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Board Meeting

September 5, 2017

3:30 pm City Hall

Pauline Reeves Gallery

June & July

Student Art Work

August

Gallery Closed for
Renovation

Volunteer Spotlight

Georgia Garrett

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Everglades City Students' Work Displayed

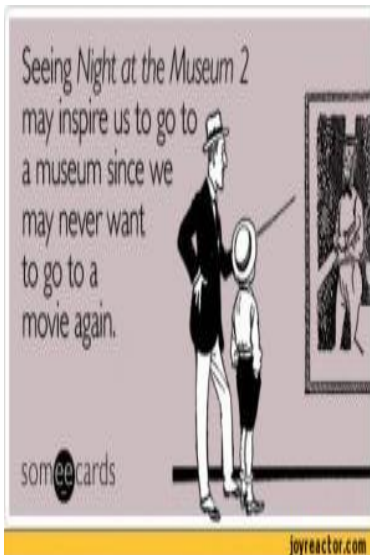
During the summer months student artists from the Everglades City School had their work displayed. Under the direction of their art teacher, Mr. Tribble, more than 30 students have their two dimension art work on display. From the abstract to realism, from portraits to landscapes the talent displayed by students from Kindergarten to grade 12 is inspiring.

One of the artists, Dylan Doster, whose work is on display received the Carol Moseman Scholarship Award in the amount of \$500. The money will be sent to the Lorenzo Walker School in Naples where Dylan plans to further his studies. This scholarship is presented by the Friends of the Museum each year to an aspiring artist.



Bridging Gaps

A monument to the Chokoloskee Bridge is being used to bridge the museum's new parking lot to the Museum of the Everglades. Built in 1955 the original bridge connected the small shell island of Chokoloskee to the mainland. This crosswalk will be finished soon making a wonderful addition to the museum.



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MUSEUMING Koreshan Unity Settlement

Unlike the brick and mortar buildings like the Museum of the Everglades the Koreshan Unity Settlement is preserved in its original habitat with most of the original buildings still standing. The self guided tour provides a first hand look at the original structures, furnishings and equipment used to sustain life in this once thriving communal setting. An excerpt from the brochure provided by the Park Service provides insight into the establishment envisioned by Dr. Teed, whose first name was Cyrus which in Hebrew is Koreshan. The brochure reads:

"...Those who came to Estero from Chicago in 1894 found it a test of their courage and ability. To leave the safe comfortable life of a big city and begin a new order in a hot, humid, bug-infested wilderness is a chronicle of their faith in Dr. Teed and his teachings. The Koreshans brought their furnishings, books and even a grand piano. This was to be their permanent home..."

The Koreshan State Historic Site is located in Estero, Florida at 3800 Corkscrew Road. From Everglades City you can follow the Tamiami Trail to Corkscrew Road where you will find the entrance to the Koreshan State Park. For day visits picnic tables and a gazebo are available. Camping with tent or RV sites with electric and water are reasonably priced. The bath houses are clean. A thirty minute hard packed sandy path makes for a leisurely stroll along the Estero River.

For more information contact:
floridastateparks.org
Koreshan.mwweb.org

Franconia Heritage Museum

Wintertime swamp dwellers, who abandon the humidity and bug invested everglades in the heat of the summer by traveling north, may want to plan a visit to the Franconia Heritage Museum in Franconia, New Hampshire. The museum is located in an 1878 New England Farm House with attached barn and sheds. According to their online brochure, "A visit to our fully furnished farmhouse is like a trip to your great grandparents home." franconia.org




For more information about these pictures and the Heritage museum visit their website at: www.franconian.org/heritage-museum.html

When visiting museums be sure to share a copy of our FME newsletter and pick up one of their brochures to share with us. You can send information for our newsletter to Marlene at sailorhiker@gmail.com


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SPOTLIGHT on GEORGIA GARRETT



Georgia Garrett has been a member of the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades for as long as she can remember. When she retired seven years ago she started volunteering and was later elected to the board as treasurer. Since that time Georgia continues to be an advocate for the museum.

Georgia keeps the gift shop located in the Pauline Reeves Gallery stocked, and inventoried with books and other related items for sale as a means to provide visitors with information to further their understanding of the Everglades from a historical, political and environmental point of view. All proceeds go to enhancing the museum. About a year ago the Friends were able to purchase a new podium for the museum's many guest speakers. Georgia also helps with purchasing food and drinks for the monthly artist receptions. When a task is needed, Georgia is there.

Many years ago Georgia and her late husband Frank enjoyed a weekend getaway in Everglades City. They loved to fish and spent most of their time in the 10,000 islands. Then, in 1992 they started Majestic Everglades Excursions. It was a four hour nature/historic excursion covering 40 miles in the Everglades National Park. They met people from all over the world. As Georgia delights, "It was a wonderful ten years!"

Having spent so much time learning and sharing about the Everglades Georgia finds the history and development of the 10,000 islands to be a profound story. She emphasizes that it is the sharing with others that inspires her to volunteer. After all she exclaimed that the residents of the Everglades are blessed.

Georgia's hope for the Museum of the Everglades and the Friends groups is that we can continue a mutually satisfying partnership for the good of the Museum, for our community and for the visitors who pass through our doors.

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Director's Note

Dear Valued Museum Supporters!

The Collier County Museums and their funding has been in the news of late, so I want to take this opportunity to let you know that the dust has settled and the Museum system is alive and kicking—and will be into the future. On June 27 the Board of County Commissioners decided to limit Museum funding from Tourist Taxes to \$2million for Fiscal Year 2018. The nominal balance will be made up by the General Fund (for which the predominate funding source is property taxes. The Museum system will not suffer a budget cut as a result of this decision.

This is an exciting time for the Museums, and a slight shift in funding sources does not change that. Museum staff has been busy this summer developing a strategic plan for our future. We should be ready to share our ideas and solicit feedback after the first of the year. I can't wait to see the combined result of our hard work and your thoughtful input.

I thank each of you for your support and your enthusiasm that you demonstrate through volunteerism, program attendance, museum visitation, and sharing your positive experiences with others. I look forward to sensational things to come!

Amanda Townsend, Director
 Collier County Museums



Proud of our Youth



The Friends of the Museum are proud of our youth. We also want to extend our appreciation for their art teacher Mr. Tribble, their family and members of the community who encourage student participation in the arts.




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