

**EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR
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Dedicated to our Unique History

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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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 21: Welcome-Back Historical Talk, 10th Anniversary
5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church
see article inside

Dec 6: Swamp Heritage Festival
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Big Cypress Welcome Center
see article inside

Dec 20: Art-in-the-Glades
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McLeod Park

Jan 9: Movie Night, "Everglades Odyssey"
5:30 p.m., Everglades Community Church

Jan 31: Smallwood Music Festival
11:00 a.m. – dark, Rod & Gun Club

You can download a draft calendar from our website.

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, December 1.**

MEMBERSHIP

We have 67 paid members. If you join now, your membership will extend through the 2015 year. Renewal notices will be posted in January. You can renew or join with a credit/debit card at www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Help the Smallwood Store!

Fundraisers are planned to help the historic Smallwood Store keep access to their property. Visit the Swamp Heritage Festival on **Saturday, December 6**, and Art-in-the-Glades on **Saturday, December 20.**

We are pleased to announce that top performers have donated their time for the Smallwood Music Festival on **Saturday, January 31.** More news about this event in our next newsletter but *save the date!*

ORAL HISTORY

The **Naples Historical Society** at Palm Cottage is showing films of their oral history program "If These Walls Could Talk" at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday. Some of the speakers have Everglades roots. Guided walks and house tours are also available throughout the season. For info, call (239) 261-8164 or see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.


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Blessing the Fleet

The sixth annual Blessing of the Crab Fleet took place on the bank of the Barron River at the historic Rod & Gun Club on **Saturday, September 27**. Despite the rain, we can thank local pastors Bob Wallace, John Gilmore, Lynnette Morris, and Fr. Russell Ruggiero for sending off the boats with their blessings. Our thanks also to the judges and participants in our contests and to the arts & crafts vendors who turned up. We will start earlier in the day next year to avoid possible downpours!

Swamp Heritage Festival

Big Cypress National Preserve is celebrating its 40th Birthday with a party on **Friday, December 5**, at the Collier County Museum in Naples. On the following day, **Saturday, December 6**, the Swamp Heritage Festival will be held at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center on the Tamiami Trail, about 2 miles east of SR-29, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event includes storytelling, music, authors, artists, and special guest Clyde Butcher. ESHP and Friends of the Museum of the Everglades will share a booth to promote our historical heritage. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.



HISTORICAL HOMES SIGNS

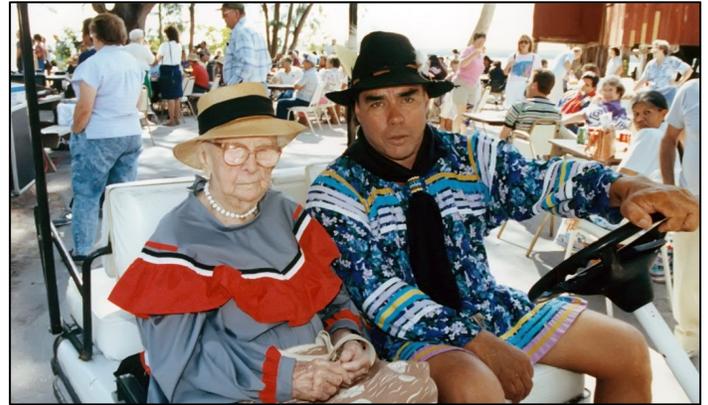
Although twenty of our historic homes have oval plaques fixed near the front door, we notice that there are still many which do not.

We are ordering more signs and would like to hear from house owners. You can download an order form at our website or phone Patty at 695-2397.



FAREWELL

A.C. "Chris" Hancock passed away on October 4th in Chokoloskee where he lived most of his life. Both his parents were from founding families: his father was a boat builder and County Commissioner; his mother was the former Nancy Smallwood. Chris is survived by his wife Glenda, son Curtis, daughters Amy and Donnell, 8 grandchildren, brother Rex, and sister Lynn McMillin.



"Lost Photos of the Seminoles"

Pete Gallagher, journalist and musician, will talk about how he rescued old photos of the Seminole Tribe and will show a selection of them at our "Welcome Back" talk on **Friday, November 21**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church. There is no charge but reservations are required. Phone Marya at 695-2905 or email ESHP@hotmail.com.

ESHP 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to us! ESHP was established in 2004 to "Save City Hall" by a small group of concerned citizens who started raising funds to repair the building. The group was formally incorporated in October of that year and had its inaugural meeting in March 2005 with President Patty Huff presiding. By that time we had attracted 22 Founder Members and continued our campaign to gain support.

ESHP DIRECTOR AT MUSEUM

Stunning photos of Chokoloskee sunsets by ESHP Board member Helen Bryan are on display at the Museum of the Everglades during the month of November. They feature in an exhibit of local photographers which also includes Tommy Owen and Kathy Daniels.



The Museum is the pink building at 105 West Broadway. It is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday. Admission is free but donations are welcome.

Sunshine on Goodland

Watercolors and sketches of historic buildings in Goodland by Donald Sunshine, Professor Emeritus of Architecture at Virginia Tech, will be on display at the Marco Island Historical Museum until December 31. The pictures are accompanied by notes from local historian Betsy Perdichizzi. For info, see the museum website www.themih.org.