

EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Dedicated to our Unique History

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 15: Welcome-Back Historical Talk
5:30pm, Everglades Community Church
see article inside

Nov 16: Art-in-the-Glades
10am-1pm, McLeod Park
see article below

Dec 7: Everglades Bike Ride
9am, McLeod Park
for info, call (239) 719-0020

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ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, December 2**, in our office at City Hall. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Kathy at (954) 662-7003.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 61 current members. If you join or renew now, your membership will be valid through the calendar year 2020. Just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter or use a debit/credit card at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org. Life members never have to renew.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Join us on **Saturday, November 16**, for an informal arts & crafts fair in Everglades City from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. under the pavilion in McLeod Park behind the tennis courts near City Hall.

We're looking forward to seeing old friends as they browse what our talented locals have created over the summer, from paintings to photos to clever artifacts. There will also be history books for sale and some holiday cards with an Everglades theme.

Vendors are welcome to set up a table at no charge. For info, call Marya at (239) 695-2905.


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photo courtesy Helen Bryan

GOLD FISH POND RESTORED

Barron Collier and David Graham Copeland thought of everything to make our little city attractive. In the grandiose medians on Broadway, there was even a Gold Fish Pond in the last block near the River.

We have heard that the racoons snuck up for a night-time snack and the fish had to be replaced regularly from a big tank in the old warehouse.

In recent years, the pond was filled with dirt and even had some plants in it.

Thanks to hard work by Eagle Scout Morgan Bock and his Troop 2001 buddies, the pond has been cleaned out and painted.

Don't be surprised if metal fish appear soon ...

LOST BUILDINGS



The old Copeland Prison at 20201 SR-29 opposite Deep Lake was destroyed in September during a controlled burn in accordance with a demolition permit. The facility was established in 1952 and after it closed the parcel was sold several times to a private concerns. When it was operational, inmates worked on supervised day release helping the City with maintenance jobs.

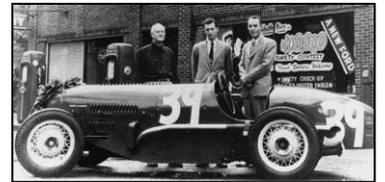
Who Was Barron Collier?

Our "Welcome-Back Historical Evening" features a presentation about this illustrious and flamboyant founder of our County.



Besides his activities in Florida, which included luxury hotels all over the southern part of the state, he was a big man in New York City during the Roaring Twenties and a generous benefactor to various charitable organizations. He rubbed shoulders with Roosevelts, Rockefellers, and the top brass in Florida. The famous Everglades streetcar came from Luna Park on Coney Island in which Collier was an owner.

And, his sons Sam and Miles were avid auto racers in upstate New York who had a green car called the "Ardent Alligator".



We look forward to seeing old and new friends on **Friday, November 15**, at 5:30pm in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church. Admission is free but reservation are requested so we can plan some festive snacks. Email us at ESHP@hotmail.com or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

Nostalgia in Naples

The annual Christmas Gala at Palm Cottage is on December 6 this year. The cottage is dressed up for the holidays from December 3 to December 28 and during the ten days starting on December 10th there will be old-timers stories from 4pm to 7pm.

For info, see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org or phone (239) 261-8164.



SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES

Grants are available for historical sites and collections from the National Park Service. The deadline for applications is December 10, 2019. For info, see <http://go.nps.gov/sat>.

News from the Historical Library



If you're looking for historical books and cards, visit our new office just on the left as you come in the front door of City Hall. We're gearing up for the holiday season and even have some greeting cards for sale which were designed by local school kids several years ago.

If you still have items for the Historical Library, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.