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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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, December 8: Art-in-the-Glades

"Have Fun Doing Your Holiday Shopping!"

Arts & Crafts sale, hotdogs for lunch, live music
McLeod Park, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2013 EVENTS

Jan 11: Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Community Church
see article inside

Jan 12: Art-in-the-Glades, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
ESHP will have a booth

Feb 9/10: Everglades Seafood Festival
ESHP will have a booth

Feb 15: Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Community Church
see article inside

Feb 19-23: MSD Festival, Museum of the Everglades

Feb 22: Annual Meeting & Dinner/Talk
venue & subject to be announced

Mar 9: Homes Tour, Art-in-the-Glades
see article inside

Mar 15: Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Community Church
see article inside

Mar 22: Farewell Social Evening
informal dinner at local restaurant

Apr 27: Tamiami Trail 85th Anniversary, Museum
ESHP will take part

You can download a calendar of 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 will be held on **January 7**. Members are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 58 active members. Renewal notices for existing members will be sent in January.

If you join now as a new member, your membership will be extended throughout the 2013 calendar year. You can send this form with a check or join online with a credit/debit card at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.



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EVERGLADES HOMES TOUR

Our signature event is the **Everglades Homes Tour** on **Saturday, March 9**, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

City Hall, the original Collier County Courthouse, will be open so that out-of-town visitors can see the beautifully-restored interior. Several older homes and some interesting new ones are also on the itinerary.

The souvenir ticket booklet will be available for \$20 in McLeod Park at **Art-in-the-Glades** which takes place on the same day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can avoid the rush by booking online at our website. For info, call (239) 695-2905.

MICCOSUKEE FESTIVAL

The annual Indian Arts Festival takes place from **December 26** through **January 1** at the Miccosukee Indian Village on the Tamiami Trail. Activities include traditional dancing & singing, tribal story-telling, and a fashion show. For info, see website www.miccosukee.com and click on Events.

VIVA FLORIDA 500

Ponce de León landed on the east coast of Florida in 1513 and returned in 1521 to the west coast where he had a fatal encounter with the Calusa. He had been on Columbus' second voyage in 1493 and became a provincial governor of Hispanola before settling in Puerto Rico.

The year 2013 is being celebrated as the state's 500th Anniversary with various heritage trail publications and events. For info, see www.fla500.com or www.historyflorida500.org.

Garden Side Chickee Chats

The Naples Historical Society holds monthly talks in the Norris Garden next to Palm Cottage on 12th Avenue South in Naples. The speakers this winter are:

January 18 – Paul Arsenaault, "My Journey as a Painter"

February 15 – Laurie Nienhaus, "What Were They Thinking"

March 15 – Lila Zuck, "Naples, A Second Paradise"

The chats start at 11:00 a.m. and often include a book-signing. Tours of Palm Cottage and the gardens and walking tours of old Naples are conducted by the Society regularly. For more info, see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org or phone (239) 261-8164.

BOOK REVIEW

by Marya Repko

Everglades Patrol by Tom Shirley is a real-life account of the author's career as a wildlife law enforcement officer in the greater Everglades. Some of his stories sound much like the hero of the TV movie series we are showing (*see right column*). He used airboats to chase poachers and encountered drug smugglers in small airplanes. He loves the Glades and bemoans the changes that have taken place as flood control emptied it of water and development continues to take place on its fringes.



Movie Nights



We are again showing films with an historical connection this winter at 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall of Everglades Community Church. The schedule is:

Jan 11 – "The Everglades", 2 episodes

Feb 15 – "Distant Drums"

Mar 15 – "The Everglades", 2 episodes

"The Everglades" is a 1960s TV series starring Ron Hayes as Lincoln Vail, a law enforcement officer who patrols this area. The series ran for 38 episodes and we have selected a few that have good plots as well as local scenery.

"Distant Drums" is a full-length (1 hour, 40 minutes) production made in 1951 starring Gary Cooper about the Seminole Wars in the mid-1800s. Some of the scenes were shot in the Everglades.

Movie Night is free and open to the public. There will be popcorn and soft drinks to get you in the mood. For info, call 695-2905.

FAKAHATCHEE COASTAL CRUISES

The Friends of Fakahatchee are hosting a series of boat tours to Fakahatchee island which was settled in the 1890s and even had a school to teach the resident children. Pioneers farmed and fished until the Tamiami Trail was completed when most people found living on the mainland easier.

The Coastal Cruise meanders through the 10,000 Islands, often attracting dolphins to play in the wake of the boat, before landing on Fakahatchee Island where a naturalist leads the group up the shell mound to the ancient cemetery, pointing out rare plants on the way. During the return voyage, the boat passes a rookery where the birds are settling down for the night.

The tours meet at 3:00 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Ranger Station at Everglades National Park on January 13, February 15, February 15, March 2, March 13, and March 30.

Reservations are required. To book your places at \$75 each, see www.orchidswamp.org (click on Events) where you can download a form to send in with a check or pay online with a credit/debit card. For info, phone Pam at (239) 695-1023.

News from the Historical Library



You can see a complete catalog of the books in the library on our website. We also have magazines and numerous clippings & pictures which may be copied but not taken away.

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 Historical Library in City Hall, where they are safe from storms, phone (239) 695-2905.