

**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**

**June 28: Independence Day Celebration**

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

**Sept 27: Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet**

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Rod & Gun

**Nov 21: Welcome-Back Historical Talk, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

**Dec 6: Swamp Heritage Festival**

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Big Cypress Welcome Center

**Dec 13: Art-in-the-Glades**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McLeod Park

**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, September 8.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

We have 65 paid members plus 4 who have not yet renewed for 2014 despite reminders. You can renew or join with a credit/debit card at [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org).

**Welcome to new members:**

- David Freundlich & Ana Veciana Suarez, Miami
- Shirley Geiger, Naples
- Lynn McMillin, Chokoloskee

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

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. To join the parade, phone Elaine at (239) 695-2695.

The schedule for the day is:

- 10:00 – Opening Ceremony
- 10:30 – Parade
- 11:00 – Arts & Crafts Booths open
- 11:30 – Parade Winners Announced
- 1:00 – Kiddies' Best Dressed Contests
- 2:00 – Raffle Winners Announced
- 9:00 – Fireworks

If you can not be there and would like to make a donation, send a check to Everglades Fireworks Fund, P.O. Box 110, Everglades City, FL, 34139.



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### HISTORIC LAUNDRY FAMILY

Members of the Echols family who operated the Collier Laundry in what is now the Museum of the Everglades building were at the Museum Birthday on April 26. You can see an Oral History recording by two of them in Palm Cottage at the Naples Historical Society during the week of **May 13** at 1:00 p.m. each day. For info, call (239) 261-8164.



Thanks to Jane Rackley (blue shirt) who braved the heat to staff our table at the Museum Birthday where she sold cards and handed out ESHP newsletters to visitors. Our next event is on June 28.

### Book Review

by Marya Repko



Author Rick Magers brings the past alive in *Ghosts of Chokoloskee* when Ted Smallwood, Edgar Watson, Dan House, G.C. McKinney, and others float into the famous store over 100 years after the fabled killing of Mr. Watson.

The fictional journalist who narrates the story also describes present-day people and places in our area – the McMillin family in Chokoloskee, Orlo Hilton at Triad Seafood in Everglades City. He even strays as far as Joanie's Blue Crab in Ochopee while he waits for night and the ghostly appearances.

This is an interesting read with lots of local color, history, and humor. The book is available at the Smallwood Store & Museum or on the internet from Amazon and the author's website [www.grizzlybookz.net](http://www.grizzlybookz.net). He will give a presentation and sign books on **Wednesday, May 14**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Museum of the Everglades. For info, call 695-0008.

### MAMIE STREET UPDATE

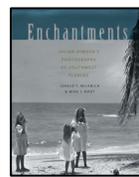
Florida Georgia Grove LLC, the developer who owns the property on both sides of the road, has cleaned up the vegetation and bulldozed some of the fill into the marina lot. It is not known if an archeologist was present during the work nor what future construction plans are for the site.



### BOAT LIFT GETS FACE-LIFT

The historic Boat Lift on the Barron River near the Rod & Gun Club had a make-over recently. The original scheme for the colors was designed by artist Kenneth Noland but had faded since the Boat Lift was first painted in April 2007, thanks to Olga Hirschhorn, Barbara Kearney, and Donnie Seabury. The structure was once used by fishing guides.

Believe it or not! The historical sign in front of City Hall was run over early in the morning of April 11. The pole was bent and the sign carried to the other side of the lawn. ESHP is having the sign fixed.



### “Enchantments” Book Available

The book of early Everglades photographs taken by Julian Dimock from 1904 to 1913 is available at \$35 from ESHP. You can download an order form at our website or send a check to ESHP, P.O. Box 46, Everglades City, FL, 34139.

### HISTORICAL SIGNS

Although twenty of our historic homes have oval plaques fixed to the front near the door, we notice that there are still many who do not.

We are ordering more signs and would like to hear from house owners. You can download an order form at our website or phone Patty at 695-2397.



### News from the Historical Library



New additions to the library are:

Rick Magers, *Ghosts of Chokoloskee*

Nick Penniman, *Nature's Steward*

Nick Wynne & Richard Moorhead, *Florida in World War II*

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.