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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

March 11: Movie Night 5:30pm, Everglades Community Church March 12: Art-in-the-Glades 10am-2pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City April 23: Museum Birthday 10am-2pm, Museum of the Everglades July 2: Independence Day Celebration 10am-1pm, McLeod Park Sept 24: Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet 10am-1pm, Rod & Gun Club Nov 18: Welcome-Back Historical Talk 5:30pm, Everglades Community Church Nov 19: Monroe Music Festival

11am-dark, Rod & Gun Club

Download a calendar from our website.

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month in our Historical Library in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 4. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 72 members including 11 who have not renewed for 2016. It is easy to join or renew. Just fill in the form in this newsletter to send with a check or see our website evergladeshistorical.org to pay with a credit/debit card.

Welcome to new member: James Parnell, Duck Key

ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Several local history books will feature at Art-in-the-Glades on Saturday, March 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. Besides arts & crafts, there will be hotdogs for lunch and live music. Vendors are welcome to set up a table; phone 695-2905 for info.

Naples Airport History

The Naples Historical Society at Palm Cottage will present a Garden-Side Chickee Chat on Friday, March 18, about the role of the Naples Aerodrome in World War II and its development since then. For info, call (239) 261-8164 or see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

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ANNUAL MEETING & TALK

A capacity crowd of 41 people enjoyed the illustrated presentation on February 26 by Craig Woodward about "Pirates in Southwest Florida" in which he dispelled some of the myths about these mysterious buccaneers.

During the obligatory Annual Members' Meeting at the beginning of the evening, ESHP president Marya Repko outlined the society's achievements in 2015 (see February issue of this newsletter).

Our thanks to Craig and to Island Café for hosting us so efficiently.



We had a crowd of 55 attendees on February 5 for our showing of "Wind Across the Everglades" which has been described as the first eco-film, a landmark when it was made in 1957. The audience clapped at the end after appreciating the wonderful wildlife photography as well as the story-line.

The (anonymous) donor of film emailed:

So glad it was enjoyed so much, it really touches my heart every time I view it. Thanks for what you do for my Everglades.

Thanks to her for sending us such a good copy, to Craig Woodward for the use of his equipment, to Leanne Kurrle, her daughter Nancy, and Helen Bryan for helping with popcorn/drinks and to Everglades Community Church for the use of the Jinkins Fellowship Hall.

MONROE STATION RESTORATION

The fund has raised \$1,428 so far and we have heard from people who remember good times there. We will have a Music Festival on **Saturday, November 19,** to raise funds.



Our work on grant applications is now top priority. We are asking for endorsements from community leaders so we can show support for this project.

For info, call (239) 695-2905 or see evergladeshistorical.org.



LEARN ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT

Join us for the award-winning film about the unique riches we have so nearby and hear them described by luminaries including Clyde Butcher, Mike Owen, and Franklin Adams.

"Big Cypress Swamp; The Western Everglades" was produced/directed by Elam Stoltzfus and shown nationally on television. He has kindly sent us a copy and given us permission to screen it. If you can not attend and want to order the DVD, see <u>www.liveoakproductiongroup.com</u>.

The film will be shown on **Friday, March 11,** at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind the Everglades Community Church. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge but *reservations are required*. To book your places, email <u>ESHP@hotmail.com</u> or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

News from the Historical Library



An updated catalog of books is available on our website. Some recent additions to the library include:

Crews, Florida Frenzy Milanich, Frolicking Bears, Wet Vultures & Other Oddities Powell, Pioneer, Go Home! Vance, May Mann Jennings Wilkinson, The Shaw Diary veu would like to give old books, newspapers, or photos t

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



Don't miss the wonderful paintings of local scenes by Paul Arsenault (seen above with his wife Eileen) at the Museum of the Everglades during the month of March. For info, call 695-0008.