

**EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR
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Dedicated to our Unique History

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The **TOWN CRIER** newsletter is issued periodically to keep ESHP members and the public informed of our activities. We welcome news and feedback.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 10: Movie Night

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church
see article inside

Jan 18: Art-in-the-Glades

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McLeod Park
arts & crafts, music, food
ESHP will have a booth

Feb 7/8/9: Everglades Seafood Festival

music, food, carnival, arts & crafts
ESHP will have a booth

Feb 14: Movie Night

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

Feb 18-22: MSD Festival

Museum of the Everglades, 695-0008

Feb 28: Historical Talk & Annual Meeting

6:00 p.m., Everglades Community Church

March 8: Art-in-the-Glades

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McLeod Park

Walking Tour of Historic Chokoloskee

10:30 a.m., Chokoloskee Church of God

March 14: Movie Night

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

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 will be held on **Monday, February 2.**

BRICK BY BRICK DEADLINE!

January 15 is the last day we will accept orders for commemorative bricks to be installed in front of City Hall. You can get an order form on our website or in City Hall. For info, call (239) 695-2905.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 59 members. Renewal notices were be sent by post at the beginning of January 2014. Thanks to everyone who has replied promptly!

Welcome to new member:

Diane Dixon, Street, MD



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ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Support local vendors at Art-in-the-Glades on **Saturday, January 18**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. There will be live music and food for sale at lunch time.

Seen above in period dress is "Tommie Barfield; the Queen of Marco" as portrayed by historian and author Betsy Perdichizzi at the December event. ESHP also had a booth to sell cards, prints, and books – and to attract new members.

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC CHOKOLOSKEE

We are changing our annual Tour this year. Instead of visiting private homes, we shall conduct a Walking Tour of Historic Chokoloskee on **Saturday, March 8**.

Among the properties on the route are the Church of God, several cemeteries, JT's old store, and the Smallwood Store. Watch for more details in our next newsletter.

Cost is \$20 per person and includes a souvenir ticket booklet which will be ready soon. Proceeds help to pay for the historical signs that ESHP is ordering for our older public buildings.

For info, call 695-2905 or 695-3298.

ORAL HISTORY

The **Naples Historical Society** at Palm Cottage is showing films of their oral history program "If These Walls Could Talk" at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday. Some of the speakers have Everglades roots. House tours are also available. For info, call (239) 261-8164 or see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

News from the Historical Library



The next time you have a clean-up, don't throw out old books, newspapers, or photos – they may be of historical interest. If you would like to give them to the Historical Library in City Hall, where they are safe from storms, phone Marya Repko at (239) 695-2905.



Hollywood Came to Everglades City!

In the fall of 1957, producer Budd Schulberg and his crew moved in to film "Wind Across the Everglades" which he wrote after meeting Bud Kirk, a Marco man, and listening to stories about nefarious activities in the Everglades.

Stars of the movie were big Burl Ives, a young Christopher Plummer, and Gypsy Rose Lee. They bedded down in the Rod & Gun, sometimes causing a bit of chaos with their carousing.

Local residents were roped into playing bit parts, including Totch Brown. What is now McLeod Park was transformed into an old street with phony store fronts (*photo below*) and the Depot bore a sign proclaiming it was in Miami.

ESHP is showing a copy of the film on **Friday, January 10**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church. The event is free, including the popcorn & soda. Everyone is welcome.



photo courtesy of Florida State Archives

MAMIE STREET

There will be a public hearing on **January 14** at the Board of County Commissioners meeting. For info, talk with Patty at 695-2397.

