

**EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR  
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*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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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Nov 20: Welcome-Back Historical Talk**  
5:30pm, Everglades Community Church  
*see article inside ...*

**Nov 21: Art-in-the-Glades**  
10am-2pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City

**Dec 5: Swamp Heritage Festival**  
Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, Ochopee

**Dec 19: Art-in-the-Glades**  
10am-2pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City

**Jan 8: Movie Night**  
5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

**Feb 5: Movie Night**  
5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

**Feb 12-14: Everglades Seafood Festival**  
10am-6pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City

**Feb 23-27: Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival**  
9am-4pm, Museum of the Everglades

**Feb 26: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk**  
5:30pm, Oyster House Restaurant, Everglades City

**Mar 11: Movie Night**  
5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

*Download a calendar from our website.*

**ESHP BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in our Historical Library on the second floor in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, December 7**. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

**MEMBERSHIP**

We have 71 members who are up-to-date with their payments. If you join now, your membership will be extended until January 2017. Just fill in the form in this newsletter or see our website [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org) to pay with a credit/debit card.

**Welcome to new member since our last newsletter:**  
Louise Rose, Chokoloskee

**MUSEUM NEWS**

The Friends of the Museum of the Everglades will have their Annual Members' Luncheon on **Monday, December 7**, when the speaker is Bob DeGross who will talk about the Tamiami Trail and Monroe Station. Reservations are required. Call the Museum at (239) 695-0008.


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## MONROE STATION RESTORATION

Monroe Station was one of six similar facilities along the new Tamiami Trail across the Everglades completed in 1928.

They provided rest stops in those days before the road was paved and sold snacks as well as gas. The Southwest Florida Mounted Patrol cruised up and down the Trail from the stations to help motorists who were stranded.

In later times, Monroe Station was a popular meeting place for travelers and hunters in this remote, isolated area.

The property is now owned by Big Cypress National Preserve in Ochopee. The building was added in 2000 to the National Register of Historic Places because of its importance to Southwest Florida. The intention is to restore it to its original profile with historical exhibits downstairs and offices above.

ESHP has offered to help with fundraising and grant applications.

## HISTORICAL SIGNS

If you have an old house and would like an historical sign or if you would like to give one to a home owner as a gift, please contact Patty Huff at 695-2397.



## News from the Historical Library

New additions to the Library:

Becerra, *Robert Is Here*  
 Betz, *Yesteryear I Lived in Paradise*  
 Carson, *Silent Spring*  
 Chesser, *The East Side of the River*  
 Jumper & West, *A Seminole Legend*  
 McGoun, *Southeast Florida Pioneers*  
 Poole, *Saving Florida*  
 Weatherford, *They Dared to Dream*  
 Wright, *More Than Petticoats*

If you would like to give old books, newspapers, or photos to the Historical Library on the second floor of City Hall, where they are safe from storms, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.



## Welcome-Back Historical Talk

How did Everglades City become Collier's jewel in the Glades?

And, why is it so small now? What's in the future?

These questions and others will be answered at an illustrated presentation by Ray Carroll entitled **"Everglades City, the First County Seat"** on **Friday, November 20**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church on the Circle.

Ray is a native Floridian whose family settled in Collier County in the late 1800s. He is a property appraiser with a deep interest in local history.

The evening is hosted by ESHP. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge but *reservations are required*. For information and to book your places, please call Marya at (239) 695-2905 or see our website [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org).

## FAREWELL

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Olga Hirschhorn at age 95 in Naples. It was thanks to her that the rusty old boat lift at the end of Broadway was painted in brilliant colors designed in 2007 by her friend, the artist Kenneth Noland.



Olga and her late husband Joseph were art collectors and philanthropists who enjoyed relaxing in Everglades City and fishing. She was interested in our unique history and a generous donor to the Museum.

## OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Tod Dahlke has been appointed to the ESHP Board to serve until the next election in 2018. He has been an active participant with creative contributions at our meetings and has organized the annual Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet which was his idea seven years ago.

Tod is a native Floridian from Fort Myers and conducts guided kayak tours in our area. He is also on the Board of the Friends of Fakahatchee ([www.orchidswamp.org](http://www.orchidswamp.org)).