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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

Sept 28: Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet

10am-1pm, Rod & Gun

see below

Nov 15: Welcome-Back Historical Talk

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Nov 16: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

Dec 7: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 7**, in our office at City Hall. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 61 current members.

Welcome to new member:

Christine Harris, Everglades City & 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.



SUPPORT OUR STONE CRABBERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

**at the historic Rod & Gun Club
from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

Everyone Welcome – Fun for All the Family



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News from the Historical Library



We have a new office!

Our books are downstairs in a lovely large room just to the left of the front door in City Hall.

However, the filing cabinets with precious documents, photos, and mementoes are still upstairs where they should be safe from flooding.

We were busy during the quiet summer sorting through old files and generally tidying up before the big move.

If you still have items for the Historical Library, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

PICTURE RAIL

Old photos and original artwork will soon grace the walls in City Hall. ESHP has purchased the gallery-quality railing and hooks which allow displays to be hung and changed easily without having to make holes in the wall.

Nostalgia in Naples

The annual "Council of Longtime Friends" meets this year on **Friday, October 4**, in historic Palm Cottage at 5:00p.m. This is a free gathering of local old-timers and their families hosted by the Naples Historical Society. For info, phone (239) 261-8164.



FAREWELL

Sammy Hamilton, former Mayor of Everglades City, passed away in early August at age 85 after failing health. He grew up in Chokoloskee and operated one of the first Boat Tour companies in the National Park. He served the City as Mayor for many years and shared some of his memories of early days.

He said that as a youngster he would row with his friends to Everglades City on Saturday night to watch films in the Community Center and eat ice cream – a real treat when there was no electricity on his native island.

Congratulations!

A group of concerned citizens got together 25 years ago and decided to build a Museum so they could bring the little Calusa cat home.

At the recent Florida Association of Museums (FAM) conference, the Marco Island Historical Society and Museum were awarded the "Museum of Excellence" prize.

The Museum at 180 S. Heathwood Drive (near the Collier County Public Library) is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and admission is free.

If you haven't seen the little Marco Cat, you'll be impressed.



ANNIVERSARIES

1919: The **Nineteenth Amendment** to the United States Constitution was passed by the House of Representatives and Senate giving women the right to vote. It was not ratified by a majority of the individual states until 1920.

1949: The first **Swamp Buggy Race** was held 70 years ago in Naples on November 12. A special exhibit is on display at the Naples Depot Museum. For information, see www.colliermuseums.com.

1949: Also celebrating 70 years, the **National Trust for Historic Preservation** was formed. You can learn more about its aims and achievements at www.savingplaces.org.



1969: Remembering Woodstock

Did you go to the famous music festival? Or, perhaps see the movie? Collier County Museum is having a nostalgic look back on **Saturday, November 16**, at the Naples Depot. For info, see www.colliermuseums.com.

Book Review

by Marya Repko



History was made in 1943 when oil was discovered in Collier County just up the road from us in Sunniland. That was during World War II when fuel was an important resource and tankers were a target for German submarines cruising in the Gulf of Mexico.



A new novel titled **Sunniland** about those exciting times has been written by Stephen Sears, a retired professor of Petroleum Engineering with an interest in U-Boats as well as oil exploration. It is a good read, an adventure story set in our local area.

Copies are available at WinCar Hardware and Right Choice Supermarket or online at www.stephenosears.com.