

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next **ESHP Board Meeting** is on **Monday, January 4**, at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall. The agenda includes events for the season (*see the attached calendar*). Members are welcome.

There will be a celebration of the **Feast Day for Deaconess Harriet Bedell** on **Friday, January 8**. The event, hosted by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, includes a talk about her life & work plus refreshments. Everyone is invited to the Museum at 2:00 p.m. For info, phone Patty at 695-2397.

ESHP is presenting an lecture entitled "**Film-Land in the Glades**" on **Friday, January 8**, at 5:30 p.m. in the historic Everglades City Hall. *See inside page for more information.*

Art-in-the-Glades will be held on **Saturday, January 23** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. ESHP will have a table with our cards and brochures. To volunteer, phone 695-2905.

Antique Airplane Aficionados will be able to chat and look at the machinery during a Fly-In on **Saturday, January 23**, at the Everglades Airpark from 10:00 a.m. to noon. A pancake breakfast will be served, thanks to Chuck Gretske of Wings 10,000 Islands Tours. For info, phone Mike at 695-2244.

The **Everglades Seafood Festival** takes place on the weekend of **February 6/7**. ESHP will have a booth near the Museum on West Broadway. Volunteers are welcome to sell cards and talk to the public about how important local preservation is in our area. If you can help, please phone Marya at 695-2905.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 66 paid-up members. Renewal notices will be sent in January 2010.

Welcome to new members:

Cliff & Doris Kolber, Miami
If you give a gift of membership for the holidays, we will send a greeting card to the recipient saying it is from you.

We have upgraded our website www.evergladeshistorical.org to allow members to join or renew using PayPal. The advantage is that you can use your credit card but PayPal hides the details from us and just transfers the funds into our bank. We receive an email with your name & address which we will acknowledge with a thank-you note. Have a look and tell us what you think.

*Best Wishes for a
Joyous Holiday Season!*



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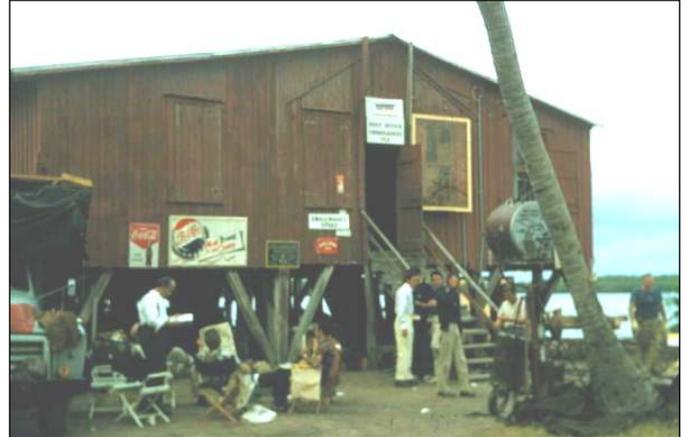


FAKAHATCHEE HISTORY

A new book was launched at our standing-room-only illustrated lecture on November 20 about the History of the Fakahatchee. The packed audience heard Franklin Adams and Marya Repko talk about the island, the logging in Lee Cypress, and the fight to save the area from the developers of Remuda Ranch Grants.

Franklin recalled first-hand experiences from his teenage days hunting in the “Fak” with his father and brother to his association with Mel Finn, the Miami attorney who pushed both state and Federal legislatures to create a park out of the ecologically-unique land. In fact, the old logging trams have recently been recommended for the National Register of Historic Places.

Copies of *A Brief History of the Fakahatchee* are available at WinCar Hardware, Everglades National Park Boat Tours, the Museum of the Everglades, the Smallwood Museum, and the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center. You can also order online at website www.ecity-publishing.com.



FILM-LAND IN THE GLADES

Hollywood glamour came to Southwest Florida when Gypsy Rose Lee, Burl Ives, Peter Falk, and a youthful Christopher Plummer filmed “Wind Across the Everglades” in 1957. They all bunked down in the Everglades City Rod & Gun Club while shooting on location in the swamps and town.

Movie-making is not new to Florida. It goes back to the early 1900s when emerging cities tried to attract producers with the lure of a perfect climate and real scenery.

Between then and now, crews have invaded for “Distant Drums”, “Gone Fishing”, “Just Cause”, and “Adaptation”. Even Woody Woodpecker got in the act for “Everglade Raid”.

You can learn more and share your memories at a Nostalgia Night illustrated lecture on **Friday, January 8**, at 5:30 p.m. in historic Everglades City Hall. The guest speaker is Rob Davis, Director of the DeSantis Center for Motion Picture Industry Studies at Florida Atlantic University. He assures us that he has dug up some interesting information and has unusual images in his presentation.

Everyone is welcome so bring your friends and neighbors!

NEW BRICK CAMPAIGN

If you did not order engraved bricks last season or have more events to commemorate, there is another chance.

A new campaign started on December 5 and will close on February 28, 2010. The bricks on the walkway in front of Everglades City Hall are often read by visitors who stop to look at our historic building.



Forms are available at City Hall or can be downloaded at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

News from the Historical Library



The Historical Library aims to preserve old books, photos, and documents that are relevant to our history and to provide a resource for researchers. Each item is catalogued and pictures are scanned for safekeeping offsite. They can be read and copied in the Library but not removed.

Before you throw anything out, phone us at 695-2905 or drop off your hoardings upstairs at our office in City Hall.