

**EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Dedicated to our Unique History

P O Box 46, Everglades City, FL, 34139
email: ESHP@hotmail.com

ESHP is currently concentrating on the restoration of the City Hall building which was constructed in 1928 as the original Collier County Court House.

The Society is also concerned with preserving all historic sites, structures, documents, artifacts and memories within the Everglades area.

TOWN CRIER

**Newsletter
of the
EVERGLADES
SOCIETY FOR
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION**

March 2005
VOLUME I, NUMBER 1



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP 2005

- Individual (\$25) Family (\$40)
- Patron (\$100) Benefactor (\$500)
- Business (\$100) Extra (\$_____)

*Please make check payable to "ESHP" and send to
ESHP, P.O.Box 46, Everglades City, FL, 34139*

NAME _____

STREET/P.O.BOX _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

ALTERNATE ADDRESS

STREET / P.O.BOX: _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

MONTHS AT ALTERNATE ADDRESS:

- JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN
- JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

I would like to help with

- fund raising publicity
- special events merchandise sales
- grant writing engineering & architecture
- legal advice political liaison
- other _____

Meet George and Friends

You are invited to our first special event, a dinner in honor of artist George Furrer (see story inside) on Tuesday, April 12, at the Rod & Gun Lodge. Meet at 6:00p.m. for drinks (cash bar) followed by a set meal. The price of \$25 includes a raffle ticket. First prize is a print of George's City Hall sketch. Other raffle prizes are a T-shirt and a hat.

Places are limited so call 695-2277 or 695-2397 to reserve your seats. We hope to have a good turn-out to let George know how much we appreciate his generosity.

SPOT THE BUMPER STICKER

There's an old game called "I Spy" to keep kids quiet on long trips. When stuck in the traffic these days in ECity, why not try spotting the *Save City Hall* bumper stickers to keep your road rage down? And, you can help other drivers by putting a sticker on your own car for only \$2. They are available in City Hall, the Glades Gallery and other outlets around town.

THANKS

We are grateful to the family and friends of Mildred Cooke for a substantial donation in her memory. Mildred Cooke was the first (and, so far, only) female Mayor of ECity from 1973 to 1975. Although she later moved out of the area, she returned for visits and was always interested in our progress here.

OLD PHOTOS NEEDED

We want to document the changes in the appearance of City Hall when we apply for a listing on the National Register of Historic Buildings. If you have any photos from the 1960's or before, please let us know so that we can borrow briefly them to make copies. Contact Marya at 695-2905 or Patty at 695-2397 or email us on ESHP@hotmail.com.



EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Dedicated to our Unique History

P O Box 46, Everglades City, FL, 34139 • email: ESHP@hotmail.com

OUR GATOR JAZZ FRIENDS

You must have noticed the little characters that adorn our masthead and our T-shirts, caps and bumper stickers. They are part of a clever sketch of City Hall drawn by Swiss visitor Jurg Furrer ("George" to his English-speaking friends).

George donated his artistic impression of City Hall, complete with marching band of local animal characters and human onlookers, for our exclusive use to benefit the restoration fund. It was through his friendship with Carol Moseman that this idea materialized and she took the initiative to have greeting cards printed with his humorous and colorful drawing.

There are so many "goodies" in George's picture. We have isolated a huge palm tree as our measuring stick to track the Save City Hall fundraising. Watch for other jazz friends to appear in our promotions!

George was born in 1939 and is a professional cartoonist and illustrator, as well as a drummer in a Dixieland jazz band. He first came to this area from his native Switzerland in 1983 and still returns several times a year to appreciate the flora and fauna of the Big Cypress area. As past President of the Swiss Orchid Society, he is particularly interested in our orchids. We are fortunate to have his a friendship and talent.



MEMBERSHIP

We have 22 "Founding Members" who signed up before the close of the Inaugural Meeting. We were encouraged by the three local businesses who joined and would also like to thank the two individuals who opted to become Patrons and the one generous Benefactor.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us. Just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter and send it to us or drop it off at City Hall. We need all the support we can get to restore the building so don't forget to indicate how you can help with activities and practical advice.



FUND RAISING

Much of our income last year came from the sale of potholders quilted by Carol Moseman and Christmas cards featuring the City Hall drawing by ECity student Jacob Brown.

This year we are selling T-shirts, caps, bumper stickers and greeting cards based on the "gator jazz" sketch. The items did well at the Seafood Festival, Art in the Glades and the ORA Bazaar. The collection is available at City Hall, the Glades Gallery (Tues-Sat, 10am-4pm) and other outlets around town.

INAUGURAL MEETING

ESHP held its first general meeting on March 16, 2005, at 5:30p.m. in Everglades City Hall. President Patty Huff welcomed everyone, including Mayor Sammy Hamilton, and outlined our purpose as a Society, mainly to restore the City Hall building. Treasurer April Breton reported that we had collected over \$7000 through merchandise sales, memberships, donations and the Giant Rummage Sale this January.

Karen Cabral and architect Dan Summers explained that we need to find out what level of restoration is required to qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Buildings before we decide what work to do on City Hall. The minimum would be to repair the foundation. We will be applying for grants which probably require that we provide matching funds.

Jean Schultz and April Breton said that fundraising would be very active over the next three to five years. The sum that may be involved is up to \$5 million. They are working on a schedule of events for next year that includes: fishing tournament, motorcycle rally, Crackers' Ball, triathlon. Any suggestions are welcome.

Carol Moseman gave us some background on the dinner on April 12 at the Rod & Gun but swore everyone to secrecy since George does not know yet that he will be honored.

Our next official meeting will be on Wednesday, June 15, at 5:30p.m. in City Hall. However, committees will be meeting over the next three months and members are invited to join. Phone Patty on 695-2397 or email ESHP@hotmail.com.