

**EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

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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(renewable each January 1)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 6: Swamp Heritage Festival

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Big Cypress Welcome Center

Dec 20: Art-in-the-Glades

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McLeod Park

see article inside

Jan 9: Movie Night, "Everglades Odyssey"

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

Jan 31: Smallwood Music Festival

11:00 a.m. – dark, Rod & Gun, *see article below*

Feb 13: Movie Night, "Wind Across the Everglades"

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

Feb 27: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

March 13: Movie Night

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

You can download a draft 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 in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 5.**

ESHP ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Members' Meeting & Historical Talk will be held on **Friday, February 27**, when results of the election for directors will be announced. Nomination forms will be included with our January newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 68 paid members. Annual renewal notices will be sent at the beginning of January. You can renew or join with a credit/debit card at www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Welcome to new member since our last newsletter:

Sue Rogers, Everglades City and Brockville, Ontario

SMALLWOOD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Join us for a star-studded lineup of Florida musicians on **Saturday, January 31**, at the Rod & Gun Club to benefit the historic Smallwood Store & Museum. The talent-laden group, who have generously donated their time, includes The WholeTones, Raiford Starke, Nate the Gladesman, Valerie Wisecracker, Cindy Hackney, J. Robert, and Snooker Joe Stem plus host Pete Gallagher.

There will also be Arts & Crafts booths, raffles, an auction, and refreshments. See our website for details.


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“Lost Photos of the Seminoles”

Our thanks to journalist and musician Pete Gallagher for sharing dozens of photos of the Seminole Tribe at our Welcome-Back Talk on November 21. Pete is also an accomplished photographer and had taken the pictures when he worked in public relations for the Tribe. Besides recording daily life, he documented visits all over the world with Chief James Billie.

MOVIE NIGHTS


We will again show historical movies, especially those with a connection to this area, each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church.

The first one is “Everglades Odyssey” on **Friday, January 9**, which tells the story of a young couple who kayak through the Ten Thousand Islands. It was filmed from 1957 to 1960 and shows some lovely scenery in the days before Hurricane Donna.

The movies are open to the public and free of charge but reservation are requested. To book your places, email us on ESHPP@hotmail.com or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

FAREWELL

Evelyn Mae McDonagh, 81, one of three sisters to move to Everglades City from central Florida and take an active part in local life.

Marion “Sunny” Burke, 86, an active volunteer for the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades.

Foy Ballance, 83, who farmed and fished from his historic home in Everglades City.

News from the Historical Library


New additions to the library are:

Karl A. Bickel, *The Mangrove Coast*
 James Lafayette Glenn, *My Work Among the Seminoles*
 George Laycock, *The Diligent Destroyers*
 Helen Ossa, *They Saved Our Birds*
 Theodore Pratt, *The Barefoot Mailman*
 John D. Rockefeller, *Random Reminiscences*
 John Rothchild, *Up for Grabs*

A complete list is available on our website.

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

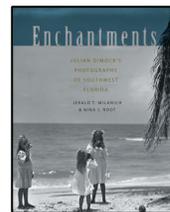

GIVE AN HISTORICAL GIFT!

The perfect holiday gift for the owner of an original Collier home in Everglades City – a bronze-colored plaque that can be mounted near the front door to proclaim the heritage of the building.

The sign is an oval measuring 10 x 14 inches and has two holes for mounting on the wall with screws. It is made of epoxy and will not corrode or rust.

Twenty of our historic homes already have plaques but there are still many that do not.

You can download an order form at our website or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.


“Enchantments” Book

Another gift idea is the lavish book of Everglades photographs taken from 1904 to 1913 by Julian Dimock during travels with his father A.W. Dimock to this area. Images include the Storter trading post (now the Rod & Gun) and some of the surrounding area which they explored by boat.

Enchantments: Julian Dimock's Photographs of Southwest Florida compiled by Jerald T. Milanich & Nina L. Root is available at \$35 per copy from ESHP. You can order on our website www.evergladeshistorical.org or send a check to ESHP, P.O. Box 46, Everglades City, FL, 34139.

ARTS & CRAFTS SALE

Do your last-minute holiday shopping on **Saturday, December 20**, at Art-in-the-Glades from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park at the center of historic Everglades City.



Besides gift ideas from local artisans, there will be hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch and a bake sale.

ESHP will have a booth where you can order historical signs and buy books or cards or a gift membership.

*Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday
and a Peaceful, Healthy New Year!*