

**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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**Newsletter**

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***Getting Busier!***

Visitor Center is open again ... but, ***we need volunteers!*** There are plastic shields on desks and masks are advised. Stop in to say hello and let us know which day you want to greet people by signing up on the calendar. Or, phone Kathy with your preferred time at (954) 662-7003.

Our next event is an **Exclusive Tour** on October 30<sup>th</sup> when a limited group will have lunch at the Rod & Gun Club before being guided around the Bank building. See **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** inside this newsletter for details.

We're excited about the **Music Fest** on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> when weather should be perfect for an outside event. Stars strumming & singing for us include Cottondale Swamp, Fiddlin' J. Robert, and Raiford Starke. Also contributing are local artists who have interesting items in the Auctions. For info, *see more inside.*

Our architects Parker/Mudgett/Smith have submitted draft **design drawings** and we should have a schedule of work to be done on the old Bank building sometime this month. That will help us to apply for grants and appeal to private donors.

One urgent matter is **replacing the roof** and we have contracted with a company to have it done in January.

To learn more, see [www.SaveBOE.com](http://www.SaveBOE.com). For info, phone Kathy at (954) 662-7003.


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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Saturday, October 30: Exclusive Tour**

 Limited to only 10 people. Starts at 11:30am  
 To book your places, see [www.SaveBoE.com](http://www.SaveBoE.com).

**Saturday, November 6: ECity Bank Music Festival**

 12noon-late, Rod & Gun Club lawn  
 Reserved seat \$50, General admission \$20/person  
 Book in advance at [www.SaveBoE.com](http://www.SaveBoE.com).

**Friday, November 19: Welcome Back Historical Talk**

 2:00pm, Lighthouse Club at Everglades Isle  
 Illustrated presentation: "Why Did They Kill Mr. Watson?"  
 No charge but places limited; reservations requested  
 Phone Marya at (239) 695-2905 or email [ESHP@hotmail.com](mailto:ESHP@hotmail.com)
**Saturday, November 20: Art-in-the-Glades**

 10am-1pm, McLeod Park  
 Local artisans selling their creations. No charge.  
 Phone Marya at (239) 695-2905 or email [ESHP@hotmail.com](mailto:ESHP@hotmail.com)
**Saturday, December 11: "Killing Mr. Watson"**

 A re-enactment at the historic Smallwood Store in Chokoloskee  
 where the event really happened in 1910  
 Performances at 11am and 2pm  
 Reserved seat \$50, General admission \$20/person  
 Book in advance at [www.SaveBoE.com](http://www.SaveBoE.com).

**Saturday, December 11: Art-in-the-Glades**

 10am-1pm, McLeod Park  
 Have fun shopping for the holiday season.

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**Friday, January 14: Golfing Extravaganza**

6pm, Naples Depot, details t/b/a

**Saturday, January 22: Art-in-the-Glades**

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

**Thursday, February 3: Dine & Dance Gala**

6pm, Naples Sports Complex, details t/b/a

**Friday, February 25: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk**

5:30pm, details t/b/a, update on Bank of Everglades Building

**Saturday, February 26: Art-in-the-Glades**

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

**Friday, March 11: "Wind Across the Everglades"**

5pm, Naples, details t/b/a

**Saturday, March 26: Art-in-the-Glades**

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

### BOARD MEETINGS

 The Board of Directors meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Monday November 1**, in the Visitor Center. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Kathy at (954) 662-7003.



**SAVE the ECity Bank  
MUSIC  
FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City**  
for reserved seats, see [www.SaveBoE.com](http://www.SaveBoE.com)

Our headline group is **COTTONDALE SWAMP** who describe their music as *Original Florida swamp rock with authentic country sensibilities and a heart of rock 'n roll*. They admit to liking the back roads and small towns of Olde Florida so should be at home here.

The 4 lads live in Weeki Watchee but will not be bringing the mermaids. You can read more about them and see photos at [www.cottondaleswamp.com](http://www.cottondaleswamp.com).

### MUSEUM UPDATE



What do you know about the Skunk Ape? Is it a mythical creature or does it really exist? You can learn more when Dave Shealy answers questions at the **Third Thursday Talk on October 19** at 2:00pm. There is no charge and reservations are not required but seating is "first-come-first-served" so get there early.

The Museum is open from 9am to 4pm on Tuesday through Saturday and admission is free. For info, call (239) 252-5026.

### Naples Nostalgia

Palm Cottage is hosting tours of the fascinating building and around Naples. For info and to make reservations, see [www.napleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.napleshistoricalsociety.org).



### Congratulations!

Marco Island Historical Museum is celebrating its **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Thursday, October 14**, at 4:30pm with a reception to open a new exhibit "Marco Island in Postcards" which can be seen until the end of 2021, along with the famous Marco Cat..

For info, phone (239) 389-6447 or see [TheMIHS.org](http://TheMIHS.org)



### ESHP MEMBERSHIP

We have 75 members who are paid-up.

**JOIN NOW** and have your membership extended through the end of 2022.

To show your support, just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter or use a debit/credit card at our website [www.eshp.org](http://www.eshp.org).

**Welcome to new members:**

John Mathews, Naples

Fay Weaver, ECity