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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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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
free popcorn & soda, see article inside

Mar 15: Social Evening
informal dinner at local restaurant
call Marya at 695-2905

Apr 7: Church of God 100th Anniversary
Chokoloskee, call 695-3735

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 **March 4** and **April 1**. Members are invited to attend.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

The last Coastal Cruises to historic Fakahatchee Island take place on **March 13** and **March 30**. Cost is \$75 and reservations are required. For info, call 695-1023 or see www.orchidswamp.org (click on Events).

The Marco Island Historical Society is holding the "Big Sift" archeological dig **March 11-22**. Volunteers can call Gene at (239) 777-5272 or email gnerjavec@aol.com.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

MEMBERSHIP

We have 62 members, 16 of whom have not renewed and have been sent reminders. You can join or renew online with a credit/debit card at our website.

Welcome to new members:
Gay & Art Bengochea, Ft Lauderdale
Don Laycock, Frostproof
John & Elsa Kunna, Everglades City


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Movie Night

Our third "Old-Fashioned Movie Night" this winter is on **Friday, March 15**, when we will show two more episodes from "The Everglades" starring Ron Hayes as Patrolman Lincoln Vail. Our screening in January was a big hit with attendees coming from as far away as Naples and Marco Island.



The series was made in 1961-61 and shot in Everglades locales. The signature music brings back memories to those who followed the series as youngsters.

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

Elaine Reed, executive director of the Naples Historical Society, spoke to a cozy gathering of about 25 people at our Annual Dinner on February 22 at the Seafood Depot. She explained that, because they could not save old buildings in Naples, they decided to save memories. The result was a series of 1½-hour recordings of interviews with old-timers captured professionally on video. She showed an award-winning 20-minute film which encapsulates some of the interviews, all of which are available to view at Palm Cottage, near Naples pier. For info, see www.NaplesHistoricalSociety.org.

After her presentation, there was a "gab fest" among local attendees about life in the ECity area including topics as diverse as "crazy Mary" (who stabbed people) and living with mosquitoes. Among those who spoke up were Don Laycock (nephew of Sheriff Atkins), who shared his scrapbooks, *in photo below*, Ron Echols (of the laundry family), Arita Parker & Barbara Daniels (grew up in ECity), Jeff Whichello (Golden Lion Motor Inn), and Betsy Perdichizzi (Marco Island).



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 First Baptist Church across from the school

The building was originally a Methodist Chapel out in Jerome where it served the logging community. When the sawmill closed in the mid-1950s, owner C. J. Jones offered the little church beautifully-made of local cypress to the new Baptist congregation in Everglades City.

Other buildings on the tour include City Hall (the original Collier County Courthouse), the Ivey House, 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 also be tickets for sale at **Art-in-the-Glades** which takes place on **March 9** in McLeod Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Several authors of local history will be signing their books. For info, call (239) 695-2905.

News from the Historical Library



THANKS to Don Laycock for donating a copy of the *Atkins Family Genealogy* which includes Collier County Sheriff Roy Atkins who Don used to visit as a youngster in the 1950s.

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.

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.