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Dedicated to our Unique History

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

2014 was another busy & productive year for ESHP. Our biggest project was to install **historical signs** in front of ten old public buildings (eg, Rod & Gun, Ivey House, Church of God). That was just in time for the **Walking Tour of Chokoloskee** on March 8 which was well-received by some of the people who had attended Homes Tours in previous years.

We showed **Historical Movies** in the winter months and had a standing-room-only crowd in January for "Wind Across the Everglades" which prompted us ask for reservations when we hold events. On Valentine's Day we celebrated with Lauren Bacall & Humphrey Bogart in "Key Largo" and followed that in March with them in "To Have and Have Not".

Our February **Annual Meeting** featured K.C. Schulberg who recalled his memories as a little boy of being in Everglades City with his uncle Budd and father Stuart during the filming of "Wind Across the Everglades". His talk, which included plans for a new film, was following by another screening of "Wind" for a full audience.

In March we welcomed Dr. Jerald Milanich to talk about the book **Florida Enchantments** which contains photos of the area taken 100 years ago by Julian Dimock. ESHP gave a grant to upgrade the images and had books available for him to sign. To order a copy, see our website.

We took part in **community events** such as Seafood Festival, Art-in-the-Glades, and the Independence Day Celebrations. Although we did not sell very much, it was good to talk with people and tell them what we do.

The summer was quiet until the **Blessing of the Crab Fleet** on September 27 when the theme was definitely aquatic – the rain lashed down but the boats went off knowing they were wished well.

Our **"Welcome-Back" Talk** on November 21 was a slide show of historical Seminole photos by Pete Gallagher with rare glimpses of the tribe that he had captured while working for them.

In December, we partnered with the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades to share a table at the **Swamp Heritage Festival** at Big Cypress National Preserve and told the crowd about area history.

During the year, we worked with the **Smallwood Store** on plans to raise money for their legal fund, culminating in the Music Festival in January 2015.

We're looking forward to another interesting year ...

Marya Repko, President



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 6/7/8: Everglades Seafood Festival

ESHP will have a booth opposite the Museum

Feb 13: Movie Night, “Wind Across the Everglades”

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

Feb 24-28: Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

Museum of the Everglades

see www.evergladesmuseum.org

Feb 27: Historical Talk & Annual Meeting

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

Feb 28: MSD Art-in-the-Glades Day

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Museum of the Everglades

March 13: Movie Night

5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month in our Historical Library in Everglades City Hall at 8:30 a.m. Members are welcome. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 2**.

You can download a calendar from our website.



HISTORICAL MOVIE

Join us to watch the ever-popular “Wind Across the Everglades” on **Friday, February 13**, in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church. The film was made here in 1957 starring Burl Ives, Christopher Plummer, and Gypsy Rose Lee.

There will be **two performances**: a matinee at 2:30 p.m. and an evening showing at 5:30 p.m.

The movies are open to the public and free of charge but *reservation are required*. To book your places, email us on ESHP@hotmail.com or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

THANKS ...

Our screening of “Everglades Odyssey” on January 9 was attended by about 80 people. Our thanks to them for donating almost \$150. Thanks also to Craig Woodward for the equipment and to Pat Fingeroff, Patty Huff, Leanne Kurrle, and Elaine Middelsteadt for keeping the popcorn & drinks flowing.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 70 paid members. Annual renewal notices were sent by post in January. You can renew or join with a credit/debit card at www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Welcome to new members:

Rob Reiley, Marco Island
Laurene Tibbs, Louisville, KY
Tom Trotta, Naples

News from the Historical Library



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 at (239) 695-2905.

A complete library catalog is available on our website.



SMALLWOOD MUSIC FESTIVAL



The event on January 31 was a huge success with over 650 people attending and raising about \$10,000 for the Smallwood Store legal fund.

Our thanks to all the musicians, arts & crafts vendors, volunteers, and donors of items for the auction. Special thanks to Pete Gallagher who organized the music and to the historic Rod & Gun Club for providing the venue.

HISTORICAL TALK & ANNUAL MEETING

F. J. Frankenhoff, An Early Collier County Luminary

When Barron Collier converted the village of Everglade into his county seat in 1923, he brought in talented people to help him. One was F. J. Frankenhof who became head of the School Board.

His granddaughter Lynn Pierce has been digging into her family background and was thrilled to visit the house where her mother grew up in Everglades. She also graciously shared old newspaper clippings and other memorabilia with us for the Historical Library (*see Town Crier, November 2013*).

Lynn will be the guest speaker at our Annual Meeting on **Friday, February 27**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church. The evening starts with a brief Annual Members’ Meeting when we will announce the results of the election for the Board of Directors.

The event is free but reservations are required. To book your places for this interesting evening, email ESHP@hotmail.com or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

NEW HISTORY BOOK



A Brief History of the Smallwood Store in Chokoloskee, Florida was released just in time for the Smallwood Music Festival at the end of January. This little book tells about C.S. (Ted) Smallwood’s earlier life, his marriage to Mamie House, the opening of the Store, and trading with the Seminoles. It continues with the story right up to the present, including the controversy over Mamie Street.

Profits from sales benefit the Smallwood legal fund. Copies are available for \$5.00 at the Store. For info, call author Marya Repko at (239) 695-2905.