

**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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- fund raising Historical Library
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MEMBERS' TALK

Members are invited to a talk about the history of names in the South Florida National Parks on **Wednesday, December 12**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Seafood Depot. Larry Perez, the author of this new book entitled *Words on the Wilderness*, has researched the origin of over 400 names of islands, rivers, bays, and other geographic features. Some are familiar to us locally, such as Storter or Lopez, but others required extensive investigation and a few are not yet resolved. The talk promises to be interesting and stimulating. Members are invited to join the author informally afterwards for dinner.

Vallez Paintings to Museum

The five oil paintings of local historic buildings that adorn the walls of our City Hall office will be on loan to the Museum of the Everglades for the month of December and artist Jerry Vallez will be the honored guest at the Friends of the Museum members' luncheon on December 3. Cards and prints of the pictures will be on sale in the Museum.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The EHSP Board will meet on **Wednesday, November 7**, at 10:00 a.m. in our office at City Hall. The agenda will include an update on County Historical Designations for local buildings and plans for events during the winter. Members are welcome!

THANKS!

Janet Treadway of Lakeland, who went to school here and still loves this area, made a donation to the Historical Library of old photographs, documents, CDs, and a vintage copy of the *Saturday Evening Post* with an article about cypress logging. Our thanks to her!

MEMBERSHIP

We have 77 members *including 11 who have not yet renewed in 2007*. An up-to-date list of members is important because it shows how much support we have to preserve the area's unique history.

Welcome to new members:

- Jake Hirt, Naples and St Clair, MI
- Barbara & Richard Kearney, Naples and Placerville, CO
- Mary Ann Jolley Thomas, Quincy, FL
- Mary Jane Wallace, Naples



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VISITORS WITH LOCAL MEMORIES

Former Everglades City School students gathered in the town on Saturday, October 6, to catch up on each others' news. The event was sparked by the visit by Mary Ann Jolley Thomas from Quincy, FL, to her sister June Jolley Dyches in Marco Island and drew other visitors from long distances in the state. After meeting at the Museum, the group was taken around City Hall by Mayor Sammy Hamilton who knew quite a few of them. The Jolley sisters lived here because their father S. S. Jolley was a judge in the Courthouse during the early days of Collier County when the seat was here.

CHURCH PROCLAIMED HISTORIC

At the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 4, the Everglades Community Church was declared to be an historic building in an official proclamation.

ECC Chairman of the Board Stan Kanning is now working on an application for the Church to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Thanks to enthusiastic historian Alvin Lederer for this photo taken sometime before the annex was built. If you can put a date on the photo, please let us know.

Bricks Installed

The bricks that were ordered in May have been installed in front of City Hall. ESHP have honored their Founding Members who joined in time for the first general meeting on March 16, 2005. The Society also sponsored three special bricks at the top of the array which say:



Collier County Courthouse, 1928-1962

Everglades City Hall, 1963

Restoration Celebration, January 27, 2007

Forms to order more bricks are available at City Hall in the Water Billing office.

**HISTORICAL
LIBRARY**



Volunteers are needed for our office in City Hall so that the library can be opened to the public. Our policy is to protect the donated material by not allowing access to it unless there is a member present to help find items and to make photocopies. Nothing may be borrowed or removed from the library.

If you can spare two hours a week in the morning or afternoon, phone 695-2905 or 695-2397. Similarly, if you want to donate items, call either of those numbers to make an appointment.

Boat Lift Plaque



The plaque commemorating the painting of the boat lift on the Barron River was installed over the summer. ESHP sponsored the "unveiling" in April but the metal plaque had not been engraved at that time. See

the June issue of the *Town Crier* for a full report.

What's the Difference?

We have been asked several times about the difference between **Friends of the Museum of the Everglades (FME)** and the **Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP)**.

Briefly, Friends of the Museum is the support group for the County Museum whereas ESHP focuses on the Everglades City area.

Both groups are interested in local history but ESHP has a broader scope and can try to influence planning & zoning decisions.