

**EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR
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Dedicated to our Unique History

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Apr 27: Tamiami Trail 85th Anniversary
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Everglades Museum
www.evergladesmuseum.org or (239) 695-0008
see article inside

May 8: Collier County 90th Anniversary
1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Naples Depot
local artists, food vendors, time-capsule
www.colliermuseums.com or (239) 262-6525

May 8: A Brush with History
North Collier Regional Park, exhibit until May 30
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Opening with speakers
www.colliermuseums.com or (239) 252-8476

June 29: Independence Day Celebration
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Everglades City
parade, music, food vendors, kiddies' games
ESHP will have a booth, call 695-2905

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 meeting will be held on **May 6**. Members are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 63 members, 9 of whom have not renewed and have been sent reminders. You can join or renew online with a credit/debit card at our website.

Our members are mostly local, as one would expect, but we do have some from outside the area. The distribution is:

- Everglades City 24
- Chokoloskee 8
- Naples 13
- Marco Island 6

plus others further away in Florida and one from Oregon.

Welcome to new members:

- Jinny Ball, Naples
- Carol Meyer, Marco Island


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TAMIAMI TRAIL 85TH

This section of the Tamiami Trail (now US-41) was opened with great ceremony on April 26, 1928, after a mammoth effort by Barron Collier's engineers to cross the Everglades swamp. This was a huge event which is being re-created on **Saturday, April 27**, and all are invited.

The program is:

- 10:00– Pancake Fly-In at Airport
- 11:00 – Parade around town, Antique Cars
Booths open in McLeod Park
arts & crafts, face-painting
- 12:00 – Opening Ceremony, City Hall
- 12:30 – Sailor Children's Circus
Fish Fry & BBQ
- 1:30 – Guest Speaker – Jeff Klinkenberg
- 2:30 – Old-Timers' Story-Telling
- 3:30 – Guided Walking Tour of Historic Sites
- 4:30 – Tea & Birthday Cake (Rod & Gun)
- 5:30 – Movie & Popcorn

The day is being organized by Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, who are also celebrating the 15th Birthday of the Museum. For info, call 695-0008 or see the FME website www.evergladeshmuseum.org.



FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

Virginia Klotz, ESHP member and supporter, passed away on March 4 at age 92. She first came to Everglades City in 1969 with her parents and operated the Sea Gull Studio gallery and gift shop until 2010 when she retired and moved to Ormond Beach to be near her cousin.

Virginia gave ESHP 23 watercolors of local historical buildings painted in 1973 by her father Bob Klotz. The "Klotz Collection" can be seen in City Hall.

She also donated numerous old photos, newspapers, and other memorabilia that she wanted kept for posterity. They are in our Historical Library.

Virginia made many friends and always welcomed visitors to the Studio for a chat and a giggle. She is missed.

News from the Historical Library



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.



EVERGLADES HOMES TOUR

Over 320 people showed up for the Tour on March 9th after good publicity in Naples and Marco Island newspapers.

Our thanks to all the owners who took part and to the docents who volunteered their time as guides.

Plans are already underway for the new "Homes & Gardens Tour" on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Local residents who are proud of their gardens are invited to open them for the day. For info, call Jane at 695-0333

This will be our 5th Everglades Tour – are we beginning to make history ourselves?



CHURCH OF GOD IS 100 YEARS OLD!

The little Church of God in Chokoloskee was founded in 1913 when about 40 local people were baptized in the water at McKinney's landing. The first church was built on land that he donated (he also donated the bell) but was destroyed by a hurricane and replaced by a another wooden building. The present concrete structure was finished in 1961.

The 100th Anniversary Celebration takes place on **Sunday, April 7**, starting at 10:00 a.m. and will be fun for all the family. For details, phone 695-3735.