

EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR 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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Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 9/10: Everglades Seafood Festival

ESHP will have a booth

Feb 15: Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Community Church

"Distant Drums" starring Gary Cooper

free popcorn & soda, call 695-2905 for info

Feb 19-23: MSD Festival, Museum of the Everglades

see www.evergladesmuseum.org or call 695-0008

Feb 22: Annual Meeting & Dinner/Talk, 6:00 p.m.

"Remembering the Past – Oral History"

Everglades Seafood Depot, cost \$25

book online or call 695-2905

Mar 9: Art-in-the-Glades, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

McLeod Park, ticket sales for Homes Tour

Mar 9: Everglades Homes Tour

see article inside

Mar 15: Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Community Church

2 episodes from 1960s TV series "The Everglades"

starring Ron Hayes as patrolman Lincoln Vail

free popcorn & soda, call 695-2905 for info

Mar 15: Social Evening

informal dinner at local restaurant

Apr 27: Tamiami Trail 85th Anniversary, Museum

see www.evergladesmuseum.org or call 695-0008

You can download a calendar of events at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

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 meetings will be held on **February 4** and **March 4**. Members are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 59 members, 39 of whom have renewed for 2013. Thanks to everyone who replied promptly to the letters in January. Reminders will be sent to those in arrears. You can join or renew online with a credit/debit card at our website.

Welcome to new members:

Tod Dahlke, Naples

Wayne Kerstetter & Deborah Allen, Marco


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Distant Drums

Our second “Old-Fashioned Movie Night” this winter is on **Friday, February 15**, when we will show the full-length film “Distant Drums” starring Gary Cooper.

This feature production was made in 1951 and focuses on the Seminole Wars in the 1850s with scenes shot around this area. Cooper plays a Army captain and the love interest is provided by Mari Aldon who has been captured by the Indians. The movie is in Technicolor and runs 1 hour, 40 minutes.

Come enjoy popcorn and soda while you indulge in nostalgia at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall in Everglades Community Church. The event is free and open to the public. For info, see www.evergladeshistorical.org or call (239) 695-2905.

ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER/TALK

The theme this year is “Remembering the Past” and we focus on Oral History. After a short film about how to record and save important memories, we will hear from older residents who will tell us what it was like to live here – what they did in the Collier company town, logging in the Fakahatchee, being isolated on Chokoloskee before the causeway was completed.

The event takes place on **Friday, February 22**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Everglades Seafood Depot where we will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner before a brief business meeting and then the featured program. Cost is \$25 including tax & tips. Reservations are required. You can book online or send in the form with a check. For info, call Marya at (239) 695-2905.

Antiques Appraisal

Estero Historical Society is hosting an Antiques Appraisal on **Saturday, February 23**, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Estero Community Park. Cost for 2 items, payment in advance, is \$15 or \$10 at the door. For info, call (239) 949-1518.



EVERGLADES HOMES TOUR

One of the buildings on our **Everglades Homes Tour** on **Saturday, March 9**, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. is the historic Ivey House which is now a Bed & Breakfast.

The original lodge was built as a recreation hall for Tamiami Trail workers in DuPont, across the river. It was moved to its present site in 1926 and converted into a boarding house. After the Trail was completed, the Ivey family operated it.

Other buildings on the tour include City Hall (the original Collier County Courthouse), First Baptist Church, the famous Rod & Gun Lodge, and a number of private homes whose owners have graciously agreed to open to the public for the afternoon.

The souvenir ticket booklet costs \$20 per person. You can buy one in advance on our website using a credit/debit card or fill in the form to send with a check. There will be tickets for sale at **Art-in-the-Glades** which also takes place on **March 9** in McLeod Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For info, call (239) 695-2905.

News from the Historical Library



You can see the catalog of books on our website. We also have periodicals and numerous clippings & pictures which may be copied but not taken away.

Thanks to Varick Niles for giving us a collection of old tourist information (maps, brochures) which are interesting reading because some of the businesses are no longer here.

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 Historical Library in City Hall, where they are safe from storms, phone us at (239) 695-2905.