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HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

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 25: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

see article below

Feb 1: Visitor Center Grand Opening

11am, 207 West Broadway

see article inside

Feb 8/9: Everglades Seafood Festival

10am-6pm, McLeod Park

see article inside

Feb 14: Deadline for Brick-by-Brick orders

see article inside

Feb 21: ESHP Annual Meeting & Talk

5:30 pm, Island Cafe

Feb 22: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 3**, in our office at City Hall. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 63 current members. Thanks to those who renewed promptly after receiving our email reminder.

Welcome to new member:

Mary Tudor, Chokoloskee

To join us or renew, just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter or use a debit/credit card at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Join us on **Saturday, January 25**, for an informal arts & crafts fair in Everglades City from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. under the pavilion in McLeod Park which has new playground equipment for the kiddies.

We're looking forward to seeing old friends as they browse what our talented locals have created, from paintings to photos to clever artifacts. There will also be history books for sale and information about upcoming events.

Vendors are welcome to set up a table at no charge. For info, call Marya at (239) 695-2905.



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BRICK BY BRICK

Don't miss out if you want to order a commemorative engraved brick to be placed in front of Everglades City Hall.

The deadline is **Friday, February 14**. What better Valentines gift! We can even send a card to present to your loved one.

Bricks are available plain (3 lines, 20 letters each) at \$50 each or with little sketches (flag, pelican, cross, heart) at \$75.

You can get an order form at City Hall in the Water Billing Office or online at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.



Dance into the Decade

Naples Historical Society presents a performance of the Charleston during "Rebel With Society" at Palm Cottage on **Friday, January 31**, at 11:00 a.m. For info, see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org or phone (239) 261-8164.



EVERGLADES SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

ESHP will have a booth on the weekend of **February 8th & 9th** to tell the thousands of visitors how we strive to save our historic heritage.

For info and schedule of events, see evergladesseafoodfestival.org.



History & Heritage Festival

The Museum of the Everglades welcomes everyone to this new event which will take place during the week **February 17-21**.

One feature is the traditional MSD Luncheon on Tuesday at Everglades Isle. Sasha Wortzel will speak about her documentary film "River of Grass".

On Wednesday, local businesses and individuals will take part in an Everglades Expo after Otter John's popular Everglades Wildlife Show.

On Thursday there are two talks: "Lostman's Heritage" by author Karen Yvonne Hamilton about her Everglades ancestors and "Growing Up in Dupont" by Voncell Whitaker.

Friday is Preservation Day with Rachel Kangas of FPAN explaining how to restore old cemeteries.

For info, phone (239) 252-5026.

FAREWELL

John William Miller passed away at age 79 in November. Known as "Capt. Bill", he was a local fishing guide with a love of gardening and history. He was married to Dorothy Ann Ivey, who predeceased him (see *Town Crier*, April 2017), and was a stalwart of First Baptist Church of Everglades.

Frank Denninger, a traditional Gladesman and colorful character around town, passed away at his home in Hialeah in November.



NEW VISITOR CENTER

Where can tourists go to get local information?

ESHP is opening a Visitor Center to promote area businesses in the coral-colored building (*photo above*) at 207 West Broadway, opposite the Rod & Gun, where Glades Realty had their office.

The formal launch is on **Saturday, February 1**, with the Mayor cutting the ribbon and numerous other dignitaries taking part. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments after the historic ceremony.

The Visitor Center is also the Trail Town headquarters for the City which was recognized in 2019 by the Florida's Office of Greenways & Trails as an important hub for recreational activities, such as paddling, hiking and biking.



The Center will offer brochures and artwork for sale as well as answers to tourists' questions. It will be staffed by volunteers and open daily during our busy season.

If you can spare a few hours in the morning or afternoon to spread the word about what to do our historic area, call Kathy at 954-662-7003

News from the Historical Library



We are settling in at our new office on the first floor of City Hall, just near the front door, and trying to organize the books. Fortunately, the filing cabinets which contain documents and clippings are still upstairs where they should be safe from floods.

If you have old books or documents for the Historical Library, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.