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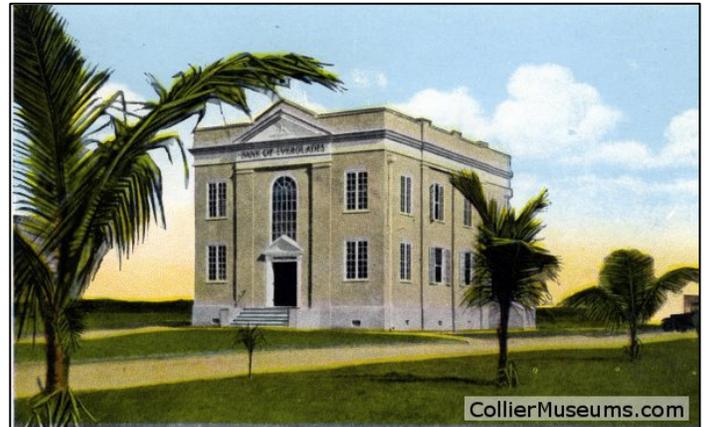
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Newsletter

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EXCITING NEWS!

The owner of the old Bank of Everglades has generously donated the Building to us!

Now we face the daunting task of renovating it – fixing the foundation, repairing the roof, replacing windows & doors, installing an elevator and air conditioning, remodeling the interior – the task is mammoth!

We have started with a big clearing out and have filled three large dumpsters but we saved the good items for the Rummage Event on **Saturday, April 17** (see next page).

That's just the beginning. We have already received a comprehensive structural analysis of the building to identify the areas of concern.

The next steps include assembling the team to help guide the project forward and formulating a budget. Then, we will apply for grants and plan fundraising.

Our immediate concern is to weatherproof the roof and windows before rainy season.

Our future vision is to transform the downstairs into a permanent Visitor Center & Trail Town Headquarters with space for community events like exhibits, talks, and movies. The rooms upstairs will provide affordable rentable space for artists and small businesses.

To learn more, see our special new website where you can also donate: www.SaveBOE.com. For info, call Kathy at (954) 662-7003 or Patty at (239) 695-2397.


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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We have not planned any in-person events indoors because of the COVID pandemic.

Saturday, April 17: Bank Rummage Clearance, 9am-2pm

Take home a piece of history and leave a cash donation as we clean out the old Bank of Everglades Building. Items on offer include chairs, tables, lamps, pictures, books, and collectibles. For info, call Patty at (239) 719-0020.

Saturday, June 26: Independence Celebration

Join the parade! Traditional event with Fireworks in the evening. For info, call Dottie at City Hall (239) 695-4558.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, May 3**, in the Visitor Center. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 66 members who have renewed or joined for 2021.

Welcome to new members:

Savannah Oglesby, Everglades City

Mario Vicente, Fresca Farms, Miami

To join us or renew, just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter or use a debit/credit card at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

News from the Historical Library



THANKS to Cesar Becerra for donating copies of *Tequesta*, the Journal of the Historical Association of Southern Florida (now HistoryMiami).

The oldest one he gave us is Volume I, Number 3, dating from July 1943. The Editor was Charlton Tebeau (author of *Florida's Last Frontier*). Marjory Stoneman Douglas is on the Advisory Editorial Board. The issue includes an article entitled "Pioneer Women of Dade County" by Mary Barr Monroe, an early settler in Coconut Grove and vocal opponent against plume hunting.

If you have old photos and small documents, we can scan them in our office on the first floor of City Hall while you wait if you do not want to donate the originals. We also welcome old books of local interest. For info and to make an appointment, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

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MUSEUM UPDATE

A new exhibit about Deep Lake is on show in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum of the Everglades.

The site, about 15 miles north of Everglades City on SR-29, had a grapefruit farm which was bought by Barron Collier as his first purchase of land in this area. The name "**Deep Lake**" derives from the deep sink hole on the property, now part of Big Cypress National Preserve.

In preparation for the **Museum Birthday** and Tamiami Trail Anniversary, celebrated on **Saturday, April 24**, the Third Thursday Talk on April 15 will be about the building of the Trail. You can watch the lecture by registering at the County website www.colliermuseums.com.

For info, call the Museum at (239) 252-5026.

Marco Historical Events

There is an interesting remote "Zoom-In" talk on **Wednesday, April 21**, at 2:00 p.m. entitled "A Grab Bag of Old Florida Stories".



To register and see more events, visit www.theMIHS.org.

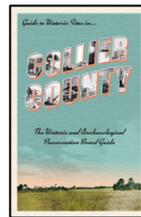
The Museum on 180 S. Heathwood Drive is open on Tuesday through Saturday from 9am to 4pm. The exhibits include the little Marco Cat which is on loan from the Smithsonian.

Naples News

Historic Palm Cottage at 137 12th Ave S. is open and is holding guided tours in the building and around the district.



For more info and to reserve your places, see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org or phone (239) 261-8164.



NEW HAPB BOOKLET

The Collier County Historical Archeological Preservation Board has revised the "**Guide to Historic Sites in Collier County**" booklet. Among the entries are, of course, the Bank of Everglades Building as well as City Hall, the Depot, Rod & Gun Club, and many others in Chokoloskee, Marco Island, Naples and along the way.

Copies are available at no charge in our Visitor Center and the Museum of the Everglades.

You can download a PDF from our website or directly from the County at www.colliercountyfl.gov (search for HAPB).