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Dedicated to our Unique History

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Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2014
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 7/8/9: Everglades Seafood Festival

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

Feb 14: Romantic Movie Night

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

Feb 18-22: MSD Festival

Museum of the Everglades, 695-0008
see article inside

Feb 22: MSD Art-in-the-Glades Day

Museum of the Everglades, 695-0008
ESHP will have a booth, see article inside

Feb 28: Historical Talk & Annual Meeting

6:00 p.m., Everglades Community Church
see article inside

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
see article inside

March 14: Movie Night

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

March 20: Historical Talk "Florida Enchantments"

5:30 p.m., Everglades City Hall

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, March 3.**

VOTE FOR ECITY!

Everglades City is one of 15 candidates to be named for the "America's Coolest Small Town" award. **Please vote every day until February 25** at www.budgettravel.com.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 62 members of whom 17 have not yet renewed for 2014. Thanks to everyone who replied promptly to the notices sent by post in January.

You can renew or join with a credit/debit card at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Welcome to new members:

Nancy Kleeman & Dick Kalin, Marco Island
Dr & Mrs Robert Cady, Naples



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Romantic Movie Night

Spend Valentines Day with Humphrey Bogart & Lauren Bacall!

Join them with Edward G. Robinson for a romantic episode in "Key Largo", the famous film directed in 1948 by John Huston, as the good guys and the bad guys battle it out in the middle of a hurricane.

There will be Valentines treats as well as free popcorn and soda when this classic movie is shown on **Friday, February 14**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind the Everglades Community Church.

Reservations required. Email ESHP@hotmail.com or call (239) 695-2905.

MSD Festival

Environmentalism Marjory Stoneman Douglas is commemorated during the Festival on **February 18-22** with walks, talks, and other excursions into her beloved "River of Grass". The event is organized by the Museum of the Everglades. Reservations are required for most events.

See www.evergladesmuseum.org for a schedule or phone (239) 695-0008.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES

As part of the MSD Festival, Art-in-the-Glades will be held on **Saturday, February 22**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in front of the Museum. ESHP will have a booth.

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC CHOKOLOSKEE

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 8**, when we will conduct a Walking Tour of Historic Chokoloskee.

Cost is \$20 per person and includes a souvenir ticket booklet. For info and to book in advance, see our website www.evergladeshistorical.org or call 695-2905 or 695-3298.

MOUND KEY VISITS

You can get a glimpse into our Calusa past during a guided visit to historic Mound Key where these ancient Native Americans lived hundreds of years ago. They had a sophisticated society and left various remains, including shell mounds.

The trips by boat from West Bay in Estero are on March 3, April 7, April 14, and May 5. Cost is \$45 and places are limited. For info, call (239) 851-9040.



FILMING THE EVERGLADES

Our showing of "Wind Across the Everglades" in January was so popular that there was standing-room-only!

Join us on **Friday, February 28**, to hear memories about the making of this celebrated movie from K.C. Schulberg whose dad Stuart and uncle Budd produced and wrote it. K.C. is planning a new film in Southwest Florida about which he will also speak. After his presentation, we will again show "Wind".

The event takes place at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind the Everglades Community Church. There is no charge but reservations are required. To book your places, email ESHP@hotmail.com or call (239) 695-2905.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

We will hold a brief but necessary Annual Members' Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on **Friday, February 28**, just before our featured speaker begins (*see article above*).

We would like to thank Jane Rackley for all her years of serving on the Board. She resigned as a Director at the end of 2013 and we will miss her constructive suggestions at meetings.

MAMIE STREET

At the hearing on January 14, Collier County Board of Commissioners decided not to vacate the historic road that leads to the Smallwood Store & Museum. The hearing lasted over 2 hours with 19 members of the public speaking persuasively. If you would like to donate to the Smallwood legal fund, see www.smallwoodstore.com.



News from the Historical Library



We received a copy of *What Happened to Ochopee* from author Jeff Whichello who grew up in the little town at the Golden Lion Motor Inn which his parents owned and operated. He describes poignantly how the National Park Service bought up most of the land to create Big Cypress National Preserve.

Jeff will have a booth at the Everglades Seafood Festival to sign his new book. You can order a copy online from him at www.JFLU.org.

We were sorry to hear that Patrick Smith, author of *A Land Remembered*, passed away recently at age 86.

If you would like to give old books, newspapers, or photos to the Historical Library in City Hall, where they are safe from storms, phone Marya Repko at (239) 695-2905.