

**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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, November 30: Historical Talk
"Pioneering Medicine on Marco Island"
Everglades Community Church, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 1: Swamp Heritage Festival
Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, Ochopee

Saturday, December 8: Art-in-the-Glades
Arts & Crafts sale, hotdogs for lunch, live music
McLeod Park, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2013 EVENTS

Jan 12: Art-in-the-Glades

Jan 18: Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Community Church

Feb 9/10: Everglades Seafood Festival

Feb 15: Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Community Church

Feb 19-23: MSD Festival, Museum

Feb 22: Annual Meeting & Dinner/Talk

Mar 9: Homes Tour, Art-in-the-Glades

Mar 15: Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Community Church

Mar 22: Farewell Social Evening

Apr 27: Tamiami Trail 85th Anniversary, Museum

*You can download a calendar of events at our website
www.evergladeshistorical.org.*

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 **November 5**. Members are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 58 active members in the following categories:

Individual	28
Family	23
Patron	3
Benefactor	1
Business	3

If you join now as a new member, your membership will be extended throughout the 2013 calendar year. You can send the form with a check or join online with a credit/debit card. Renewal notices for existing members will be sent in January.

Welcome to new members since our last newsletter:
Weddings To Go, Key West & Naples


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Rod & Gun Club, from a painting by Jerry Vallez
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Jerry Vallez

We were sorry to hear that Naples artist Jerry Vallez, 87, passed away on September 15 after suffering a stroke.

He had painted the five pictures of Everglades area historic buildings, commissioned by ESHP member Karen Cabral, which are now in our Historic Library and feature on notes cards that he kindly allowed us to produce.

At the time of his death, he was working in his studio on a new painting of a sunset. Jerry came to Naples in 1971 with his wife Robah, who predeceased him in 2010, and he exhibited widely in the area.

SMALLWOOD STORE

We're glad to report that Mamie Street has been paved. Unfortunately, the adjoining property which is owned by developers Florida-Georgia Grove LLC looks abandoned and is overgrown. The Collier County Code Enforcement Office has stepped in.



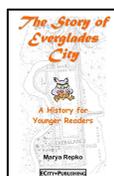
If you would like to donate to the Smallwood legal fund, visit www.smallwoodstore.com.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

The ESHP Board approved a Conflict of Interest policy at its meeting on October 1. This is recommended by the IRS for organizations which have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and, generally, ensures financial probity. For example, if a Board member is involved personally in a transaction, he or she should declare an interest and abstain from voting.

HISTORY BOOK

A kids' history of the area *The Story of Everglades City* has been reprinted and is available at outlets around town. Author and publisher Marya Repko must declare a Conflict of Interest but thought readers would like to know. You can order by mail at www.ecity-publishing.com.



ANNIVERSARIES & EVENTS

We are coming up to a momentous year – 2013 is the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon. It is also the 90th anniversary of the founding of Collier County and a number of other important dates. The Museum of the Everglades is planning a celebration (more about that in a future newsletter), as are many other historical organizations.

Here are some links for more events:

MARCO ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

see www.themihs.org

PALM COTTAGE, NAPLES

see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org

COLLIER COUNTY MUSEUMS

see www.colliermuseums.com

FLORIDA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

see www.floridatrust.org

FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

see www.myfloridahistory.org

MEMBERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

We want to know what you think! Please fill in the attached questionnaire so we can plan events and activities in future. Do you want more talks? Movie Nights? which day and time is convenient?

You may remain anonymous and make whatever comments or suggestion you think will benefit ESHP. The Board wants members to be more active and looks forward to hearing from you – it's your organization.

News from the Historical Library



New books donated since our last update are:

Breton, *Women Pioneers for the Environment*

Crawford, *Florida's Big Dig*

Dyckman, *Reubin O'D. Askew*

Gardner, *Florida Fiction 1800-1980*

MacKay, *How Florida Happened*

Noll & Tegeder, *Ditch of Dreams*

Ogden, *Swamplife*

Perez, *Snake in the Grass*

Reilly, *Tropical Surge*

You can see a complete catalog of the books on our website. We also have magazines and numerous clippings & pictures which may be copied by not taken away.

The next time you have a clean-up, don't throw out old newspapers or photos – they may be of historical interest. If you would like to give them to the Historical Library in City Hall, where they are safe from storms, phone (239) 695-2905.