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EVENTS

THIRD THURSDAY TALK MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES

Thursday, Sept 19 at 2:00pm

“Florida Pirates – Fact & Fiction”

Thursday, Oct 17 at 2:00pm

“From Laundry to Museum”

For info, call 239-252-5026

Museum Day Live!

Saturday, Sept 21, 11am-2pm

Naples Depot Museum

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SAVE THE DATE ...

FME ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Monday, December 9th

EXHIBITS

Pauline Reeves Gallery

August, September, October:

Edison & Ford in SW Florida

November, December:

Dick Jay, Multi-talented Artist

RECEPTION: December 13th



Volunteers got a cheer from Collier County Museum staff at the luncheon on September 12. The event took place at the Marco Island Historical Museum where we got a chance to see “the cat” after filling up on goodies.

EDISON & FORD IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

There was a full house for the Third Thursday Talk on August 15 when Matt Andres, curatorial registrar of the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, spoke about the two great men and their experiences in our area.

We learned that Edison first came to Florida in 1885, took the train from St. Augustine to Cedar Key, and then went by boat to Punta Rassa and decided to explore the local area. He bought 13 acres from Jacob Summerlin, the cattle baron, and built a retreat where he could relax from business worries. That was just the beginning – he persuaded his friend Henry Ford to join him and the families went on “Vagabond Adventures” in the Glades where young Edsel took photos.



The exhibit in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of our Museum continues through October. You can learn more about the homes in Fort Myers at their website www.edisonfordwinterestates.org which has historical background and many more pictures plus a visitors’ guide.



Florida Pirates – Fact & Fiction

Did Gasparilla really exist? And, was old Juan Gomez on Panther Key one of his crew?

Learn about them and other mysterious men roaming Southwest Florida waters on **Thursday, September 19**, at 2:00pm at the Third Thursday Talk in the Museum of the Everglades. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

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Open to the public Monday through Saturday, 9AM to 4 PM – Free Admission.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Visitors to our Museum during August were 1,300, down from 1,501 in July.

However, volunteers are needed even during the slower months. There are vacancies at all the Museums in the Collier County system. If you can help, call Karen Connetta at (239) 252-8722.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership continues to grow. Welcome to new member:

Rebecca Miller, Naples

If you join or renew now, your membership will be extended through 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We have awarded the FME Scholarship again this year to Devonte Detweiler who is continuing his degree at FGCU.

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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 : 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

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