

# EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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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

### Nov 18: Welcome-Back Historical Talk

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church  
*see article inside*

### Nov 19: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-2pm, McLeod Park  
*see article below*

### Dec 3: Swamp Heritage Festival

10am-4pm, Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center  
*see article inside*

### Dec 10: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-2pm, McLeod Park

Download a calendar from [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org).

## ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month in our Historical Library in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 7**. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

## MEMBERSHIP

We have 69 members who are current with their renewals in the following categories:

Individual	36
Family	26
Patron	5
Benefactor	1
Business	1

If you join now, your membership will be extended until the end of 2017. Just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter to send with a check or, to pay with a credit/debit card, see our website [evergladeshistorical.org](http://evergladeshistorical.org).

### Welcome to new members:

Nancy & Bob Gemma, Pembroke Pines

## ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Local history books will be featured at Art-in-the-Glades on **Saturday, November 19**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. Besides arts & crafts, there will be hotdogs for lunch and live music.

Vendors are welcome to set up a table at no charge. Phone 695-2905 for info.



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### SIGNAGE

The new sign at the entrance to Everglades City, just before the bridge on CR-29, is now surrounded by plants. ESHP helped to pay for the sign to be renewed and bought the plants. Rick Perez Lawn Service generously donated the time & skill of his crew to install them. Our thanks to Rick and to landscape architect Dayna Fendrick of Urban Green for the design.

The funding was taken from the donations in memory of Marjorie Ivey Davis and the income from the raffle for the Historical Quilt made by Dayna.

### SWAMP HERITAGE FESTIVAL

This family event takes place on **Saturday, December 3**, at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center in Ochopee from 10:00 a.m. until around 4:00 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.



There will be exhibition tables and booths from a variety of organizations including ESHP plus a full schedule of talks, live music, and fun food for sale. For info, see [www.nps.gov/bicy](http://www.nps.gov/bicy) and click on Plan Your Visit or phone (239) 695-4758.

### News from the Historical Library



#### COPELAND NOTES

David Graham Copeland was Barron Collier's right-hand man in Everglades and became interested in our history after living here for over 20 years. He researched printed material and also conducted interviews with local people.

All his notes were typed up, copiously indexed, and issued in 1947 with the title "Data Relative to Florida". One carbon copy of the originals is in the State Archives but they were also transferred to microfilm. The notes were the basis of Tebeau's book *Florida's Last Frontier*.

ESHP director and historian Craig Woodward borrowed the microfilm from the Collier County Public Library and had it converted into a CD. Our thanks to him for donating a copy of this valuable resource to our Historical Library.



### Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet

We had a great turnout on a beautiful sunny day for this annual event on October 1<sup>st</sup> this year.

Our thanks to the Rod & Gun Club, the pastors, volunteers Helen Bryan, Kathy Wallace, Stevie Burke, Connie Barker, Tina Wooten, Maria Shealy, Greg Dupignac, Mitch Mitchell, Charlie Pace, and to all the boat captains with their families. We were honored to welcome Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart and Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala.

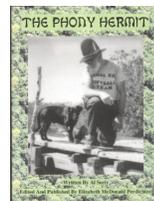
### WELCOME BACK!

*Imagine setting out in a row boat equipped with only a tent to make your home on a remote island ...*

That's what Al Seely did in 1960 and he survived to tell his story of living alone in the Ten Thousand Islands. His diaries were discovered by local historian Betsy Perdichizzi who has edited them into a book *The Phony Hermit*. See her website [www.caxambaspublishing.com](http://www.caxambaspublishing.com).

Betsy will present an illustrated lecture "Hermits in Our Islands" on **Friday, November 18**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church. She will also have copies of her books for sale that she will sign.

The event is our annual **Welcome-Back Historical Talk** when we greet friends for the winter season. Admission is free but reservations are requested. To save your places, email [ESHP@hotmail.com](mailto:ESHP@hotmail.com) or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.



### FAREWELL

**Barbara ("Babs") Daniels** passed away peacefully in September. She had come to Everglades City as a small child with her father Ivan Hoffman, the electrician hired by the Collier interests when the City was being built. Babs and her sister Arita Parker shared some of their memories with us during a Nostalgia Night at one of our first events in 2006.

**Joe Browder**, a prominent Everglades activist who helped save the Big Cypress when the Jetport was proposed, died recently from cancer at age 78. He was respected by many for his advocacy and visited this area to speak several times about his experiences, especially with Marjory Stoneman Douglas.