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HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Dedicated to our Unique History

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 9: Klotz Collection Reception

1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Everglades Arts Studio
see article inside

Nov 22: JFK 50th – Where Were You?

6:00 p.m., Everglades Community Church
see article inside

Dec 7: Swamp Heritage Festival

Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center
3300 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee
see www.nps.gov/bicy or phone (239) 695-4748
historical talks, music, food
ESHP will have a booth

Dec 14: Art-in-the-Glades

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McLeod Park
arts & crafts, music, food
ESHP will have a booth

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, November 4**.

Members are invited to attend meetings and contribute their ideas! For info, call Marya at (239) 695-2905.

CITY HALL BRICKS

We have been asked to start another campaign so people can order commemorative bricks to be installed on the walk way in front of City Hall. You can download an order form at our website and send it in with your check.

The campaign will close on **January 15**. For info, phone Patty at 695-2397.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 56 fully-paid members who will receive renewal notices by post in January 2014.

You can join or renew online with a credit/debit card at our website. If you join in the fall, your membership will be extended through the 2014 calendar year.



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Klotz Collection Exhibit

Paintings by Bob Klotz will be shown during the month of November at the Everglades Arts Studio of Varick Niles. The Studio at 110 Camellia Street is open on Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and admission is free.

Varick explained that her late husband Nick bought a number of works by the artist from the 1980s onward and that she wants other people to be able to see them. There will also be a selection of watercolors from the ESHP Klotz Collection of historic buildings on display. Bob Klotz and his family (wife Katherine, daughter Virginia) moved to Everglades City in 1969 when Sanibel got too busy after the building of the causeway.

Join us for a reception on **Saturday, November 9**, at the Studio from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

JFK 50th – Where Were You???

Everyone (of a certain age) remembers where they were and what they were doing when President John F. Kennedy was gunned down in Dallas on November 22.

He is seen here, just 4 days previously in 1963, at Lopez Field in Tampa during a visit to Florida (photo courtesy of Florida State Archives).



We are having a “Nostalgia Night” to share these memories exactly 50 years later on **Friday, November 22**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall at Everglades Community Church. We will have a large map so we can pinpoint where we all were and will invite participants to talk briefly about what they were doing when the news came in.

If you can't join us, please email ESHP@hotmail.com with your story or send it to us at ESHP, P.O.Box 46, Everglades City, FL, 34139. Any old newspaper clippings that you do not want are also welcome!



Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet

“It was the best ever. It keeps getting bigger every year. And, the crabbers really appreciate the day.” said MacBeth Collins, City Councilor, at the Council meeting on October 1.

This year, we added arts & crafts booths to the festivities which took place at the Rod & Gun Club on the afternoon of September 28.

Our thanks to all the boat captains and crews, the pastors who blessed their vessels, Mitch Mitchell who provided the live music with his singing and guitar playing, the contestants who baked coconut guava cakes, the cake judges, our sole Ted Smallwood look-alike contestant, and the kids who raced their frogs. And, a particular thank you to the Rod & Gun Club who allowed us to hold the event at their premises for the fifth year.

To see more photos, follow the link on our website www.evergladeshistorical.org to the FaceBook page.

COUNTY HISTORICAL ISSUES

The road leading down to the historic Smallwood Store is again in the news as Collier County Commissioners decide if that part of Mamie Street should be “vacated” as a County road, leaving developers Florida Georgia Grove LLC to relocate the road. ESHP has written a formal letter to the Commissioners objecting to the abandonment of the road.

Another concern is the future of the County Historic & Archeological Preservation Board, comprised of volunteers, which advises the Commissioners about historic properties. ESHP is opposing any changes to the status of this Board.

For info about both issues and how you can write a letter, talk with Patty at 695-2397.

News from the Historical Library



Additions to the Historical Library were catalogued over the summer and the updated list is now on our website.

Our thanks to Marco Island historian and author for donating copies of her works:

Perdichizzi, *A Girl Called Tommie*

Perdichizzi, *Island Voices*

Perdichizzi, *The Phoney Hermit*

Perdichizzi, *Into the Florida Wilderness*

The next time you have a clean-up, don't throw out old books, 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.