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Dedicated to our Unique History

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 27: Independence Day Celebration

10:00am – 2:00pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City
ESHP will have a booth
see article inside

Sept 26: Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet

10:00am – 2:00pm, Rod & Gun, Everglades City
ESHP will have a booth
see article inside

Nov 20: Welcome-Back Historical Talk

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Dec 5: Swamp Heritage Festival

Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, Ochopee

Download a NEW draft calendar from our website.

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 14**, when we plan activities for the coming winter season. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 69 members who have paid for 2015. You can renew or join with a credit/debit card at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Welcome to new members:

Tom & Cyndy Jones, Marco Island & Bergen, NY
Diann & Ted Lock, Everglades City & Bloomington, IN
Lynn Pierce, Windermere, FL

MUSEUM NEWS

The popular **Everglades City School Student Artwork** exhibit is on display at the Museum of the Everglades over the summer so be sure to stop in and admire how talented our kids are.

The Museum at 105 West Broadway (the pink building) is open Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

***This is our last newsletter until the fall.
We hope you have a good summer!***



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FAREWELL

We were sorry to hear about the passing of James D. Brown, Jr., at age 73 on April 27 in Coral Gables. Jim spent his childhood in Everglades City with his mother and grandparents Lucy and Daniel McLeod, Mayor of Everglades City for 30 years.

Jim contributed to the McLeod monument on the circle which he and his sister Ellen Brown Eidsmo (*in photo above*) unveiled in 2008 during the Tamiami Trail 80th celebration.

He was a generous member of ESHP and donated important papers to the Historical Library. Our commiserations to his family.

News from the Historical Library

Thanks to John M. Wilson for the following donations:

Ken Alvarez, *Twilight of the Panther*
 W. Hodding Carter, *Stolen Water*
 Marjory Stoneman Douglas, *Voice of the River*
 Michael Grunwald, *The Swamp*
 David McCally, *The Everglades*
 Kathryn Hall Proby, *Audubon in Florida*
 Charlton Tebeau, *A History of Florida*

Thanks to Rick Magers for these donations:

Julian Granberry, *The Americas that Might Have Been*
 Julian Granberry, *The Calusa*
 Rick Magers, *Calusa; Warriors from an Ancient Past*
 Irving Rouse, *The Tainos*
 Randolph Widmer, *The Evolution of the Calusa*

Other additions to the library:

Frank C. Craighead, *The Trees of South Florida*
 Zane Grey, *Tales of Southern Rivers*
 Richard Powell, *Pioneer, Go Home!*
 Sally Settle, *In the Shadow of the Lone Cypress*
 Lawrence E. Will, *A Cracker History of Okeechobee*

A complete catalog of books 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.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Join us on **Saturday, June 27**, for our annual festivities in honor of Independence Day. The schedule of activities is:

10:00am – Opening Ceremony, City Hall porch

10:30am – PARADE

11:00am – Arts & Crafts booths open in McLeod Park

11:00am – Patriotic Pets Contest *NEW*

11:30am – parade winners announced

12:00noon – kiddies' best-dressed contests

1:30pm – raffle winners announced

9:00pm – FIREWORKS!

There will be hotdogs and drinks for sale at lunchtime.

If you want to be in the parade with a float, golf cart, bicycle, or anything else, phone Elaine at 695-2695. If you want to enter your doggie in the Patriotic Pets Contest, phone 695-2905.

ESHP has contributed postage for the formal invitations and will have a booth in McLeod Park. You can download a poster at www.evergladeshistorical.org.

If you would like to help the celebration, send a check to Everglades Fireworks Fund, P.O. Box 110, Everglades City, FL, 34139.

Blessing the Stone Crab Fleet

Join us on **Saturday, September 26**, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Rod & Gun Club for the annual send-off of our local boats.



The tentative schedule of events is:

10:00am – Arts & Crafts booths open

11:00am – Kiddies' Contests (frog jumping, art)

12:00noon – Blessing of the Fleet

1:00pm – Guava Cake Contest winners announced

1:30pm – raffle winners announced

See our September newsletter for the final program.

For info and to volunteer your help during the day, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.