

**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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**Newsletter**



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**April 25: Museum Birthday**

10:00am – 3:00pm, Museum of the Everglades  
*see article inside*

**June 27: Independence Day Celebration**

10:00am – 2:00pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City  
*see article inside*

**Sept 26: Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet**

10:00am – 1:00pm, Rod & Gun

**Nov 20: Welcome-Back Historical Talk**

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

**Dec 5: Swamp Heritage Festival**

10:30am – 4:00pm  
Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, Ochopee

*You can download a draft calendar from our website.*

**ESHP BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:30am in our Historical Library in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 4**. Members are welcome to attend.

**MEMBERSHIP**

We have 65 paid members plus 8 who have not renewed for 2015. You can renew or join with a credit/debit card at our website [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org).

**Welcome to new member:**

Bob Sudderth, Hendersonville, TN

**“The Way We Worked”**

A special exhibit from the Smithsonian will be on display from April 4 to May 16 at the **Marco Island Historical Museum**. There are also talks and a children’s program.

ESHP director Patty Huff will give a presentation “Settling, Sweating and Swatting in the Everglades” on **Tuesday, April 28**, at 7:00pm. For more info, see [www.theMIHS.org](http://www.theMIHS.org).

During the month of May, the **Museum of the Everglades** will feature photos about working “Along the Trail” with an opening reception on **Saturday, May 9**, from 1:00 to 3:00pm. The Museum is open on Monday through Saturday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Admission is free but donations are welcome. Phone (239) 695-0008 for info.



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George Brunner was a big game hunter who bought Poinciana Camp (now known as Outward Bound) on the west bank of the river in Everglades in 1914. He used the property as a fishing retreat.

A hundred years later, in January of 2015, his great-niece Linda Pearson and her husband Bruce had a guided tour, thanks to Craig Woodward who took these photos, including the one below of the historical sign provided by ESHP.



### Join the Parade!

Everglades City is always first – the first County seat and now the first in the area to celebrate Independence Day.



This year the festivities will be held on **Saturday, June 27**, starting with the Opening Ceremony at 10:00am on the steps of City Hall. That is followed by the parade, kiddies' contests in McLeod Park, and finally a spectacular display of fireworks.

ESHP has donated stamps for mailing formal invitations to dignitaries and will have a booth in the park on the day.

If you would like to contribute to this traditional community event, send a check to "Everglades City Fireworks Fund" at P.O.Box 110, Everglades City, FL, 34139.



## MUSEUM BIRTHDAY PARTY

Celebrate the 17<sup>th</sup> Museum Birthday and the 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of the Tamiami Trail on **Saturday, April 25**, at the Museum of the Everglades, the pink building at 105 West Broadway.

The schedule of activities is:

- 10:00am Walking Tour of Historic Buildings  
Arts & Crafts booths open  
Antique Cars arrive
- 11:00am Talk about the Tamiami Trail  
Melissa Timo, Florida Public Archeology Network
- 12:00nn hotdogs and birthday cake, music
- 1:30pm Everglades Area Memories  
local residents remember olden times

The event is free of charge and open to the public. For info, phone the Museum at (239) 695-0008.

The lucky winner of the Historical Quilt was Mary Tudor of Chokoloskee. The raffle raised over \$2,000 thanks to Dayna Fendrick who created this work of art and donated it to benefit ESHP. We will devote the proceeds to a special project to beautify the city.



## COPELAND BAPTIST BENEFIT



ESHP helped to sponsor a fundraiser on March 21 for the little historic church in Copeland which was built in the 1940s for logging workers who lived in that area.

Our thanks to auction donors Connie Bransilver, Clyde Butcher, and Varick Niles.

## FAREWELL

We were sorry to hear about the passing of Marjorie Ivey Davis at age 81 in Miami. She was the daughter of Earl & Agnes Ivey who operated the Ivey House. Her sister Dorothy Ann Miller still lives in the Everglades area. Our commiserations to the family and our thanks to several people who made donations to ESHP in her name. We plan to put up a plaque in the Ivey House in her memory.



## News from the Historical Library



A catalog of books in the library is available on our website.

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 at (239) 695-2905.