

**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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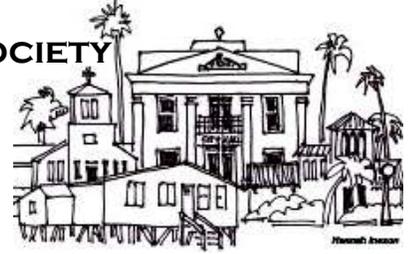
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- fund raising
- Historical Library
- special events
- merchandise sales
- publicity/website
- historical research
- legal/financial
- engineering/architecture
- other _____

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next **ESHP Board Meeting** will be on **Monday, November 9**, at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall. The agenda includes events for the season and the restoration of the Bula Baptist Mission in Copeland (Lee Cypress). Members are welcome – please attend to give us your ideas and your help.

There will be an illustrated lecture about the **"History of the Fakahatchee"** on **Friday, November 20**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Everglades Community Church annex. The subject includes the islands, logging in the swamp, development by Gulf American of the "blocks", the threat of Remuda Ranch, and the fight to save the Fakahatchee as a park.

The first **Art-in-the-Glades** of the season will be held just in time for holiday shopping on **Saturday, December 5**, and ESHP will have a table with our cards and brochures.

MARCO HISTORY

There will be a dramatization of the 1968 **Kidnapping of Barbara Mackle** on **Thursday, November 5**, at 7:00 p.m. at Mackle Park. The event is hosted by the Marco Island Historical Society. For info, phone (239) 394-3917.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 64 paid-up members in the following categories:
 Benefactor 1 Patron 5 Business 5
 Family 27 Individual 26
 Renewal notices will be sent in January 2010.

Welcome to new members:

Tom Leonard, Everglades City & Whitehall, NY
 Anne Sullivan, Port Charlotte
 Shamrock Bank of Florida, Everglades City & Naples
If new members join now, during the last quarter, their membership will be extended through the calendar year 2010.

Our directors and officers are Mike Danosky (Vice-President), Patty Huff (Secretary), Mike Klein (Treasurer), Jane Rackley, Marya Repko (President), Pat Rinkevich, Terry Smallwood, and Jean Schultz. Elections will take place again in March.

NEWSLETTER

This is the first issue of *The Town Crier* since the spring. We hope everyone had a good summer and is looking forward to a busy season in the Everglades City area.



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BRICKS INSTALLED

The commemorative bricks that were ordered during the past year have been delivered and were finally installed in front of Everglades City Hall at the end of September.

A new campaign will begin in the new year.

New Booklet

The Collier County Historical & Archeological Preservation Board is preparing a new edition of their little pamphlet about historic sites and buildings in the county. ESHP are helping in the production with our knowledge of this area and with design.

HISTORY ON TV

Local public broadcasting station WGPU (cable 3) has a wonderful series called "Untold Stories" about local history. Some of the episodes are available on DVD at the Museum of the Everglades (see www.evergladsmuseum.org and click on Gift Shop). For info about broadcast schedules, see www.wgcu.org where you can also order DVDs.



DEACONESS HONORED

Deaconess Harriet Bedell, who lived in Everglades City from 1933 to 1960 at the Glade Cross Mission, was added to the List of Lesser Feasts & Fasts by the Episcopal Church during their Convention in July.

The Deaconess helped the local Seminole Indians to market their crafts and visited their camps to teach them good hygiene and to nurse them with her medical skills.

Before coming to Florida, she had worked as a missionary in Oklahoma with the Cheyenne and in a remote village in Alaska.

Her life is described in a new book "Angel of the Swamp" which is available from outlets around the area or from www.ecity-publishing.com.

The Deaconess' feast day is on January 8, the anniversary of her death at age 94 in 1969, and there will be a talk about her at the Museum of the Everglades on that day in 2010.



SWAMP BUGGY HISTORY

The tradition of Swamp Buggy Races goes back to 1949 when a group of Naples residents decided to put on a show for visiting outdoor writers. The races and parade grew into a tri-annual festival. One of the highlights is throwing the Queen into the mud but the races are predominant and the high-powered machines are sophisticated, almost floating in the water that has replaced ordinary muck.

A new book celebrating 60 years of this unique event has been compiled by Lila Zuck, a colleague of the late historian Maria Stone who did so much to preserve our history in interviews. Lila has graciously donated a copy of *Naples' Oldest Tradition, Swamp Buggy Days* to our Historical Library.

Copies are available locally at WinCar and the Seafood Depot. To order online, see www.collierhistorical.org.

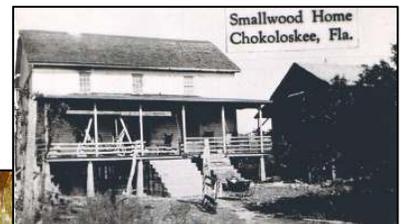
News from the Historical Library



We have received a number of new books, most of which have been cataloged and are listed on our website. We were also given some wonderful old postcards and other memorabilia by:

- Virginia Klotz
- Barbara Portz
- Bea Frost

Our thanks to them!



If you have items to donate, phone Marya at 695-2905.