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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

We are looking forward to the following events:

February 19: ORA Bazaar, Chokoloskee

February 25: Annual General Meeting dinner/talk

March 12: Everglades Homes Tour, Art-in-the-Glades

March 25: End-of-Season Social

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in our Historical Library on the second floor of Everglades City Hall. Members are welcome.

Outside Events

The **Museum of the Everglades** is holding the annual **Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival** on **February 22-25**. There are walks, talks, and luncheons. For reservations, phone (239) 695-0008.

The Museum is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For info, see www.evergladesmuseum.org.

The new **Marco Island Museum** is open to the public on Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and features a display of paintings entitled "Lost Tribes". For info, see www.theMIHS.org.

Naples Preserve is hosting a talk in their local history series on- Friday, **February 25** at 3:00 p.m. ESHP director Craig Woodward will talk about "Marco Island before the Mackles". For info, phone (239) 261-4290.

The **Naples Historical Society** at Palm Cottage is showing filmed recordings of their oral history program "If These Walls Could Talk". Guided walks and house tours are also available. For info, see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

The **Friends of Fakahatchee** are hosting a **Coastal Cruise** to Fakahatchee Island on **Sunday, March 20**. The island was home to a farming and fishing community a hundred years ago and even had a school. For info and to book online, see www.orchidswamp.org.

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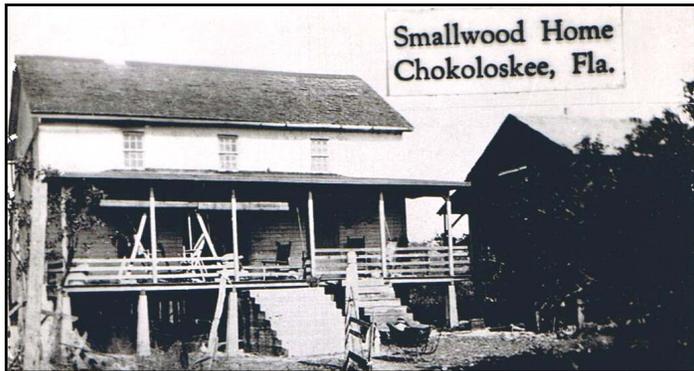
We have 62 members. Thanks to everyone who sent in renewals after receiving the annual notice last month. You can renew or join with a credit card at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.



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Thanks to Virginia Klotz for this picture of the old Smallwood Home in Chokoloskee.

ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER/TALK

Members and guests are invited to our Annual Meeting on **Friday, February 25**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Oyster House Restaurant (901 Copeland Avenue South, opposite the National Park in Everglades City).



After a brief meeting at which the results of the election for directors will be announced, there will be an illustrated lecture about the life of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, the environmentalist who influenced the way we think of the Everglades ecology.

Please let us know if you will attend by February 18 so that we can tell the restaurant how many people to expect. For info and reservations, phone 695-2905.

BY-LAW CHANGE

At the next Board Meeting on **Monday, March 7**, we intend to amend the By-Laws to allow directors to serve for three years. This will result in elections every three years. However, we will still have annual members' meetings. If you would like a copy of the By-Laws or have questions, please contact the President.

THANKS to Wings Thousand Island Aero Tours and Triad Seafood for helping with the Antique Air Aficionados Fly-In on January 22. We are not sure how many people showed up for the free pancake breakfast but we do know that 200 sausages were consumed. Unfortunately, inclement weather discourage many planes.

THANKS to Tom Leonard, Pat Fingeroff, and Jean Schultz for staffing our booth at Seafood Festival. We gave out 100 copies of the Festival edition of this newsletter and talked with some interesting people. And, we finally sold all the "Save City Hall" hats.



EVERGLADES HOMES TOUR

The event was so successful last year with over 500 people visiting our little town that we're working extra hard to make sure we surpass that. We have new buildings to visit and will be prepared for the onslaught this time.

We will have a registration booth in McLeod Park during Art-in-the-Glades where visitors can browse among the booths, listen to live music, and partake of refreshments.

Tickets are already available. The souvenir booklet which allows admission to each of the buildings is only \$20 per person. You can order copies online with a credit card or by downloading a postal form at www.evergladeshistorical.org. For info, phone (239) 695-0333 or (239) 594-0202. If you are in our area, stop in a City Hall to buy your booklets. It's a great day out in historic Olde Florida!

Historical Signage

One of our goals is to see signs outside each historic building in the area so visitors can appreciate what a unique place this is in fast-developing southwest Florida. The proceeds from the Everglades Homes Tour will be used to install markers for those owners who want to be part of the project.



News from the Historical Library 

A catalog of books donated to the library can be downloaded from our website www.evergladeshistorical.org. Among recent donations are three books about our history:

- Sullivan-Hartung, *Hidden History of Everglades City and Points Nearby*
- Perdichizzi, *The Phony Hermit*
- Repko, *Grandma of the Glades; A Brief Biography of Marjory Stoneman Douglas*

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.