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Dedicated to our Unique History

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We are looking forward to an exciting winter season ...

Friday, Dec 9: Talk about Monroe Station

Bob DeGross of Big Cypress National Preserve will give an illustrated presentation about the history of the old patrol station on the Tamiami Trail (*see story inside*).

Saturday, Dec 10: Art-in-the-Glades

Have fun doing your holiday shopping! ESHP will have a booth in McLeod Park to sell cards and talk to people.

Friday, Jan 20: Movie Night

A showing of "Wind Across the Everglades" filmed here in 1957-58, popcorn & soft drinks.

Saturday, Jan 21: Art-in-the-Glades

Arts & Crafts sale, live music in McLeod Park; ESHP will have a booth to sell cards and talk to people.

Saturday, Feb 18: Antique Air Aficionados

Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast at Everglades Airport with official unveiling of historical marker.

Friday, Feb 24: Annual Members' Meeting & Dinner

Dinner in a local restaurant followed by a brief business meeting to announce new board members and then a talk about "Surveying the Everglades" by Craig Woodward.

Saturday, March 10: Everglades Homes Tour

A chance to visit older private houses and public buildings. Ticket is a souvenir booklet.

Saturday, March 10: Art-in-the-Glades

Headquarters for the Homes Tour plus Arts & Crafts sale and live music in McLeod Park.

Friday, March 23: Social Evening

Casual meal in a local restaurant and a chance to say farewell to seasonal visitors before they head away from Florida for the summer.

You can download a calendar with these and other events at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

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 is on **Monday, November 7**. Members are invited to attend and contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 56 members plus 6 who have not renewed for 2011. If you join or renew now in the last quarter of the year, your membership will be extended until the end of 2012. You can pay with a credit card at our website or fill in the form on the back of this newsletter.



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Historical Signs

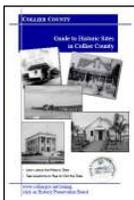
We are ordering a sample of a small signs to put on the outside of older private homes to recognize their historical significance as an original Collier house. We are also designing larger signs to be placed in front of public buildings and sites.

Owners who are interested in having a sign should contact Mike Danosky at 695-2244.

If you would like to help with this project, please let Mike know or come to the Board Meeting on **Monday, November 7**, at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall.

HAPB Booklet on Website

The Collier County Historic and Archeological Preservation Board booklet about historic buildings and sites in the County is available on our website (see the Activities & Publications page). Copies are also available at the Collier County Public Library.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Schedule for elections to the Board of Directors:

Jan 2: nominations open

Feb 6: nominations close

Feb 7: ballots sent to members by post

Feb 24: ballots counted at Annual Meeting

March 5: new Board elects officers

Directors will serve a 3-year term but officers will be elected by the Board every year at their March meeting.

NEW LIFE FOR OLD BUILDINGS

The old Bula Missionary Baptist Church in Copeland will be transformed into the Frances Hodge Memorial Garden. Demolition of the condemned building takes place in early November and plans are being made for a community park on the site with acknowledgement of the burials there. If you would like to help or donate, contact Marya at 695-2905.



The old Bank of Everglades building has been completely refurbished and opened as the "Everglades Historic Bed & Breakfast with Spa" by Patty Bowen and her daughter Taylor Caple. For info, phone them at 695-0013 or stop in to have a look at the wonderful job they've done.



Commiserations

We are sorry to report the passing of Max Schultz whose wife Jean serves on our Board and has organized the Everglades Homes Tour, among her many other community activities.



MONROE STATION

Monroe Station, on US-41 at the end of the Loop Road, was built in 1928 after the Tamiami Trail was constructed. It was one of six way-side stops between the Dade County border and East Naples that sold gas and snacks. A patrolman on a motorbike was based at each one and drove around to make sure cars were not stranded.

Eventually, Monroe Station became a restaurant rented from the Collier Corporation. It was a popular spot for hunters in the adjacent glades and for tourists traveling along the Trail.

The building is now owned by Big Cypress National Preserve who have plans to restore it. It was listed in 2000 on the National Register of Historic Places, which is administered by the National Park Service.

Our speaker on **Friday, December 9**, is Bob DeGross, Chief of Interpretation and Public Affairs for the Preserve, who has studied the history of Monroe Station. His presentation delves into the history of the Trail as well as the building itself.

Join us at 5:00 p.m. in the Everglades Community Church Fellowship Hall for light refreshments before Bob starts his talk at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to this free event.

If you have memories of stopping at the station, we will have a nostalgia session after the formal presentation. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

News from the Historical Library

Some of the new titles added over the summer are:

Williams, *Along the Caloosahatchee River*

Jordan, *Tales of Pine Island*

Stevens, *Lee County Islands*

LeBuff, J.N. "*Ding*" *Darling National Wildlife Refuge*

Fritz, *The Unknown Story of Sanibel and Captiva*

plus other books about Sanibel history. You can see the full list on our website.

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