

Marjory Stoneman Douglas

Marjory Stoneman Douglas (1890-1998) was an author, journalist and environmental activist. Her best-known work “*Everglades: River of Grass*” was published in 1947. It drew attention to the fact that water is the key to the Everglades and presented the concept that the Everglades was not simply a swamp to be drained for homes and businesses but a vital part of the ecosystem of South Florida.

The original Everglades drainage scheme, implemented in 1906, forever changed the Everglades by altering its natural flooding and evaporation cycle. Were it not for Marjory and others like her, their changes might have gone unnoticed and the death knell sounded.

In the 1960s, at the age of 78, Marjory became actively involved in environmental issues when she opposed a planned jetport along the Tamiami Trail. She established a pressure group, Friends of the Everglades, and began speaking on their behalf to public and private entities across the state. In doing so, she was able to focus attention on the importance of protecting this national treasure.

Although Marjory Stoneman Douglas died in 1998 at 108 years of age, her power of observation and skillful use of the written word lives on. Her legacy serves as a challenge to succeeding generations, not only to persevere in the fight to save the Everglades but to discover for themselves the incredible beauty of the natural wonder we call the “River of Grass.”

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COLLIER COUNTY MUSEUMS LOCATIONS / HOURS

Museum of the Everglades
105 West Broadway
Everglades City, FL 34139
(239) 695-0008
Monday – Saturday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

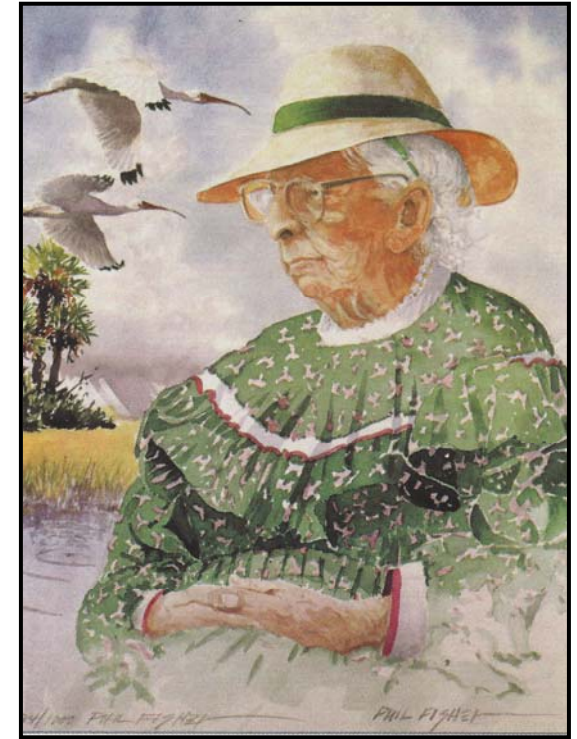
Collier County Museum
3331 Tamiami Trail East
Naples, FL 34112
(239) 252-8476
Monday - Saturday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Naples Depot Museum
1051 Fifth Avenue South
Naples, FL 34102
(239) 262-6525
Monday – Saturday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Marco Island Historical Museum
180 South Heathwood Drive
Marco Island, FL 34145
(239) 642-1440
Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Immokalee Pioneer Museum
at Roberts Ranch**
1215 Roberts Avenue
Immokalee, FL 34143
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(239) 658-2466

The 14th Annual



Artwork by Phil Fisher

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

February 20-24, 2018

**ALL ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT THE
MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES
EXCEPT TUESDAY**

**For more information, please call
(239) 695-0008**

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

February 20 - 24, 2018

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Opening Luncheon at Everglades Isle

(Cost: \$25; FME Members \$20)

10:45 am - Welcome- Buffet Luncheon

3:00 pm **"Marjory Stoneman Douglas, The Voice of the Everglades"**

Keynote Speaker June Cussen, Executive Editor of Pineapple Press, publisher of Marjory Stoneman Douglas' autobiography "Voice of the River" and Reenactor Barbara Hedges to portray Marjory Stoneman Douglas

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Education and Adventure

9:00 am **Kayaking the Fakahatchee** with Tod Dahlke (max 12; 3-4 hrs)

10:00 am **"Seasons in the Swamp"** by Ranger Fiona Southwell, Big Cypress National Preserve

11:00 am **"The Story of Barron Collier"** by local author Marya Repko

1:00 pm **"Dolphin Population of SW Florida"** by Bob McConville, Florida Master Naturalist

2:00 pm **"Wonderful World of Orchids and Epiphytes"** by Mike Owen, Biologist Fakahatchee State Park

3:00 pm **"Seminoles: A Living Tradition"** by Pedro Zepada, Seminole Artist and Historian

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

A Walk on the Wild Side

8:30 am **Historic Guided Canoe Tour** Big Cypress (max 12; 2-3 hrs)

10:00 am **Otter John's Wild Everglades Animal Presentation**

11:00 am **"Otter Mound"** by Melissa Henning, Conservation Collier

1:00 pm **"History of Seminole Wars in South Florida through 19th Century Maps"** by Dr. John Nordt III, MD.

1:00 pm **Swamp Walk with Mike Owen** Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park (max 12; 3-4hrs)

2:00 pm **"Climate Change"** by Professor Ken Soltys, FGCU

Reservations Required

(239) 695-0008

Special Thanks to:

~Friends of the Museum of the Everglades~
Big Cypress National Preserve
Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park
Friends of Fakahatchee Inc.
Everglades Isle Lighthouse Club
Seminole Indians of Florida
Miccosukee Indians of Florida

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Step into the Glades

10:00 am **"The Three Marjory's and the Fight for Florida's Future"** by Peggy MacDonald, Executive Director of the Matheson Museum, Gainesville

11:00 am **"Birds of South Florida, Through the Seasons and Storms"** by Carmen Ferrero, Naturalist Florida Everglades

1:00 pm **"Miccosukee, Past and Future"** by Betty Osceola, Panther Clan

2:00 pm **"Beauty and Beast, Tale of the Lion Fish"** by Benjamin Marics, Conservancy of Southwest Florida

3:00 pm **"Two Worlds Collide: The Story of South Florida's Temperate and Tropical Life"** by Ranger Max Mishkin, Big Cypress Nat'l Preserve

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Join us for a family fun day filled with music by *Dominic St. Charles*

10:00 am **Fakahatchee Tram Tour** (max 22; 1.5 hours)

11:00 am **"Living, Working, Thriving, Drying: Exploring Relationships in the Swamp"**, by Ranger Julia Schostak, Big Cypress National Preserve

1:00 pm **"History of the Bison and Cracker Cattle in Florida"** by Rey Becerra

2:00 pm **"Mangroves: Much More than a Nursery"** by Ranger Erica, Big Cypress National Preserve