

# 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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### ESHP ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

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

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### MONTHS AT ALTERNATE ADDRESS:

- JAN     FEB     MAR     APR     MAY     JUN  
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### *I would like to help with*

- fund raising       Historical Library  
 special events     merchandise sales  
 publicity/website     historical research  
 legal/financial       engineering/architecture  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We had great publicity recently in the Naples, Marco, and Fort Myers media for the **Everglades Homes Tour** on **Saturday, March 13**, and we anticipate a good crowd to visit the five private houses and four other buildings that will be open to visitors with tickets from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will also be a sale by local artists & authors at the famous Rod & Gun Lodge which is headquarters for the tour. The souvenir ticket booklet is for sale at \$20 per person (adults only) on our website, at City Hall, or on the day (if there are any left!) at the Rod & Gun. For info, phone Pat at 695-4642 or Jean at 695-0202.

The next **Art-in-the-Glades** is on **Saturday, March 20**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. ESHP will have a table with our cards and brochures at the informal arts & crafts fair to which vendors are invited free of charge. This a great community gathering with live music and hotdogs available. It will be joined this month by the ROGG Everglades Bicycle Ride. For more info, phone (239) 695-2905.

Join us for an **End-of-Season Social** on **Friday, March 26**, at 6:00 p.m. at Camellia Street Grill in Everglades City. Buy your dinner off the menu and enjoy live music in the company of other members before they flock to points north and west.

The **extended deadline for bricks** is **Monday, March 22**. The engraved pavers will be placed in the pathway in front of City Hall. They make a great way to commemorate an anniversary, birth, or death, to say thanks to someone, or to give as a graduation gift. Forms are available at City Hall or on our website. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We have 71 members. Reminders were sent with the February news and are again included with this mailing to the remaining 19 who have not renewed. You can renew or join on our website using a credit card securely with PayPal.

The distribution by membership class is Individual (30), Family (29), Patron (6), Benefactor (1), and Business (5).

Our thanks to our consistent Patron whose name will be engraved on bricks in front of City Hall for his support in 2009, 2009, and 2010.

### **Welcome to new member:**

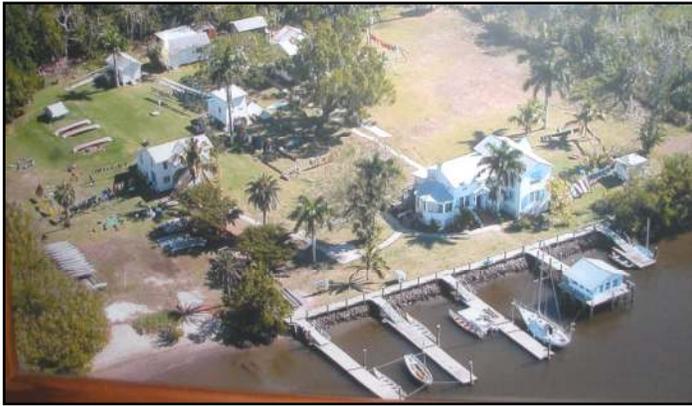
Maureen Sullivan-Hartung, Naples



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**SUNSET LODGE CEMETERY**

The shell-mound property on the west side of the Barron River was farmed after the Civil War by the Weeks brothers and from 1883 by the Brown family. After the 1926 hurricane, it was purchased by Barron Collier and later became Sunset Lodge with a little bar on the dock called the “Hook, Line, and Sinker”.

Outward Bound of North Carolina bought the property in 1987 as a base camp for their backcountry expeditions.

The cemetery on the adjacent land, which is now owned by the State, contains the Brown family burial plot. The gravestones still visible are:

- John Joseph Brown  
March 10, 1892
- Norman W. Brown  
October 28, 1899 to August 21, 1912
- Judith Gaile Brown  
April 10, 1941 to April 4, 1943
- Maggie S. Wintle, Our Sister  
April 13, 1879 to September 24, 1897



**Audrey Brown Hancock looking at her family’s graves on a recent trip to Outward Bound. With thanks to Jeff Lovett for welcoming our group. Photos by Helen Bryan.**

**SAVE THE HISTORIC  
EVERGLADES BANK BUILDING**

Our latest campaign is to make sure that this 1927 building is kept for posterity. The Bank operated here until 1962 when it moved to Immokalee. The structure was then used over the years as a boarding house, offices for the *Everglades Echo* newspaper, and bed & breakfast.

The Bank Building was listed in 1999 on the National Register of Historic Places. The architect William O. Sparklin also designed the Courthouse (City Hall).

The building is now for sale. Although the inside has been partially stripped, the old vault remains. The foundations are thought to be sound and an inspection will be made of the roof.

If you would like more information about the old Bank building, phone Patty at 695-2397.



**News from the Historical Library**



The Historical Library is grateful for donations of books, photos, and documents which are all carefully cataloged. Items can not be removed but may be copied for historical research. For more info, phone (239) 695-2905.

**Thanks again to Pat Fingeroff and to Helen Bryan for volunteering at our table at the ORA Bazaar in Chokoloskee on February 27. We sold some books and handed out Brick order forms.**



**NEWS FROM FTTHP**

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation has announced the appointment of a new executive director. Mathias Bergendahl was previously with the St Pete Museum of History.

Florida Heritage Month starts on March 15 and events around the state can be found at [www.floridaheritagemonth.com](http://www.floridaheritagemonth.com).

The Annual Statewide Preservation Conference this year is at the Sanibel Harbour Resort on May 13-15. For info, see the FTTHP website [www.floridatrust.org](http://www.floridatrust.org).