

EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Dedicated to our Unique History

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Newsletter



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 26: *see article below*

Museum Birthday

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Museum of the Everglades

Art-in-the-Glades

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Museum of the Everglades

June 28: Independence Day Celebration

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McLeod Park *see article below*

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 **Monday, April 7.**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Welcome to Lynn McMillin who has joined the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy. Lynn operates the historic Smallwood Store & Museum in Chokoloskee.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 65 members of whom 6 have not yet renewed for 2014. You can renew or join with a credit/debit card at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Welcome to new member:

Eleanor Jones, Chokoloskee

MUSEUM BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Museum of the Everglades opened on April 26, 1998, and the Friends are celebrating the 16th birthday this year on that same date, **Saturday, April 26**, starting at 10:00 a.m. with Antique Cars, a Walking Tour of Everglades City, Story-Telling by Old-Timers, live music, free hot dogs, and birthday cake. It is also the 86th Anniversary of the Opening of the Tamiami Trail. For info, phone 695-0008.

Joining the birthday festivities is a group of vendors, usually seen at **Art-in-the-Glades**, who will set up their tents across from the Museum. If you want to sell your arts & crafts there, phone 695-2905.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The theme of the Independence Day parade in Everglades City on **Saturday, June 28**, is "Celebrating Our Heritage" and the organizers hope there will be some creative historical floats. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries. If you want to join the parade, phone 695-2695.



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WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC CHOKOLOSKEE

March 8 was a beautiful sunny day when over 35 people enjoyed hearing about local history. Our thanks to Gary McMillin (*above left*) for making them welcome at the Smallwood Store and to Hazel Mitchell (*below*) for her introduction to the Church of God. Thanks also to all the docents and guides.



HISTORICAL SIGNS

The historical sign in front of Chokoloskee Church of God was installed just in time for the Walking Tour when Associate Pastor Lynnette Morris gave a blessing over the Church and sign, praying for another 100 years.

Visitors also had a chance to read the new historical sign in front of JTs.

We have ordered a total of 12 informative plaques for our older public buildings. Some of them have been delivered and we await shipment of the rest this spring.

Our thanks to Mike Danosky who has done the “heavy work” of assembling, delivering, and helping to install the signs.



“Florida Enchantments”

Early Everglades Photography

Dr. Jerald Milanich spoke on March 20 about Julian and A.W. Dimock who traveled around southwest Florida from 1904 to 1913, taking photos and writing articles. Thousands of glass plate negatives were donated by Julian to the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) where Dr. Milanich found them.

During his presentation we saw pictures of this area, some of which were immediately recognizable (eg, the Storter Store which is now the Rod & Gun). Others were more obscure and a discussion about their identity continues via email.

The book *Enchantments; Julian Dimock’s Photographs of Southwest Florida*, which Dr. Milanich and Nina Rich of the AMNH produced, has numerous photos with captions. It is available at \$35 from ESHP. For info, call 695-2905 or download an order form from our website.

Our thanks to Dr. Milanich for visiting us and to Mayor Sammy Hamilton for welcoming the event in historic Everglades City Hall.

MOVIE NIGHTS



We showed historical movies once a month in January, February, and March plus a special showing of “Wind Across the Everglades” at our Annual Meeting on February 28 when the guest speaker was K.C. Schulberg whose father Stuart and uncle Budd produced and wrote the film.

Our thanks to K.C. for sharing his memories with us and to Everglades Community Church for the use of the Jinkins Fellowship Hall. We will have more Movie Nights next winter.

News from the Historical Library



An updated catalog of books in the library is now on our website. There is also a donation form that can be downloaded.

Material in the Library may be copied for historical research but not removed.

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