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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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Newsletter



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 30: Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet
10am-1pm, Rod & Gun Club
see article inside

Nov 17: Welcome-Back Historical Talk
5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Nov 18: Art-in-the-Glades
10am-2pm, McLeod Park

Dec 9: Art-in-the-Glades
10am-2pm, McLeod Park

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors usually 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, September 11**. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 71 current members. There were no new members since our last newsletter. To join us, just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter or visit our website where you can pay with a credit/debit card.

MARCO MOVIE

Prolific musician J. Robert Houghtaling will host a screening of the PBS documentary "The Great Florida Cattle Drive" on **Tuesday, September 5**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rose History Auditorium near the Marco Island Historical Museum. For info, see www.theMIHS.org

Estero Historical Society

The first event in their busy schedule is a talk about the Seminoles during 1835 to 1842 on **Monday, September 11**, at 2:00 p.m. in the EHS Cottage, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd. The speaker is Matthew Griffin who will appear in costume.

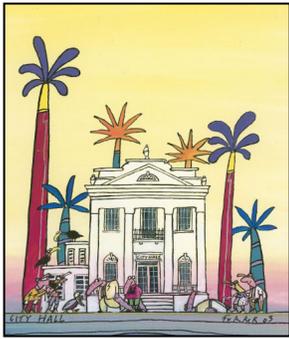
For info, call (239) 272-1911 or see their website www.esterohistoricalsociety.com where there is an interesting collection of local history articles and a list of upcoming events.



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FURRER TRIBUTE

Our original logo with the amusing musical gators was donated by the late Jurg Furrer, a Swiss cartoonist and artist who visited our area with his jazz band friends for many years. "George" was given the key to the City at our first event in April 2005 and remained a faithful friend until his passing in 2014.

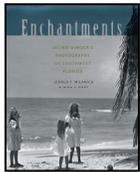
A retrospective of his work is on display at the Museum of the Everglades during the months of September and October. There will be a reception in his honor from 1:00 to 3:00pm on **Saturday, September 9**, and everyone is invited.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

We have finally bought a camcorder with microphone and tripod so we can capture the recollections of older members of the community for posterity. The edited episodes will include images of historic buildings as well as the interviews and will be available for viewing on our website.



If you would like to share your memories, please contact us at (239) 695-2905.



"Enchantments" Book Available

The book of early Everglades photographs taken by Julian Dimock from 1904 to 1913 is available at \$35 from ESHP. Among these priceless photos are images of the Storter residence (now the Rod & Gun Club) and many of the

Seminoles who came to trade there.

You can order a copy online with a credit/debit card at our website or send a check to ESHP, P.O. Box 46, Everglades City, FL, 34139.

FAREWELL

We are sorry to report that Juanita Clifton Weldon passed away at age 83 in June after having been in ill health. She grew up near the old citrus farm in Deep Lake during the busy logging days and went to Everglades City School.

At the packed memorial service in First Baptist Church, her husband Eric recalled that she had a "spirit of adventure" on their trips around the country but her first loves were Everglades City and her church. We will miss her cheerful personality and willingness to share memories of olden days.



Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet

Join us to wish our stone crabbers well on **Saturday, September 30**, on the east bank of the Barron River at the historic Rod & Gun Club before they drop their traps. The season begins on October 15 when we can enjoy the first harvest and runs until May 15.

This is a local family occasion with games for the kiddies as well as the serious feature when pastors from local churches bless each boat.

The schedule is:

- 10:00am Booths Open, Music, Bake Sales
- 10:30am BLESSING OF THE BOATS
- 11:00am Kiddies' Contests, face-painting
Coconut Guava Cake Contest
- 12:00nn "Fishy Tales" – Recalling the Past
- 1:00pm Raffle Winners Announced

For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905 or follow us at www.facebook.com/EvergladesStoneCrab/.



MOVIE NIGHTS

We will again show historical movies, especially those with a connection to this area, next winter on Friday evenings. The dates in 2018 are January 12, February 2, and March 16.

If you have suggestions for films that we should screen, please let us know at ESHP@hotmail.com or phone 695-2905.

News from the Historical Library

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