

EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Dedicated to our Unique History

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Newsletter



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our busy winter season is starting ...

Friday, Jan 27: Movie Night

A showing of "Wind Across the Everglades" filmed here in 1957-58, popcorn & soft drinks (*see article inside*).

Saturday, Jan 21: Art-in-the-Glades

Arts & Crafts sale, live music in McLeod Park; ESHP will have a booth to sell cards and talk to people.

Saturday/Sunday, Feb 4/5: Everglades Seafood Festival

ESHP will have a booth to sell cards and talk to people.

Saturday, Feb 18: Antique Air Aficionados

Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast at Everglades Airport with official unveiling of historical marker.

Friday, Feb 24: Annual Members' Meeting & Dinner

Dinner in a local restaurant followed by a brief business meeting to announce new board members and then a talk about "Surveying the Everglades" by Craig Woodward.

Saturday, March 10: Everglades Homes Tour

A chance to visit older private houses and public buildings. Ticket is a souvenir booklet.

Saturday, March 10: Art-in-the-Glades

Headquarters for the Homes Tour plus Arts & Crafts sale and live music in McLeod Park.

Friday, March 23: Social Evening

Casual meal in a local restaurant and a chance to say farewell to seasonal visitors before they head away from Florida for the summer.

You can download a calendar with these and other events at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you can help for a few hours during Seafood Festival or at Art-in-the-Glades and the Homes Tour, phone 695-2905.

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in our Historical Library in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting is on **Monday, February 6**. Members are invited to attend and contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 59 active members. Renewal letters have been posted for 2012 contributions which can also be made with a debit/credit card at our website.



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HISTORICAL SIGNS

FOR YOUR ORIGINAL COLLIER HOME

We have a sample of the sign which we are offering to owners of historic houses in Everglades City.

The sign is 10 inches high by 14 inches wide and made of epoxy. There are two holes and screws for mounting. Cost is \$100 including tax. An order form is available on our website.

We are also designing larger signs to be placed in front of public buildings and sites.

If you would like to help with this project, please let Mike Danosky know at 695-2244.



Klotz Collection Cards

We have selected 5 images from the Klotz Collection of watercolors of historic buildings to reproduce as note cards. They are:

- Administration Building
- Smallwood Store
- Old School
- Inn after Rain
- Old Post Office and Trolley



An order form is available on our website. There is also a leaflet giving the background to the collection which Virginia Klotz kindly donated to ESHP.

The cards will be for sale (\$10 for a pack of 5) at Art-in-the-Glades on January 21 and at our booth during Seafood Festival on February 4/5.

DIRECTORS WANTED

The election of ESHP directors takes place this winter and candidates are being sought now. The term is three years. Directors attend meetings once a month during the winter to make decisions about event, activities, and administrative matters. Officers are elected annually by the directors.

Schedule for elections to the Board of Directors:

- Jan 2: nominations open
- Feb 6: nominations close
- Feb 7: ballots sent to members by post
- Feb 24: ballots counted at Annual Meeting
- March 5: new Board elects officers

If you would like to stand for election, please contact Marya at 695-2905 or email her at ESHP@hotmail.com.

News from the Historical Library 

You can see a list of the books in the library on our website. We also have magazines and numerous clippings & pictures.

The next time you have a clean-up, don't throw out old newspapers or photos – they may be of historical interest. If you would like to give them to the Library, phone (239) 695-2905.



"Wind Across the Everglades"

Hollywood came to Everglades City in 1957 with a star cast to film the story of plume hunters in the early 1900s.

Burl Ives, Gypsy Rose Lee, and Christopher Plummer took leading roles but also playing their parts were Emmet Kelly (the clown) and a young Peter Falk. Local talent included Totch Brown (who sang as "One-Note") and Cory & Mary Osceola.

The production team, headed by Budd Schulberg and Nicholas Ray, took over the Rod & Gun and changed the Depot into a station in the Miami area. They also used buildings along Broadway where the tennis courts are now and even created some dummy ones (photo below).

The script was written by Schulberg after he met Bud Kirk of Marco Island and learned about the area. The original book "Across the Everglades" has a lengthy introduction by Schulberg describing his discovery of the glades and its colorful history. His previous script "On the Waterfront" won an Academy Award in 1954.

The film was released in 1958 and reviewed in *The New York Times* September 12 issue. Bosley Crowther wrote:

Something of the wild natural beauty and the human barbarity that prevailed in the great swamps of Florida fifty years ago is caught in Stuart and Budd Schulberg's "Wind Across the Everglades" ...

Though it happens to be one of the most disordered professional motion pictures we've ever seen, it also happens to be unusual, robust and picturesque.

Come along on **Friday, January 27**, to see if you recognize any of the extras in the crowd scenes and to enjoy an Old-Fashioned Movie Night. The film will be shown in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind the Everglades Community Church at 7:00 p.m. and there will be free popcorn & soda. Everyone is welcome. For info, phone 695-2905.

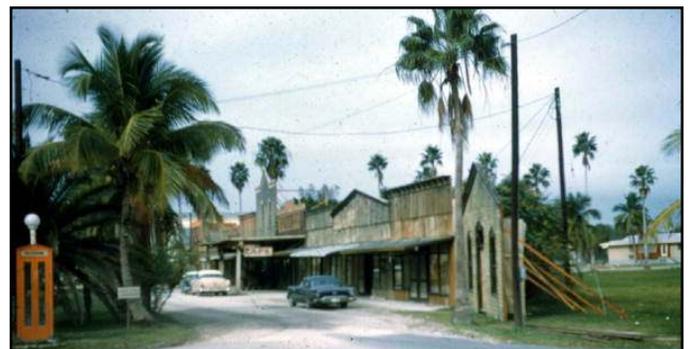


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