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Dedicated to our Unique History

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 7: Swamp Heritage Festival
Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center
see article inside

Dec 14: Art-in-the-Glades
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McLeod Park
arts & crafts, music, food
ESHP will have a booth

Jan 8: Florida Enchantments Talk
5:30 p.m., Everglades City Hall
see article inside

Jan 10: Movie Night
5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

Feb 14: Movie Night
5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

Feb 28: Historical Talk & Annual Meeting
6:00 p.m., Everglades Community Church

March 8: Art-in-the-Glades
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McLeod Park
Walking Tour of Historic Chokoloskee
10:30 a.m., Chokoloskee Church of God

March 14: Movie Night
5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

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 **Monday, January 6.**

BRICK BY BRICK

Give a unique holiday gift – a commemorative brick on the walk way in front of City Hall. Pick up a form at City Hall or download one at our website to send in with your check. The campaign will close on **January 15.**

MEMBERSHIP

We have 58 fully-paid members. Renewal notices will be sent by post in January 2014.

**BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS HOLIDAY
AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!**


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Swamp Heritage Festival



The Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center in Ochopee is holding its annual festival on **Saturday, December 7**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to celebrate the Gladesman culture.

There will be activities for all the family including exhibitor booths and Campfire Corner Chats, one of which about "Saving the Swamp" will be given by local author Marya Repko.

ESHP plans to have a booth to tell visitors what we do and to invite them to more of our events. We know that volunteers from Big Cypress enjoy our Movie Nights.

For info, call the Welcome Center at 695-4758 or see our website www.evergladeshistorical.org for a link.

MAMIE STREET

There will be a public hearing about the road leading to the Smallwood Store on **Tuesday, December 10**, during the Board of County Commissioners' meeting in Naples to discuss whether the County should "vacate" the road and turn it over to the developers. For info, talk with Patty at 695-2397.



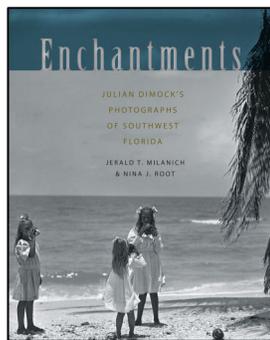
ESHP SPONSORS HISTORICAL BOOK

We have received a beautiful new book – *Enchantments; Julian Dimock's Photographs of Southwest Florida* by Jerald T. Milanich and Nina J. Root.

Photographer Dimock and his father A.W. Dimock explored Florida from 1904 to 1913, producing several books and numerous magazine articles about their adventures in this sparsely-populated area. They went by canoe, ox cart, sail boat, and on foot meeting early settlers and Seminoles. They visited the Starter store, Capt. Bill Collier on Marco, and some of the islands along the coast.

ESHP was approached to help finance the restoration of the old glass photographic plates and is credited in the book.

Dr. Milanich will give a free illustrated presentation about the Dimocks on **Wednesday, January 8**, and sign copies of his book. For info, call 695-2905.



News from the Historical Library



The next time you have a clean-up, don't throw out old books, 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 Marya Repko at (239) 695-2905.



JFK 50th – Where Were You???

There were interesting stories when about a dozen people gathered on **Friday, November 22**, to share memories of where they were and what they were doing 50 years ago when President Kennedy was shot.

EVERGLADES ART AT MARCO MUSEUM



ESHP member (and designer of our logo) Hannah Ineson is giving a talk on **Thursday, December 12**, at 1:00 p.m. about her exhibit of paintings which were inspired by Marjory Stoneman Douglas' book *The Everglades; River of Grass*. Hannah's talk is at the Marco Island Historical Museum where her work is on display until the end of December. For info, call (239) 642-1440.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES



Have fun doing your holiday shopping and support local vendors at Art-in-the-Glades on **Saturday, December 14**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. There will be live music and food for sale at lunch time.

ESHP will have a booth to sell cards, prints, and books – and to attract new members.

Fak Christmas Cruise

Celebrate the holiday season on **Thursday, December 19**, with a Coastal Cruise to historic Fakahatchee Island where we will be guided up the shell mound path to an old cemetery, noticing rare plants on the way. Festive fare will be served on the tour boat during our return journey. Visit www.orchidswamp.org to make your reservations.



WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC CHOKOLOSKEE

We are changing our annual Tour this year. Instead of visiting private homes, we shall conduct an Historical Walking Tour of Chokoloskee on **Saturday, March 8**.

Among the properties on the route are the Church of God, several cemeteries, JT's old store, and the Smallwood Store. Watch for more details in our next newsletter.