

**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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 3: Swamp Heritage Festival

10am-4pm, Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center

Dec 10: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-2pm, McLeod Park

see article below

Jan 6/7/8: White Pelican Celebration

10am-5pm, Smallwood Store, Chokoloskee

see article inside

Jan 13: Movie Night

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Jan 14: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-2pm, McLeod Park

Feb 3: Movie Night

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Feb 10/11/12: Everglades Seafood Festival

10am-6pm, McLeod Park and surrounds

Feb 24: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk

5:30pm, details to be announced

Download a calendar from www.evergladeshistorical.org.

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month in our Historical Library in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, December 5**. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 70 members. Renewal notices will be posted in early January.

If you join now, your membership will be extended until the end of 2017. Just fill in the form in this newsletter to send with a check or visit our website evergladeshistorical.org to pay with a credit/debit card.

Welcome to new members:

Bruce & Allie Delventhal, Naples

ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Have fun doing your holiday shopping at Art-in-the-Glades on **Saturday, December 10**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. Besides arts & crafts, there will be hotdogs for lunch and live music. Vendors are welcome to set up a table at no charge. Phone (239) 695-2905 for info.


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White Pelican Celebration

Join us to welcome these gigantic snowy birds as they flock to their winter home.

The Smallwood Store & Museum is holding a festival on the weekend of **January 6/7/8** with boat tours, live music, arts & crafts, native foods, guided walking tours, valuable raffles, and informative talks.

The highlight of the event is a Gala Dinner on Saturday evening with the film entitled "The Life of James E. Billie" and a special guest appearance by the Seminole leader.

Reservations are required for the dinner and boat tours. See www.smallwoodstore.com where you can book online. For info, phone (239) 695-2989.



MUSEUM EXHIBIT

Multi-talented local artist Dick Jay is featured at the Museum of the Everglades during December when his paintings, carvings, and metal sculptures are on display.

Meet him at a reception on **Saturday, December 10**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

The Museum is located at 105 West Broadway, Everglades City, FL, 34139 and admission is free. For more info, phone (239) 695-0008.



ORAL HISTORY

The **Naples Historical Society** at Palm Cottage is showing films of their oral history program "If These Walls Could Talk" on Tuesday through Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Some of the speakers have Everglades roots. Guided walks and house tours are also available throughout the winter. For info, call (239) 261-8164 or see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

News from the Historical Library

A catalog of books is available on our website. New acquisitions include:

Prudy Taylor Board, *Remembering Lee County*
 Carlita Doggett Course, *Florida; Empire of the Sun*
 Bruce Epperson, *Roads Through the Everglades*
 Charles Dana Gibson, *Boca Grande*
 Alden Hatch, *Glenn Curtiss; Pioneer of Aviation*
 Stephanie Murphy-Lupo, *All Aboard!*
 Nixon Smiley, *Knights of the Fourth Estate*

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

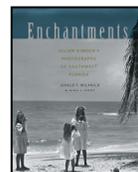


Welcome-Back Historical Talk

We had a good turnout for our first event of the winter season on November 18 when Betsy Perdichizzi gave a fascinating talk about "Hermits in Our Islands" including Al Sealy who left diaries and photos of his life on remote local islands. Sealy was a talented artist and his work was encouraged by Goodland resident Joe Douglas, seen above with Betsy and an original painting which he brought to show us.

If you missed the chance to buy Betsy's books, you can visit her website www.caxambaspublishing.com.

Our thanks to Betsy and her husband Bill, to Patty Huff, Helen Bryan, June Taylor, Shirley Geiger, and Sue Rogers for refreshments and to Everglades Community Church for the use of the Jinkins Fellowship Hall.



Holiday Gift Idea!

The book *Enchantments* of early Everglades photographs taken by Julian Dimock from 1904 to 1913 is available from ESHP. Among these priceless photos are images of the Storter residence (now the Rod & Gun Club) and many of the Seminoles who came to trade there.

You can order online at our website or send a check for \$35 to ESHP, P.O. Box 46, Everglades City, FL, 34139. We can post the book to your recipient with a greeting card.

GOOD LUCK!

We're losing a good friend. Bob De Gross is leaving Big Cypress National Preserve for another post in Michigan. His official title was Chief of Interpretation and Public Affairs but he was interested in the community and its history.

We will miss his approachable style and the informative lectures he gave, particularly about the Tamiami Trail

FAREWELL

Local historian **Virginia Carlin** of Marco Island has passed away at age 94. Twenty years ago she researched, wrote, and published the book *I Remember Marco; A Tale of Two Villages* recording stories from the past. She was an amusing, lively guest at the Museum of the Everglades to sign copies during Seafood Festival in 2004.