

**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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# TOWN CRIER

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***ESHP ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP***

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**MONTHS AT ALTERNATE ADDRESS:**

- JAN     FEB     MAR     APR     MAY     JUN
- JUL     AUG     SEP     OCT     NOV     DEC

**I would like to help with**

- fund raising
- special events
- publicity/website
- legal/financial
- other \_\_\_\_\_
- Historical Library
- merchandise sales
- historical research
- engineering/architecture

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall on **Monday, March 8**. The new directors will be introduced and our plans for the future will be discussed. All members are welcome to attend. *See article inside.*

ESHP will have a table at the **ORA Bazaar** in Chokoloskee on **Saturday, February 27**. This is a great place to meet neighbors and tell them what we are doing as they browse among the items for sale and take part in the auctions. It's a really friendly event. To volunteer, phone 695-2905.

The **deadline for bricks** is **February 28**. The engraved pavers will be placed in the pathway in front of City Hall. They make a great way to commemorate an anniversary, birth, death, or just a "hello" of appreciation. Forms are available at City Hall or on our website. For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

Our big event of the year is the **Everglades Homes Tour** on **Saturday, March 13**. Everglades City has over 50 historic buildings. Five private houses and three other buildings will be open to visitors from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and there will be an exhibit of local artists and authors at the famous Rod & Gun Lodge which is headquarters for the tour. A ticket booklet with historical information is now available for sale and will be a souvenir worth keeping. The cost is \$20 per person (adults only). Reservations can be made on our website, at City Hall, or by phoning Pat at (239) 695-4642 or Jean at (239) 695-0202.

The next **Art-in-the-Glades** will be on **Saturday, March 20** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. ESHP will have a table with our cards and brochures at this informal arts & crafts fair to which vendors are invited free of charge. For more info, phone (239) 695-2905.

**MEMBERSHIP**

We have 70 members. Renewal notices were sent at the beginning of January. Thanks to the 44 members who have responded promptly. You can renew or join on our website using a credit card securely with PayPal.

The geographical distribution of memberships is Everglades City (29), Naples (16), Chokoloskee (10), Marco Island (3), Fort Lauderdale (2) plus other places with only 1.

**Welcome to new members:**

- Don Harmon, Copeland
- Pat Paterson & Bill Ashe, ECity & Asheville, NC

and apologies for spelling Craig Woodward's name incorrectly in our last issue.



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P O Box 46, Everglades City, FL, 34139 • [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org)**ANTIQUÉ AIR TAKES OFF**

Our “Antique Air Aficionados Fly-In” on January 23 was a great success with flocks of people showing up for the free pancake breakfast provided by Chuck Gretzke of Wings 10,000 Island Aero Tours. Unfortunately, the expected flocks of planes were mostly grounded by fog which did not lift until later in the morning.

However, one lucky visitor flew back to Stuart with the raffle prize of 5lbs of stone crab claws generously donated by Triad Seafood Market & Cafe, behind the School on the Barron River in Everglades City.

The event was organized by ESHP vice-president Mike Danosky, a retired pilot. He was helped out on the day by Denise Rousseau, an active pilot, and Tom Leonard, also a retired airman. Photos were taken by aircraft engineer Phill Lawry. We didn’t know until this event how many people are interested in flight.

**THANKS!**

to Pat Fingeroff, Sue Tucker, and Delores Tomusk for volunteering at our table during Art-in-the-Glades on January 23.

to Pat Fingeroff, Tom Leonard, Patty Huff, Jean Schultz, and Mary Ford for volunteering at our booth during the Seafood Festival.

**REPORT FROM THE BOARD**

At the Board Meeting on February 8, nominations were received from Helen Bryan, Mike Danosky, Patricia Fingeroff, Patricia Huff, Jane Rackley, Marya Repko, Jean Schultz, Terry Smallwood, and Craig Woodward. The Board moved to increase the number of directors to nine.

The results of the ballot will be formally announced at the Annual Members’ Meeting on **March 8** and the officers will be elected at the following Board Meeting.

It was agreed that ESHP should adopt a project on which we can focus. Suggestions include restoring the old Bank Building and establishing a Maritime Museum. Please let us know what you think! Come to the meeting and give us your ideas.

**MSD CELEBRATED**

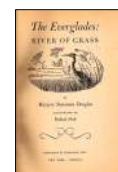
The 6<sup>TH</sup> Annual Festival honoring pioneer conservationist Marjory Stoneman Douglas is being held at the Museum of the Everglades on **February 23-26**. There are numerous events focusing on the Everglades and the surrounding wilderness areas.



Marjory wrote the hugely-influential book *Everglades; River of Grass* which was published a month before President Harry S Truman officially opened Everglades National Park at a ceremony in Everglades City on December 6, 1947. She became known as “the mother of the Everglades” for her public talks stressing the importance of the natural flow of water from Lake Okeechobee to Florida Bay and she founded Friends of the Everglades in 1968 (at age 78) to stop the massive jetport in the Big Cypress. She died aged 108 in 1998 having seen dramatic changes in Florida including the building of the Tamiami Trail (US-41).

ESHP president Marya Repko will speak on **Thursday, February 25**, at 2:00 p.m. about the Fakahatchee, part of the Big Cypress watershed that feeds the Glades. She will also be signing copies of her book *A Brief History of the Fakahatchee* which has chapters about early settlers, logging the giant cypress trees, the Gulf American “land scam”, and the fight to save this unique ecological treasure. If you missed her illustrated lecture in November, here’s another chance to learn about the “Home of the Ghost Orchid”.

The Festival includes other talks, walks, a luncheon, and a fashion show. To learn more, pick up a program at the Museum of the Everglades or see the Friends’ website [www.evergladesmuseum.org](http://www.evergladesmuseum.org) or phone (239) 695-0008.

**News from the Historical Library**

Among the items in the Historical Library operated by ESHP in our office at Everglades City Hall is a first edition of the paperback edition of Marjory Stoneman Douglas’ *Everglades; River of Grass*. The Library includes other book by her including some of her short stories for children.

The Historical Library is grateful for donations of books, photos, and documents which are all carefully cataloged. Items can not be removed but may be copied for historical research.

For more info, phone (239) 695-2905.