

EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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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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BOARD MEETING

The first gathering of the fall season will be an ESHP Board Meeting on **Tuesday, October 28**, at 10:00 a.m. in our office at City Hall. The agenda will include future events and projects. *All members are welcome.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ESHP will participate at Art-in-the-Glades on **Saturday, December 6**, in McLeod Park, Everglades City. We will have our Jerry Vallez cards and prints on sale as suitable holiday presents and hope to attract more members with our brochures. Volunteers to help on the booth be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

The Naples Historical Society is already getting ready for the festive season. The 6th annual display of decorations and lights will be visible at their historic Palm Cottage headquarters on 12th Avenue South in Naples from **November 11 through December 31**.

BRICKS AVAILABLE

Our "Brick-by-Brick" campaign is still open and we are again taking orders for engraved bricks to be placed in the walkway in front of City Hall. Bricks cost \$50 for a plain one or \$75 including a little picture. They make permanent gifts to commemorate a birth, anniversary, or memorial. Order forms are available at City Hall or at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Florida Trust Google Group

An interesting exchange of views is taking place on the new facility introduced by the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. Among the topics included are zoning, demolition, and construction. One typically-Floridian conversation is about the legality of chickee huts. See more at <http://groups.google.com/group/fltrust?hl=en>.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 73 paid-up members. Renewals for 2009 will be sent in January so if you are receiving this newsletter as a member, there is no need to renew yet.

New members joining during the fourth quarter of 2008 will have their membership extended through the 2009 year.



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DIRECTOR'S VISIT

Fred Gaske, director of the Division of Historical Resources at the Department of State in Tallahassee, had his first tour of our area on September 17. He recognized City Hall immediately and was glad to finally see the Museum and Smallwood Store “in the flesh” because his division has awarded grants to restore these buildings. During a whirlwind visit, he was fortunate to bump into Stan & Virginia Kanning and chat about the renovation of the Community Church. He also saw JT’s, the Rod & Gun, and the Bank building. We hope he will return when he has more time ...

INFO WANTED

David Sorokoty has asked if anyone has information about his father Walter G. Sorokoty who was a practicing Attorney and possibly a Collier County court judge in the late 1950s.

Gary Thomas wants to know about the little houses moved from Ochopee to 11th Avenue South in Naples.

If you can help, phone Marya at 695-2905.

FAREWELL

We are sorry to announce that founder member Helena Brookbank had a fatal automobile accident on October 6. Helena worked in Everglades City School for many years before retirement. She and her late husband Harvey lived in an original Collier home.

One of Collier County’s most historic figures, “Mother” Annie Mae Perry, passed away at age 98 on October 6. She came to this area in the late 1940s and delivered babies for mothers of all races. An interview with her will be at www.collier.k12.fl.us/edchannel/infovideos.htm.



Historical Library

The Library has received some interesting books recently:

- *A Yank Pioneer in Florida* by Allen Andrews (memoirs by the editor of the *American Eagle* newspaper).
- *Pioneering in the Everglades* by Ruth Robins Beardsley (memoirs of life in pioneering conditions around Lake Okeechobee).
- *The Singing and the Gold* by A. B. Matthiessen (the Watson story written in 1955 by a husband & wife team who apparently have no connection with Peter Matthiessen)

During the quiet summer months, all the donated papers have been cataloged on the computer and filed away where they can be found again. Photos have been scanned and saved on disk. A backup of the computer data is kept outside the office.

THANKS! from the Historical Library



We received a very generous gift of 5 books written by historian Maria Stone: *At the End of the Oxcart Trail*, *The Caxambas Kid*, *Ochopee*, *Swamp Buggy Fever*, and *The Tamiami Trail*. They all document various facets of Collier County’s past using recorded interviews and are a valuable research resource, as well as being “good reads”.

Janet Treadway of Lakeland grew up in Copeland and says that her heart is still in our area. She has given us a 1954 copy of the *Saturday Evening Post* with an article about “Loggers of the Unknown Swamp” and some wonderful old photos forwarded from Clayton Swain, son of the superintendent of the Lee Cypress Tidewater Lumber Company. She also contributed a recording of the loggers going out on the train, laughing and playing cards.