

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Friends of the Museum of the Everglades celebrate the **Museum's 11th Birthday** on **Saturday, April 25**, beginning at 10:30 a.m. There will be antique cars, storytelling by old-timers, free hotdogs & cake, and a guided Walking Tour of Historic Buildings. For more info, phone Patty at 695-2397 or stop in at the Museum for a flyer.

The next **ESHP Board Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, May 5**, at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall. Members are welcome.

ESHP will have a booth at the **Independence Day celebrations** in Everglades City on **Sunday, July 5**. If you can help out, phone Marya at 695-2905. And, if you have ideas about a float in the parade, let her know.

Events for Next Season

Some of the ideas we have for activities the fall and winter of 2009/2010 are:

- Sunset Boat Cruise
- Visit to Outward Bound
- Fly-in of Antique Airplanes
- "Wind Across the Everglades" talk & showing
- Visits to Museums in southern Florida
- Historic Homes Tour

If you have ideas or would like to help, please contact any of the directors (*see list on inside page*) or email ESHP@hotmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 71 members. However, there are 11 members who have not renewed for 2009. They will be sent final reminders with this newsletter.

Welcome to new members:

Fred & Mary Ford, Everglades City and West Lafayette, IN

NEWSLETTER

This will be the last issue of *The Town Crier* until after the summer ... unless there is something spectacular to report.

Do keep in touch and let us know what you have been doing that might be of interest to other members. Just email ESHP@hotmail.com with your news.



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FAREWELL SOCIAL

Our last event of the season was an informal dinner at the Camellia Street Grill on Friday, March 27. Thanks to all the “snow birds” who have helped out during the winter and spring. We will miss you and hope you have a good summer.

Financial Matters

We have acquired a copy of Quick Books software and entered all our bookkeeping, going back to our foundation in 2005. It should be much easier in the future to produce Profit/Loss Reports and Balance Sheets and to file our tax return.

We have also opened an account with the Shamrock Bank of Florida which now has a branch in Everglades City Hall.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

A reminder that our directors are Mike Danosky (Vice-President), Patty Huff (Secretary), Jane Rackley, Marya Repko (President), Pat Rinkevich, Terry Smallwood, and Jean Schultz.

HISTORY ON TV

Local public broadcasting station WGCU will air an episode of “Untold Stories” on **Friday, April 24**, at 8:30 p.m. The title is “Protecting Paradise: Collier County Conservation” and the program deals with the proposed jetport and other projects that impacted the Glades. The program repeats on **Saturday at 6:30 p.m.** and **Sunday at 11:00 p.m.** For more info, see www.wgcu.org where you can also order DVDs.

Old Wood & Specialty Millwork



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Marco Island Museum

Congratulations to the Marco Island Historical Society which has raised over \$4 million so far and has begun building the Museum which they hope will house the “Key Marco Cat” among other historic artifacts and documents. The Calusa “panther lion god” carving is currently stored by the Smithsonian and can not be moved until a suitable building with a controlled environment is available.



The new museum is located on Heathwood Drive (next to the library) and scheduled to be dedicated in early 2010. The complex will be composed of three buildings connected by galleries and walkways, landscaped with a lagoon, and planted with Florida natives. When finished, it will be part of the Collier County Museums system.

However, the fundraising continues. The MIHS are asking for donations of \$1,000 which can be paid over 4 years (\$250 now and each year through 2012). In return, the donor’s name will be listed on the Founders’ Circle wall inside the Museum. The deadline for this campaign is **Friday, May 15**, which also happens to be the birthday of Capital Campaign co-chair Betsy Perdichizzi.

For more info (and to give her a great birthday present), contact Betsy at (239) 394-6917. To see photos of the progress of the building and fundraising, see the Society’s website www.themihs.org where you can download a donation form.

News from the Historical Library



We have bought another bookcase! Over the next few weeks, we will catalog and shelve the donated volumes that have been piled up in boxes. Thanks to Phill Lawry for assembling this very important new piece of furniture.