

**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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- Historical Library
- merchandise sales
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next **ESHP Board Meeting** is on **Monday, February 8**, at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall. A nomination form for the election of directors is included with this newsletter. Ballots will be sent out in the middle of February and the **deadline for nominations** is **February 8**. The results will be announced at the **Annual General Meeting** on **Monday, March 8**.

Antique Airplane Aficionados will be able to chat and look at the machinery during a Fly-In on **Saturday, January 23**, at the Everglades Airpark from 10:00 a.m. to noon. A pancake breakfast will be served, thanks to Chuck Gretzke of Wings 10,000 Islands Aero Tours. For info, phone Mike at 695-2244. *See story on inside page.*

Art-in-the-Glades will be held on **Saturday, January 23** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. ESHP will have a table with our cards and brochures. To volunteer, phone 695-2905.

The **Everglades Seafood Festival** takes place on the weekend of **February 6/7**. ESHP will have a booth near the Museum on West Broadway. Volunteers are needed to sell cards and talk to the public about how important local preservation is in our area. If you can help, please phone Marya at 695-2905.

ESHP will have a table at the **ORA Bazaar** on **Saturday, February 27**. To volunteer, phone 695-2905.

The **deadline for bricks** is **February 28**. Forms are available at City Hall or on our website.

The date of our **Everglades Homes Tour** has been changed to **Saturday, March 13**. This is our big event of the year and we hope members will spread the word. Several private houses and public buildings will be open to visitors from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. A ticket booklet with historical information is currently being prepared and will be a souvenir worth keeping. The cost is \$20 per person. Reservations can be made in advance on our website or by phoning Pat at 695-4642 or Jean at 695-0202.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 68 members. Renewal notices were sent at the beginning of January. Thanks to the 27 members who have responded promptly. You can renew or join on our website using a credit card securely with PayPal.

Welcome to new members:

Craig & Bonnie Woodward, Marco Island & ECity



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FILM-LAND IN THE GLADES

A fascinated audience heard guest speaker Rob Davis of the DeSantis Center for Motion Picture Industry Studies at Florida Atlantic University describe how Everglades scenes were filmed even as far back as the silent era of movie-making at our event on January 8 in historic Everglades City Hall.

Our thanks to Rob for traveling from Boca Raton to give us such an interesting evening. Thanks also to ESHP members Pat Fingeroff and Pat Rinkevich for providing refreshments before the lecture and to Mayor Sammy Hamilton for generously offering the Council Chamber for our event.

ANTIQUÉ AIR AFICIONADOS

The first commercial airline carried passengers from St Pete to Tampa in 1914, only 11 years after the Wright Brothers first flew! And, in 1923, the Ta-Miami Air Line started operations between Tampa and Miami, in the same year that completion of the road across the Glades with the same name was begun by Barron Collier.

Air history in Florida goes on. In 1930s Opa-Locka was opened as a Naval air base; Eastern and Pan Am were founded. Newspapers were flown to Sanibel by seaplane in the 1939 “Dawn Patrol”. World War II training bases sprang up in Southwest Florida’s clement climate at Fort Myers, Buckingham, Clewiston, and Naples.

Bring back the old warriors and dare-devils! That’s exactly what the Antique Air Aficionados are trying to do on **Saturday, January 23**, when Everglades Airpark hosts a Fly-In for old aircraft from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There is no charge. Just arrive at Airfield X-01 on the edge of the Glades where aviation fuel is available.

You will be welcomed with a free pancake breakfast, courtesy of Wings 10,000 Islands Aero Tours, and a chance to win 10 lbs. of stone crab claws, generously donated by Triad Seafood Market & Cafe. The highlight of the monthly breakfast is watching intrepid airman John Apte scoop up the banner before he circles to advertise its message.

Everyone is invited. Drop in by air, road, or sea and share your memories of vintage flying. For info, phone Mike Danosky at 695-2244.

BECOME A DIRECTOR



Our annual election for Directors of ESHP will take place in February. A form is enclosed with this newsletter so that you can nominate yourself or someone else.

Current directors and officers are Mike Danosky (Vice President), Patty Huff (Secretary), Jane Rackley, Marya Repko (President), Pat Rinkevich, Terry Smallwood, and Jean Schultz. Officers are elected by the Directors.

Directors attend monthly Board meetings during the winter season and make decisions about our activities. We welcome new faces!

For more info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

NEW HEAD

Scott Stroh was appointed as director the Division of Historical Resources at the Department of State in Tallahassee. His last posting was at the Roanoke Island Commission in North Carolina but he has served in Florida at Historic Spanish Point in Osprey. The Division is responsible for promoting the historical, archaeological and folk culture resources in Florida.

News from the Historical Library



New additions to the Historical Library include books about Everglades conservation, Lake Okechobee, the Seminole & Miccosukee Indians, early trading posts, and the film industry in Florida.