar's nature walk and her experience attending the many presentations during the MSD festival:

"...I learned about the old logging roads that now make up the Fakahatchee Trail. More than learning about nature I came away from the MSD festival with a sense of being apart of a cultural experience."

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