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- fund raising Historical Library
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OPEN HOUSE

The new ESHP office will be on show during a tour of City Hall on **Friday, April 13**, at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come along to view the Jerry Vallez pictures and Historical Library (see articles inside this newsletter), as well as the rest of the beautifully restored building.

NEXT ESHP MEETING

The ESHP Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 3**, in the Community Church Annex. Everyone is welcome.

PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

The National Trust annual conference is in St Paul, MN, on Oct 2-6.. See www.nthp.org.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 71 members including 16 who have not yet renewed this year and will receive reminders.

Our 24 Founding Members, who joined before the first meeting on March 16, 2005, will be commemorated in the engraved bricks on the pathway in front of City Hall. Benefactors and major donors also have bricks in their names.

We send the newsletter (in full color) by email to 52 members, saving \$20 for this issue and even more when postage increases in May. The file is now in PDF format which should be easier to read. *If we do not have your email address, please send a short message to ESHP@hotmail.com.* We only use addresses for the newsletter and for official notices from ESHP.

Welcome to new members who signed up since our last newsletter:

- Martha Crevier, Chokoloskee & Orleans, MA
- Lou & Joline Drudi, ECity & St.George, VT
- Jerry & Pat Fingeroff, ECity & Rydal, PA
- Marci Hallock, Scappoose, OR
- Sonny Scott, ECity & Lakeland, FL



THANKS!!!

to Alan Pape who painted this picture of our booth at Seafood Festival and then donated it to ESHP for a Silent Auction at Art-in-the-Glades on February 24 where the highest bidder was Robin Barnes. Also, to his wife Marilyn (seen seated under the tent) who helped to sell T-shirts and other merchandise. We look forward to seeing them again next year.

to Tom Leonard who struggled patiently to put up and take down the tent for Seafood Festival.

to Joyce Laeser who organized our table at the ORA Bazaar on February 10.

OLD BUILDINGS ATTRACT TOURISTS

Florida Secretary of State Kurt Browning said in an interview on March 29 on public radio station WGCU that the money awarded in grants for historic preservation is paid back many times over in increased revenue from historical tourism.



Historical Library

Our dream of having a place for old photos, documents, and books has finally become a reality, thanks to the Mayor for giving us a room in the restored City Hall. Besides the bookcase pictured above, we will also have locking filing cabinets.

Donors' items will be cataloged in a computer data base for easy reference. We also have a scanner so that we can back up original images.

Donors will always be able to take back their own material. We hope this guarantee encourages people with important collections to feel secure about handing them over.

Books and papers will not be allowed out of the building but can be copied for personal research. The library will only be open when one of our members is there to supervise access to the archives. Until we have a roster of volunteers, readers and donors can phone 695-2397 or 695-2905 to make an appointment.



VALLEZ PAINTINGS

We have acquired five original oil paintings of local historical buildings by renown Naples artist Jerry Vallez. The subjects are: Smallwood Store, JT's Store, Rod & Gun Lodge, old Everglades Inn, old Market (see picture left). They will be hung in our City Hall office.

The artist has kindly allowed us to reproduce the images to benefit ESHP. We already have greeting cards for sale (\$2.50 single, \$10 pack of 5 assorted). The back of each card has a paragraph about the history of the building.

We are also considering having 8x10-inch prints made, if there appears to be a demand for them.