

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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What's Been Happening?

As President Patty Huff says in her letter (*attached*) we've been busy working on saving the old Bank of Everglades Building. One highlight was that our **Golf Gala** in March was a great success (*see photo above*) with thanks to Lisa Resch of Carolina Catering Company (C3kitchens.com) who provided the food & services for the event pro-bono.

Another accomplishment is that we have reached out to various sources of funding (local, state, federal, and private) for grants.

One of our most recent endeavors was **soil testing** at the property in preparation for structural work on the foundation. As the engineers bored down, they found everything from sand to limestone to compressible peat. The results are being discussed by our structural engineers and architect.

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What's Being Planned?

We're already looking forward to the 2022-2023 winter season and can announce that our **signature event** will be a **Homes & Gardens Tour** when owners open their lovingly-restored historic houses to ticket-holders.

We held the first one in 2010 which was very successful and we've been asked since the last one in 2014 when we were going to do it again. The date we selected in 2023 is **Saturday, March 11**, and we've already entered it on the United Arts Council calendar.

Before that, in early November, we plan to hold another **Music Festival** on the lawn of the historic Rod & Gun Club. The attendees, as well as the performers, all enjoyed the casual atmosphere last year and the Silent Auction was excitingly successful.

See the "Mark Your Calendar" column inside ...



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Saturday, November 12: Music Festival
Friday, November 18: Welcome-Back Historical Talk
Friday, February 24: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk
Saturday, March 11: Homes & Gardens Tour and Concert

BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board of Directors meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 5, in the Visitor Center.

Who Are We?

We are proud of our Board of Directors who have a wealth of talents that they can contribute. Half our Board members are business owners and the others are retired professionals.

ESHP MEMBERSHIP

We have 81 members including our first Lifetime member. To show your support, just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter or use a debit/credit card at our website www.eshp.org.

News from Naples

You can take a guided tour of historic Palm Cottage any afternoon but you must book in advance. And, the tours are free on Saturdays in August if you are a Collier County resident!



MUSEUM OF EVERGLADES UPDATE

The subject of the Third Thursday Talk on July 21 at 2:00pm. is "See You Later Alligator; Poachers, Promoters, and Protectors" and everyone is invited to this free illustrated lecture.



Visitor Center Gathers Compliments



The new Guest Book in our Visitor Center has some interesting comments by people from diverse places.

- LOVE this little town. We come here every year to have lunch at the Rod and Gun Club. (Ohio)
Everglades City is a great historic town. We need to keep it alive!! Thanks for sharing with snowbirds! (Illinois)
Beautiful place to enjoy the friendliness and warmth of the people! (Illinois)
Thank you. Enjoyed the visit! (Maryland)
Excellent info! Thanks! (Alaska)
Very enjoyable time in Everglades City. (Berlin)
Amazing town. Feels like home away from home! (California)
We love the stories of your beloved town. (no address)
What a gem! Just arrived and delighted with Everglades City's quietness, very low key! Friendly, too! (New Hampshire)
Loved the history of the city! Had a great time! (New York)
Beautiful area with so much history! (Maine)
We love it here! First time visitors. (Germany)
Enjoying the quiet small town atmosphere. (Switzerland)
Super friendly, super helpful. Merci beaucoup! (France)
Very nice presentation! Very friendly. (Nepal)
Nice visitor center. (Dania Beach, FL)

The Center is staffed by volunteers and features some lovely local artwork for sale. If you enjoy meeting people and would like to help, phone Connie at (419) 350-6650 or stop in at 207 West Broadway when you see the OPEN sign lit in the front window.

ECITY PICKED BY SMITHSONIAN

It's no wonder the distinguished people on our Board have moved to Everglades City (see Who Are We? in left column). Our village has been selected as "One of the 15 Best Small Towns to Visit" by Smithsonian magazine in the Travel column of their June 2022 issue (smithsonianmag.com/category/travel).

News from the Historical Library



We can scan old photos and small documents in our office in City Hall while you wait if you do not want to donate the originals. We feel our filing cabinets in the closet upstairs are safe from impending storms. For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.