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EVENTS

THIRD THURSDAY TALK MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES

Thursday, August 15, at 2:00pm

“Edison & Ford in SW Florida”

by Matt Andres

Thursday, Sept 19 at 2:00pm

“Florida Pirates – Fact & Fiction”

For info, call 239-252-5026

Museum Day Live!

hosted by *Smithsonian* magazine

Saturday, Sept 21, 11am-2pm

Naples Depot Museum

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Visitors to our Museum during July numbered 1,501 compared with 1,079 in June. The record last year was similar. We need volunteers even during the slower summer months!

EXHIBITS

Pauline Reeves Gallery

August, September, October:

Edison & Ford in SW Florida



EDISON & FORD IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Thomas Edison travelled to Southwest Florida in 1885, the year that the first tarpon was caught with a rod & reel off Punta Rassa at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River. He fell in love with the area and bought land near Fort Myers where he built a compound consisting of houses, laboratory, and a swimming pool in the large garden.

Twenty years later, Henry & Clara Ford with son Edsel visited their friend Edison and bought a winter home called “The Mangoes” next door.

The two families enjoyed exploring in the hinterland of Florida’s Last Frontier, observing nature on their camping forays. In fact, Ford offered to buy the Fakahatchee and donate the land to the State but back in 1922 there was no Park Service so he was refused.

The new exhibit in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of our Museum displays old photos of them at home or relaxing in the wilderness, thanks to the Edison & Ford Winter Estates non-profit which manages the property.

You can learn more at our **Third Thursday Talk** at 2:00pm on **August 15** when Matt Andres, curatorial registrar of the Estates, will speak in the Museum.

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FAREWELL


We were sorry to hear that former Everglades City mayor Sammy Hamilton, Jr., passed away on August 2nd after failing health. His family were pioneers in this area and he grew up in Chokoloskee. He eventually bought the old school boat and operated tours from the National Park.

He is seen here with his wife Brenda during our Tamiami Trail 85th Celebration in 2013. *Photo courtesy of Collier County Museums.*

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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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