



Friends of the Museum of the Everglades

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EVENTS

Mid-Month Movie Night
"Voices of the Glades"
Saturday, April 13, at 5:00pm
Museum of the Everglades

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Tuesday, April 16, at noon
Main Museum in Naples
see article on page 4

THIRD THURSDAY TALK
Thursday, April 18, at 2:00pm
Museum of the Everglades
see Manager's Message on page 2

RETRO GAMES NIGHT
Friday, April 26, at 6:00pm
Naples Depot Museum
For info, call 239-252-8419

Museum Birthday
Saturday, April 27
Museum of the Everglades
see schedule on page 3

EXHIBITS

Pauline Reeves Gallery

February, March, April:
Skunk Apes, Scallywags, & Swamp Spirits
Legends and Lore of the Everglades

May, June, July:
Artwork from Everglades City School



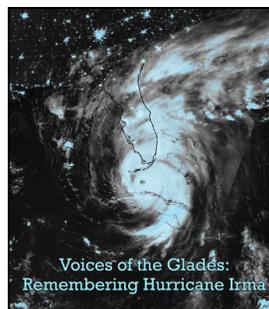
Now that the days are long, we saw our last Movie Night "under the stars" in March. The Friends served popcorn and refreshments before the show started.

IMPORTANT EVENT HERE on APRIL 27th

During the Museum Birthday Celebration, we will be honored by a presentation to Mayor Howie Grimm by Eric Draper, Director of the Florida Park Service, recognizing us as being named an official Trail Town. Everglades City is the first place south of Lake Okeechobee to be nominated by the Office of Greenways & Trails to promote healthy lifestyles by providing goods and services to trail users. For info, see <https://floridadep.gov/Parks/OGT> and click on "Florida Trail Town Program" where a photo of our gator bike rack features!



Mid-Month Movie - Premiere!



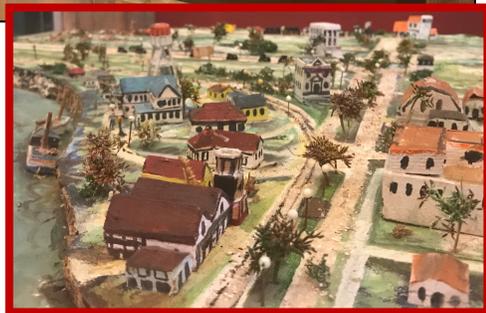
Museum of the Everglades will hold the first-ever showing of the documentary "Voices of the Glades; Remembering Hurricane Irma", at 5:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 13** The film features interviews by FGCU students of locals telling their experiences during the storm and its aftermath.

The movie is free of charge and will include refreshments hosted by the Friends. It takes place in the theater at the back of the Museum so seating is limited. To save your places, call (239) 252-2056.

The Museum is located at 105 West Broadway, Everglades City, 34139. Telephone (239) 252-5026
Open to the public Monday through Saturday, 9AM to 4 PM - Free Admission.



This wooden airboat propeller was donated by Bruce Minton who runs tours from the round building in DuPont.



The meticulous model of Everglades City was created by Camille Baumgartner when she lived here in the 1990s. She also painted the picture of Seminole children which has been reproduced as a print and is available in the Gift Shop.

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

by Thomas Lockyear

March came in like a lion and then stayed that way here at Museum of the Everglades. The number of daily visitors just never seemed to slow down! We have nonetheless kept working on additions and improvements to the museum.

We added a couple artifacts to the main gallery including a vintage wooden **airboat propeller** generously donated by local tour operator Bruce Minton. This beautiful piece will be the center of an exhibit detailing the history of airboats in the area and how they have evolved from an essential mode of transportation into a favorite way to see the glades for visiting tourists.

We also reclaimed an amazing diorama of Everglades City circa 1928 made for the museum when it first opened by late local artist **Camille Baumgartner**. I had seen this unique construction in photos from the museum's early days and made some inquiries about what had happened to it. Former FME president Patty Huff was able to find it tucked away in a closet at City Hall and brought it back to its original home here at MOE. Camille was a very colorful character and we hope to include a little of her story as a part of the new permanent display of her creation. If you have stories about Camille or any of her artwork you might be willing to share with us, please stop by or phone 239-252-5026.

We showed "Thunder and Lightning" starring David Carradine (of Kung Fu fame) as a moonshiner in the glades for our mid-month movie in February and everyone had a rip-roaring time with all the car chases through the local countryside. This month we'll be moving indoors.

On **Saturday, April 13**, we are proud to host the first public showing of "Voices of the Glades", a recent documentary about Hurricane Irma and its aftermath. Made by students from nearby Florida Gulf Coast University, the film features personal accounts from many local residents about the fury of the storm and the challenges it created for this community. The documentary will be screened at 5pm with refreshments provided by the Friends of Museum of the Everglades. Please keep in mind that our indoor theater area is small, and seating will be limited.

April also brings a new seminar series to MOE: **Third Thursdays**. At 2pm on every third Thursday of the month, we will feature a history talk relating to our current exhibits or some little-known aspect of our region's rich cultural heritage. Each talk will last about 45 minutes and leave time for questions and discussion. In the first installment on April 18th, yours truly will discuss the Trailblazers – the publicity stunt that sent seven model T's driving across the Everglades before there was a road – just to prove it could be done. There's much more to the story so we hope that you will join us and encourage any out of town friends to make the drive to Everglades City, enjoy lunch at one of our spectacular restaurants, and partake in the first of these informal talks.

At the end of the month on **Saturday, April 27**, we will once again celebrate the anniversary of the completion of the Tamiami Trail (and the birthday of our museum!) in style with a mix of music, food, and fun.

This year we are commemorating the original role of the museum as Barron Collier's commercial laundry with ... LAUNDRY CART races! We are going to race laundry carts around the city circle and the winners will gain fame and notoriety and an opportunity to take home the coveted Clean Clothes Trophy! If you'd like to join the race (don't worry, we supply the carts) please give me a call at 239-252-5027. See you there!

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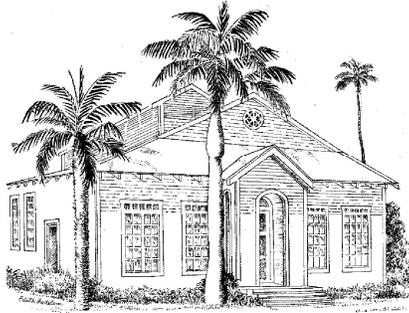
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Events on Saturday, April 27, 2019, in Everglades City

- 10:00am** Guided Walking Tour of Historic Buildings – Museum
- 10:00** Arts & Crafts Booths Open – McLeod Park
- 10:30** Antique Cars Arrive – in front of Museum
- 11:00** Opening Ceremony, Everglades City Hall porch
Welcome and Introduction of Dignitaries
TRAIL TOWN Presentation to Mayor Grimm
by Eric Draper, Director Florida Parks Service
Barron Collier's Tamiami Trail Opening Speech
- 11:30** Laundry Cart Races – around the Circle
- 12:00pm** Lunch by the Lions Club (\$10) – McLeod Park
Dixie Land Jazz Band Concert – McLeod Park
- 1:30** Birthday Cake cutting – Museum
- 2:00** Old-Timers Story Telling – Museum

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

We have a new Volunteer Coordinator! Karen Connetta has joined Collier County Museums and came down to the Everglades to meet the Friends during their monthly Board Meeting.

She reminded us that the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, April 16**, at the main Museum in Naples. RSVP to her at (239) 252-8722.

We need volunteers at the desk to greet visitors. You don't have to be an expert in our history; there is always Museum staff to answer questions. Stop in at the Museum to sign up for your preferred shift.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is still growing! Welcome to new members since our last newsletter:

Thomas Lockyear, Naples
 Margaret Rente, Miami Springs

If you want to help us support our local Museum, just fill in the form at the bottom of this page and send it with your check.

We appreciate business members and recognize them by including their business cards in the newsletter.

FAREWELL



We were sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Greg Dupignac, a volunteer and talented wildlife photographer who moved from Chokoloskee to the fringe of the Fakahatchee. He had previously been involved in several art galleries in Naples.

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Our **DIRECTORS** are : Jaye Brunner Helen Bryan Sherry Geiger Marya Repko Vicky Wells

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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