

**EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

A Look Forward

We expect to have a busy 2010-2011 season and have penciled in the following events:

- December 3: Talk "Marco Island Pioneers" (see next page)
- December 4: Art-in-the-Glades
- January 8: Deaconess Bedell Feast Day
- January 22: Antique Air Aficionados, Art-in-the-Glades
- February 5/6: Everglades Seafood Festival
- February 25: Annual General Meeting dinner/talk
- March 12: Everglades Homes Tour, Art-in-the-Glades
- March 25: End-of-Season Social

Outside Events

The **Museum of the Everglades** will have a reception for the monthly exhibits at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on:

- November 20, Jose Fernandez, photographer
- December 9: "Life of Ed Watson"

For info, see www.evergladesmuseum.org.

The **Marco Island Historical Society** has a program on the first Tuesday in the month at the new Museum:

- November 9: Audubon in Florida
- December 7: Mr Picwick, Christmas Program

The Museum is open to the public on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For info, see www.theMIHS.org.

Naples Preserve has started a new "Sharing Local History" series which usually meets at 3:00 p.m. on the fourth Friday:

- November 19: History of the Fakahatchee
- December 17: Naples from 1885 to 1930

For info, phone (239) 261-4290.

The **Friends of Fakahatchee** are hosting a **Coastal Cruise** to Fakahatchee Island on **Tuesday, November 23**. The island was home to a farming and fishing community a hundred years ago and even had a school. For info, see www.orchidswamp.org or phone Marya at 695-2905.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 61 members plus 14 who have not renewed for 2010. If you renew or join now, your membership will go through the next year (2011). Renewal notices will be sent in January.

Welcome to returning member Joyce Hazel Laeser of Chokoloskee and to new member Virginia Klotz.



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KLOTZ COLLECTION

Virginia Klotz of Sea Gull Studios has generously given ESHP a collection of her father Bob Klotz’s watercolors depicting historic buildings in the Everglades City area. They were painted in 1973 for the 50th anniversary of the founding of Collier County.

Seen above are the Everglades Inn, the Community Center, the old School, and the Administration Building. In total, there are 22 paintings in the collection which will all be documented digitally.

GOOD NEWS!



We are glad to report that the old Everglades Bank building will be used again as a B&B. A 10-year lease was signed recently by Patty Bowen and her daughter Taylor who will operate the business.

ABOUT OTHER SOCIETIES ...

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has a new president. Stephanie Meeks has taken over from Richard Moe who retired after many years. Stephanie comes to the job from The Nature Conservancy. For more news, see www.nthp.org.

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation has a new website with a packed list of events. See www.floridatrust.org.

The Historical Museum of Southern Florida has changed its name to History Miami. For news & events see www.hmsf.org.

The **Naples Historical Society** at Palm Cottage is showing filmed recordings of their oral history program “If These Walls Could Talk”. Guided walks and house tours are also available. For info, see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.



photos courtesy of Florida State Archives

MARCO PIONEERS

We’ve all heard about Tommie Barfield, the “Queen of Marco Island” who helped Barron Collier get his new county through the legislature. But what do we know about other pioneers? And what did the island look like before the Deltona company started developing?

Craig Woodward (ESHP Board member and President of the Marco Island Historical Society) will give an illustrated lecture on **Friday, December 3**, about Marco Island’s early history. The event takes place at the Everglades Community Church starting at 5:00 p.m. with refreshments, followed at 5:30 p.m. by Craig’s talk.

Everyone is welcome! For info, phone 695-2905.

News from the Historical Library

New books donated since our last newsletter:

- Akerman, *Jacob Summerlin; King of the Crackers*
- Grismer, *The Story of Fort Myers*
- Romans, *A Concise Natural History of East and West Florida*
- Stevens, *Lee County Islands*
- Stone, *The First 100 Years; Lee County Public Schools, 1887-1987*

The book about Lee County Public Schools includes the first schools in what is now Collier County (eg, Everglade, Naples, Marco Island, Chokoloskee) before they were handed over in 1923. There are old photos and interviews as well as records of the deeds and teachers’ names.

Thanks to Deborah & Jimmy Trujillo for some wonderful old newspaper clippings about this area. They include an article from 1986 about an oil pipeline spill visited by Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

The next time you have a clean-up, don’t throw out old papers or photos – they may be of historical interest. If you would like to donate them to the Library, please phone (239) 695-2905.

BRICKS

The commemorative bricks were finally ordered this summer and should be installed in front of City Hall soon.



ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Historical Library. Members welcome.