

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

Saturday/Sunday, Feb 4/5: Everglades Seafood Festival

ESHP will have a booth to sell cards and talk to people.

Saturday, Feb 18: ORA Bazaar, Chokoloskee

ESHP will have a table to sell cards & books, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Feb 18: Antique Air Aficionados

Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast at Everglades Airport from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. *See article inside.*

Tues-Fri, Feb 21-24: MSD Festival

Walks, talks, exhibits at Museum. *See article inside.*

Friday, Feb 24: Annual Members' Meeting & Dinner

Dinner in a local restaurant followed by a brief business meeting and a talk about "Surveying the Everglades" by Craig Woodward. *See article inside.*

Saturday, Feb 25: Smallwood Store Fundraiser

Paddle the 10,000 Island and then enjoy music and food at the historic site. *See article inside.*

Saturday, March 3: Naples Historical Society 50th Party

Open House at Palm Cottage, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 10: Art-in-the-Glades

Headquarters for the Homes Tour plus Arts & Crafts sale and live music in McLeod Park, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 10: Everglades Homes Tour

A chance to visit older private houses and public buildings. Ticket is a souvenir booklet. *See article inside.*

Friday, March 23: Social Evening

Casual meal in a local restaurant and a chance to say farewell to seasonal visitors before they head away from Florida for the summer.

You can download a calendar with these and other events at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

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 meetings will be held on **February 6** and **March 5**. Members are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 60 active members. Renewal letters were posted in January for 2012 contributions. Thanks to the 37 members who responded quickly! You can join or renew with a debit/credit card at our website

Welcome to new member Dan Summers of BSSW Architects in Naples who has advised us in the past.



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Antique Air Aficionados

We are repeating our popular “Fly-In” this year on **Saturday, February 18**, at the Everglades Airpark from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Thanks to Chuck Gretzke of Wings 10,000 Islands Tours, there will be free pancakes & sausages for breakfast. The prize for the raffle is 5lbs of stone crab claws, generously donated by Triad Seafood.

Come along for an interesting morning by air, land, or water. And, please do invite anyone you know who is interested in aviation. For info, phone Mike Danosky at (239) 695-2244 or (239) 784-1896.

SMALLWOOD STORE

The Smallwood Store & Museum in Chokoloskee is fighting a court case to have Mamie Street restored. There will be a fundraiser to help with legal expenses on **Saturday, February 25**. Canoes & kayaks (which you can rent) leave from Glades Haven Marina at 9:00 a.m. At 12:00 noon there will be food, music, and raffles at the historic store to which all are invited. For more info, call (239) 695-2989 or download a poster from our website.



MSD FESTIVAL

The 8th Annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival takes place in the Museum of the Everglades this year on **Tuesday-Friday, February 21-24**. The event celebrates the famous author and speaker who published her influential book *The Everglades; River of Grass* in 1947 and then campaigned for environmental causes during the rest of her long life (she died in 1998 at age 108).

ESHP member Franklin Adams will talk about his personal memories of the great woman. There will be other talks, walks, and trips during the festival. The exhibit “Guardians of the Everglades” is on display in the Museum for the month of February. For info, call (239) 695-0008 or see www.evergladesmuseum.org.

THANKS to all the volunteers who helped with the popcorn, drinks, and clean-up at our showing of “Wind Across the Everglades” when over 100 people turned out for our first Movie Night on January 27. And, **THANKS** to Everglades Community Church for the use of the Jinkins Fellowship Hall. More Movie Nights are planned next season. Let us know if you have suggestions!



EVERGLADES HOMES TOUR

The house above was the home of Judge S.S. Jolley after whom the Marco Island bridge was named. You can see this and eight other historic private houses and public buildings during the **Everglades Homes Tour** on **Saturday, March 10**, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The souvenir ticket booklet is available at \$20.

Reserve online at our website with a credit/debit card or fill in a form to send with your check. The booklets will be posted to you so you don’t have to wait at the ticket counter in McLeod Park at **Art-in-the-Glades** which takes place on the same day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park.

“Surveying the Everglades”

After dinner and a brief Annual Members’ Meeting on **Friday, February 24**, ESHP director Craig Woodward will give an illustrated talk about “Surveying the Everglades”. He was invited by the Florida Association of Cadastral Mappers to speak on this subject at their annual conference in October last year. Craig is an attorney with a passion for local history and is also active in the Marco Island Historical Society.

Surveying the wilderness was an important step in taming “Florida’s Last Frontier” because it allowed homesteaders to know the boundaries of their property and to buy further land. The early settlers mostly farmed and sold their produce to the markets in Key West or Fort Myers.

The dinner and meeting will be held in the Everglades Seafood Depot Restaurant starting at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person for the buffet meal. You can pay in advance on our website or send in a reservation form with a check. For more info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

News from the Historical Library

You can see a list of the books in the library on our website. We also have magazines and numerous clippings & pictures.

The next time you have a clean-up, don’t throw out old newspapers or photos – they may be of historical interest. If you would like to give them to the Library, phone (239) 695-2905.