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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 20: Storter Reception

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Museum, *see article inside*

Sept 27: Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Rod & Gun, *see article inside*

Nov 21: Welcome-Back Historical Talk, 10th 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 20: Art-in-the-Glades

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McLeod Park

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 8:30 a.m. in our Historical Library in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 6**.

Smallwood Store Fundraising

A number of fundraisers are planned to help the historic Smallwood Store keep access to their property. Exciting events will be announced as they are confirmed including special performers and writers who are being asked to donate their time during the winter season.

If you would like to contribute ideas, there is an informal meeting on **Monday, October 6**, at 9:30 a.m. in City Hall. For info, call Patty at 695-2397.

ORAL HISTORY

The **Naples Historical Society** at Palm Cottage is showing films of their oral history program "If These Walls Could Talk" at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Some of the speakers have Everglades roots and recall life in previous times before Collier County was developed.

Guided walks and house tours are also available throughout the fall. For info, call (239) 261-8164 or see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 66 paid members. Renewal notices for 2015 will be sent in early January.

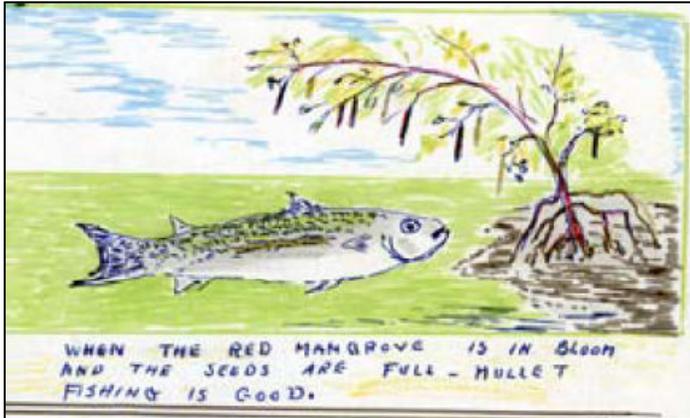
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Fishing in the Everglades

Some of the huge collection of artwork by Rob Storter is being shown this month at the Museum of the Everglades in the Pauline Reeves Gallery. There will be a reception on **Saturday, September 20**, at which everyone is welcome.

Rob was born in Everglade in 1894 and moved to the tiny village of Naples to fish. He remained there rest of his life and when he was older, sketched his memories of bygone days.

This exhibit focuses on his pictures of fishing activity. There are also carvings and wooden models of boats.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free but donations are welcome. For info, call (239) 695-0008.

FAREWELL



Jurg (George) Furrer of Switzerland passed away in May. He was a regular visitor to the area and donated his sketch of City Hall for ESHP to use on cards and as our first logo.

Barry Morris of Chokoloskee and Kentucky passed away in June. He and wife Louise attended many ESHP events.

Lincoln Frost, formerly of Plantation Island, passed away in July at the age of 102. He and Bea were generous donors to ESHP. It is thanks to them that we have such lovely furniture in the Historical Library.

News from the Historical Library



New additions to the library are:

W. Hoding Carter, *Stolen Water*

Jack E. Davis & Karl Frederickson, *Making Waves*

Peggy McDonald, *Marjorie Harris Carr*

John Rothchild, *Up for Grabs*

Lawrence E. Will, *A Cracker History of Okeechobee*

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.



Blessing the Fleet

The Annual Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet will take place on the bank of the Barron River at the historic Rod & Gun Club on **Saturday, September 28**, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The schedule is:

- 1:00pm Arts & Crafts booths open
- Frog Jumping Contest for Kiddies
- Stone Crab Art Contest for Kiddies
- 2:00pm Opening Ceremony
- Blessing of the Boats by Local Pastors
- Winners of Stone Crab Story Contest
- Winners of Stone Crab Art Contest
- Winners of Coconut Guava Cake Contest
- Winners of Raffle Prizes

This year Everglades City School has cooperated by encouraging Middle and High School students to enter the Writing Contest. They can submit short stories or essays on the theme of Stone Crabs. The winning articles will be published in *The Mullet Rapper*.

Another new activity is the Art Contest for Kiddies which is being organized by the Museum of the Everglades. The winners in three different age groups will have their pictures hung in the Museum of a month.

The annual Blessing is sponsored by ESHP, thanks to director Tod Dahlke who initiated it six years ago. For info, call him at (239) 260-4577 and see www.evergladeshistorical.org where there is a link to FaceBook.

MOVIE NIGHTS



We will again show historical movies, especially those with a connection to this area, next winter each month in January, February, and March.

We will probably include "Wind Across the Everglades" again because it was so popular. If you have other suggestions for films that we should screen, please let us know at ESHP@hotmail.com or phone 695-2905.