

**EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Dedicated to our Unique History

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 8:

Art-in-the-Glades

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McLeod Park

Walking Tour of Historic Chokoloskee

10:30 a.m., Chokoloskee Church of God

March 14: Movie Night

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

March 20: Historical Talk "Florida Enchantments"

5:30 p.m., Everglades City Hall

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 meeting will be held on **Monday, March 3.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 2013

Our directors and officers (listed on the back page) serve a 3-year term. The next election will be in February 2015. The Board will appoint someone to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jane Rackley.

ESHP had a healthy financial year in 2013, showing a surplus of income over expenses of about \$2,000. Copies of our accounts are available from ESHP@hotmail.com.

Our largest expense was a donation to restore some of the Julian Dimock photos for publication (*see article inside*).

Our largest source of income was the Everglades Homes Tour in March with over 300 people attending, some of whom were repeats from previous tours.

Our Movie Nights were popular with residents and visitors locally and from Marco Island or Naples. We were given a popcorn machine which makes serving everyone much easier. Our thanks to Everglades Community Church for use of the Jinkins Fellowship Hall.

We held our Annual Meeting on February 25 with a presentation about Oral History by Elaine Reed, Executive Director of the Naples Historical Society, and we had a Nostalgia Night on November 22 to recall the death of President John F. Kennedy.

We have taken fiscal responsibility for the annual Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet at the end of September. Our director Tod Dahlke thought up the idea over five years ago and is the main organizer.

We have started 2014 with several successful events and projects. We look forward to the rest of the year and thank you for your support!

Marya Repko



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WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC CHOKOLOSKEE

Join us on **Saturday, March 8**, when we will conduct Walking Tours of Historic Chokoloskee.

The tours include the private Smallwood Cemetery, resting place of Ted & Mamie and many of their descendents and relatives. Other sites are JT's old store, the RV parks along the way, and "Chokoloskee Mall".

Cost is \$20 per person and includes a souvenir ticket booklet. For info and to book in advance, see our website www.evergladeshistorical.org or call 695-2905 or 695-3298.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Ticket headquarters for the Walking Tour is Art-in-the-Glades on **Saturday, March 8**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. Besides arts, crafts, and live music, several local history authors will be available to sign their books.

BRICK BY BRICK

In early February we ordered 51 engraved bricks which have been delivered and will be installed in front of Everglades City Hall. That brings the total to 527 bricks since the first campaign in 2006. We notice that visitors and locals stop to read them.

HISTORICAL MOVIE NIGHTS

Our showing of "Wind Across the Everglades" in January was so popular that there was standing-room-only! It also connected us to K.C. Schulberg whose dad Stuart and uncle Budd produced and wrote it. K.C. agreed to talk at our February 28th movies about an upcoming project to produce a new film in the Glades before we showed "Wind" again.

For Valentine's Day, we had a Romantic Movie Night with Bogart & Bacall in "Key Largo" which was attended by 50 people, some of whom had been to previous Movie Nights.

The crush of people in January prompted us to require reservations for all our free events.

Our next Movie Night is on **Friday, March 14**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church when we will show another Bogart film. You can reserve your places by emailing ESHP@hotmail.com or phoning (239) 695-2905.



"Florida Enchantments"

Early Everglades Photography

Julian Dimock and his father A.W. travelled around the Everglades between 1904 and 1910 taking photographs on glass plates of people and nature in the untamed wilderness.

You can see some of the photos at an illustrated presentation on **Thursday, March 20**, at 5:30 p.m. in historic Everglades City Hall. The speaker is Dr. Jerald T. Milanich, emeritus professor at the University of Florida, who will talk about the Dimocks and their travels as he shows the old images.

ESHP helped to fund the restoration of the photos for the book *Enchantments* which Dr Milanich will sign after his talk. We are grateful to Mayor Sammy Hamilton for allowing us to hold this event in historic Everglades City Hall.

Reservations are required; email ESHP@hotmail.com or call (239) 695-2905.

HISTORICAL SIGNS

In 2012, we placed 20 oval signs on older private houses in Everglades City, many of them participants in our Homes Tour.

Since then we have concentrated on public buildings. The first sign was unveiled in front of City Hall by Mayor Sammy Hamilton on June 29, 2013, during the Independence Day celebrations.

We have ordered ten more signs for Everglades City, Chokoloskee, and Ochopee which will be installed this spring. Each sign has a brief history so that visitors will appreciate our heritage. For info about signs, phone (239) 695-2905.



News from the Historical Library



We have over 250 books in the Library, many of them out of print, plus numerous documents and photos in our filing cabinets. The catalog of books is available on our website along with a donation form; see www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Material in the Library may be copied for historical research but not removed.

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