

Friends of the Museum of the Everglades

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EVENTS

FME BOARD MEETINGS will resume after summer Museum, 4pm

Summer Movie Night "JUST CAUSE" filmed locally, with Sean Connery Friday, August 17, at 6:00pm Museum of the Everglades

HURRICANE HISTORY DAY Wednesday, September 19 at 1pm Museum of the Everglades

Blessing of the Stone Crob Fleet Saturday, September 29 Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City For info, call Marya at 695-2905

EXHIBITS Pauline Reeves Gallery

<u>August, September, October</u>: *Abandoned Vehicles of the Everglades* photos by Matt Stock RECEPTION: October 27th

<u>November, December:</u> *The Rod & Gun Club* From Pioneer Homestead to Dignitary Destination EVENT: January 4th

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



Abandoned Vehicles of the Everglades

Be prepared to be blown away by the clarity and the color of these huge photos taken in remote parts of our local wilderness, many of them at night with starry skies. Photographer Matt Stock and explorer Charles Kropke have documented a rare record of past life in the greater Glades. You can learn more about their project at <u>www.abandonedeverglades.com</u>.



Summer Movie Night

The movie "JUST CAUSE" was filmed in 1995 starring Sean Connery who tries to save a young man from being convicted of a murder that had taken place in Ochopee.

Entertainment Weekly (2/24/1995) said "In this swampy production, only the gators have any bite" but it will be fun to see what locations we recognize when it is shown on **Friday, August 17,** in the Museum *promptly* at 6:00pm. Come early to see the special exhibit.

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President's Message by Patty Huff

As summer comes to an end and students start back to school this month, we wish to thank Mr. Paul Tribble and his young artists for another great year of exhibiting their work in the Pauline Reeves Gallery. Mr. Tribble has been a part of this community for so many years, long before I moved here in 1994! Thanks, Trib!

In a few months our winter residents will be returning. We do enjoy our quiet days during off-season but we are always ready to welcome our friends returning to South Florida. One of our FME goals this upcoming year will be to increase our membership, both individual and business. Over the years we have lost many of our founding members who have passed away or moved closer to family as they aged. We need to continue encouraging others to join FME – people who love our town and our history as much as we do. We would like to challenge each of our current members to recruit just one new member (or family or business) to join the Friends of the Museum. If successful, we will "double" our numbers!

Also, we would like to see the younger generation support our local Museum. Savannah Oglesby, now a student at the University of Florida, recently expressed her love of history in her July 20 column for the Marco Island *Coastal Breeze* (remember, she used to write for *The Mullet Rapper* when she attended school here) in which she highlights the Museum of the Everglades, as well as the Smallwood Store & Museum. You can read what she says at https://www.coastalbreezenews.com/articles/a-love-of-history/.

I know our students love our town, especially with so many of their families being a part of our history. We would like to urge all of our locals to join the Friends and support our Museum.

Please pass the word – join the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades!



Happy Birthday!

Our very active membership secretary Helen Bryan turns 85 on August 25 She has been a Friend since FME was founded and was recruiting members in those early days.

Helen grew up in Fort Lauderdale and retired with her husband Jim to Chokoloskee in the late 1980s. As she has said, "It was quite a change for a city gal to be stuck 40 miles from anywhere"

but that just encouraged her to become enthusiastically involved in community. THANK YOU, Helen, for all you do for us.

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FAREWELL

We are sorry to report that **Dr. Tony Trayling** passed away in July. He and his wife Laurie had a winter home in Chokoloskee Island Park for many years.

Tony was a volunteer at the Museum of the Everglades where he charmed visitors with his very English accent and local knowledge.

He was about 80 years old and hadn't been back here for several seasons because ill-health prevented him from traveling.

MEMBERSHIP

Treasurer Jaye Brunner reports that we have 86 paid-up members.

Welcome to **new members** since our last newsletter: Elsa Caldwell, Coral Gables Lauretta Reeves, Austin, TX

If you want to join or renew, please fill in the form at the bottom of the page and post it with your check or drop it off at the Museum.

See the President's Message on page 2.



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Havana Café

Chokoloskee, 695-2214

We are closed for the summer. SEE YOU IN OCTOBER ...



<u>Learn About FME</u>

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 1994 by the late Pauline Reeves who spearheaded the move to save the old Laundry building which opened on April 26, 1998, as a Collier County Museum.

Our **DIRECTORS** are

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