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MOVIE NIGHT Elvis comes to ECity!



Join us to watch the musical comedy "Follow that Dream" on **Friday, March 13**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church.

The film was made in 1962 and is based on Robert Powell's novel *Pioneer, Go Home* about a family who squat on a spoil island near Fort Myers.

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

Historical Quilt



The winner of the raffle for this amazing work of art will be selected during Movie Night on **Friday, March 13**. You can buy tickets there or online with a credit or debit card at www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Each picture of an historic building is made up of tiny pieces of fabric, carefully sewn into place. The circle around City Hall represents the Circle in town or possibly a life ring. The quilt, which measures 54 x 60 inches, will be at the Naples Quilters Guild show on March 6/7 and then will return to ECity until it finds a permanent home following weekend.

Our thanks to Dayna Fendrick, a landscape architect in Naples with a weekend house in ECity, who skillfully created the quilt and donated it to ESHP for a fundraiser.

Dreamers & Schemers

"An Evening with Great Floridians" will be presented by the Marco Island Historical Society at 7:00 pm. on **Monday, March 16**, in the Rose History Auditorium at the museum there. Cost is \$10. For info, call (239) 389-6447.

MUSEUM MOVIE

Celebrate St Paddy's Day on **Tuesday, March 17**, with a showing of the award-winning film "Out of Ireland; The Story of Irish Emigration to America" at the Museum of the Everglades at 1:00 p.m. For info, call (239) 695-0008.



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Thanks to Helen Bryan (above), Chris Ammerman, and Pat Fingeroff who represented ESHP at the ORA Bazaar in Chokoloskee on February 28.



ESHP was also present on February 28 during Art-in-the-Glades opposite the Museum as part of the MSD Festival. The Historical Quilt was on display and attracted much admiration as well as numerous buyers of raffle tickets.

News from the Historical Library



A complete library catalog is available on our website.

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.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 63 paid members plus 9 who have not renewed for 2015. Final reminders will be sent.

Welcome to new members since our last newsletter:

Phil Jermain, Naples

Diann & Ted Lock, Everglades City & Bloomington, IN

You can renew or join with a credit/debit card at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.



ANNUAL MEETING & TALK

Our Annual Members' Meeting was held on February 27 in the Oyster House Restaurant. The new directors to the Board were announced (see list on the back page of this newsletter) and will serve for 3 years. President Marya Repko reminded us that the first ESHP event ten years ago was a dinner for Jurg Furrer, the late Swiss cartoonist who designed our cards and first logo.

After the official business, guest speaker Lynn Pierce (above, showing a photo to Carolyn Thompson) talked about her grandfather F.J. Frankenhoff. He came to ECity in 1923 with his wife and baby daughter, Lynn's mother, to serve as Collier's comptroller. They lived in a little house on what is now North Storter Avenue and endured the remoteness of this developing town. One of their best friends was Snooky Senghaas, also from Germany, and renown chef at the nearby Rod & Gun Club.

After her formal presentation, Lynn shared newspaper clippings and photos that she found among her mother's papers. There was a lively discussion and some speculation about the identity of people in the pictures. Over 30 members and guests attended, some of them from as far away as Bonita Springs, and said how much they enjoyed hearing the oral history during the evening.

Our thanks to the Oyster House for accommodating us and, of course, to Lynn for all the preparation she put into her talk and the time she spent driving here from the Orlando area.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

At the Board meeting on March 2, the following officers were elected:

President – Marya Repko

Vice-President – Mike Danosky

Secretary – Patty Huff

Treasurer – Helen Bryan

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, April 6**. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.