

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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Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. The Society is concerned with the **preservation of all historic sites, structures, documents, artifacts, and memories** within the Everglades area.

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Newsletter

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The Bank of Everglades after Hurricane Ian on September 28, 2022.

BOE Update

Our president Patty Huff has been busy consulting with engineers and architects about our 1927 building. She has also spread the word about the Collier County Centennial and the Everglades National Park 75th Anniversary.

Fortunately, the old Bank of Everglades does not appear to have suffered serious damage during Hurricane Ian on September 28th although a bit of muck did wash in from the storm surge. We are very grateful to Bill Storrs who volunteered, with the help of Steve Huff, to clean all the mud off the floors. Our Board member Donald Kim also assisted with moving the “treasures” from the vault to the second floor.

The 1950s addition at the back has deteriorated further and should be demolished. We are in the process of getting bids to handle the demolition.

We are also updating our Case Statement with conceptual designs furnished by our architects MHK. We are making progress despite the hurricane. For more information, visit our special website at www.save-boe.org or contact Patty at (239) 719-0020.

Visitor Center



We will open to the public on **November 7** in our center at 207 West Broadway.
 If you would like to volunteer, phone Connie at (419) 350-6650.


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MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Saturday, November 12: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905

Friday, November 18: Welcome-Back Historical Talk

2:00pm, Lighthouse Club at Everglades Isle

 Reservations requested. RSVP to ESHP@hotmail.com
Saturday, December 10: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905

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Saturday, January 14: Music Festival

12-6pm, Rod & Gun Club

 Book your tickets at www.Save-BOE.org
Weekend, February 17/18/19: Everglades Seafood Festival

 See website: www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org
Friday, February 24: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Saturday, March 11: Homes & Gardens Tour and Concert

Details to be announced in future.

Thursday, March 23: Barron Collier 150th Birthday

Details to be announced in future.

BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is on **Monday, November 7**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Visitor Center. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.

ESHP MEMBERSHIP

We have 82 members including our first Lifetime member. If you join now, your membership will extend through 2023. Send in a check or use a credit/debit card at www.eshp.org.

And, you can give membership as a gift to someone else! We will send the recipient a card with your name and a goodie bag. See the back page ...


COLLIER CENTENNIAL

The County was established in 1923 so we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary with events throughout next year. There is a new website www.colliercounty100.com devoted to the festivities.

We will keep you up-to-date on what we're doing here to celebrate this momentous year.

SAVE the Bank of Everglades Building

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, January 14

Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City

www.Save-BOE.org

We changed the date of our Music Festival to **January 14** after Hurricane Ian left chaos and debris everywhere in Southwest Florida. On the positive side, it will now be one of the first events in Collier County's Centennial Year. And, we hope that there will be more winter visitors in our area by then to enjoy the great performers.

Tickets are \$50 for a reserved seat or \$20 for general admission. They can be bought in advance at our special website www.Save-BOE.org using a credit/debit card or by sending us a check payable to "ESHP" with a memo line "Music Fest". For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.


MUSEUM OF EVERGLADES

The next Special Exhibit will be "**Gearheads in the Glades**" showing the mechanical ingenuity of locals in response to the challenges of the swamp. The display will open after some electrical work is completed because of the storm.

For info, see www.colliermuseums.com or phone the Museum at (239) 252-5026.

News from Naples

We are glad to report that historic Palm Cottage survived Hurricane Ian but did not escape unscathed.

Executive Director Elaine Reed reported:

Historic Palm Cottage™ suffered the most damage and is our chief priority. Every plank of the Dade County Pine flooring will be removed, cleaned, repaired, treated, restored and replaced (first floor only). That is the goal, but because there are some planks that will not make it, we have a "salvage" plan in place. The gorgeous baseboards, drywall and some column finishes have a great deal of moisture. Our general contractor has a plan to address this.


News from the Historical Library


We can scan old photos and small documents in our office in City Hall while you wait if you do not want to donate the originals. We feel our filing cabinets in the closet upstairs are safe from impending storms. For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.