

**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

Dec 5: Swamp Heritage Festival

Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, Ochopee
see article inside ...

Dec 12: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-2pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City
see article inside ...

Jan 8: Movie Night

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Jan 16: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-2pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City

Feb 5: Movie Night

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Feb 12-14: Everglades Seafood Festival

10am-2pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City

Feb 23-27: Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

9am-4pm, Museum of the Everglades

Feb 26: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk

5:30pm, Oyster House Restaurant

Mar 11: Movie Night

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Mar 12: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-2pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City

Download a 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 7**. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 72 members who are up-to-date with their payments. Renewal notices will be posted at the end of December.

You can join or renew now for the 2016 year. Just fill in the form in this newsletter or see our website www.evergladeshistorical.org to pay with a credit/debit card.

Welcome to returning members:

Jerry & Lori Williams, Chokoloskee

MUSEUM NEWS

The current exhibit in the Pauline Reeves Gallery in the Museum of the Everglades is "Visions of the Everglades" by young photographer Quinn Hiaasen. For info, call the Museum at (239) 695-0008.



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SWAMP HERITAGE FESTIVAL

This family-fun event will take place on **Saturday, December 5**, at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, 33000 Tamiami Trail East in Ochopee, just a few miles east of the intersection with SR-29. It starts at 10:00 a.m. and lasts 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 plus a full schedule of talks, formal ones in the center's auditorium and informal "camp fire chats" all focusing on life in the area. For info, see www.nps.gov/bicy and click on Plan Your Visit or phone (239) 695-4758.

ESHP will share a table with the Friends of the Museum to give out information and talk about our unique history.

Welcome-Back Historical Talk

About 40 people attended the talk by Ray Carroll entitled "Everglades City, the First County Seat" with visitors from Marco Island and Naples as well as locals.

Our thanks to Ray for an interesting presentation with the thought-provoking challenge: how are we going to attract more tourists and ensure enough jobs in the area to keep young families here?

Thanks also to Pat Fingeroff, June Taylor, and Dino Barone for serving up snacks and iced tea and to Diann Lock for her clever bumper sticker.

MONROE STATION RESTORATION



ESHP has started a fund to help save Monroe Station which dates from the opening of the Tamiami Trail in 1928 and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

To donate to the fund, see www.evergladeshistorical.org where you can download a form to send with a check or contribute with a credit/debit card. For info, call (239) 695-2905.

News from the Historical Library

You can download a catalog of books at our website. There are over 300 of them!

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.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES



Have fun doing your holiday shopping and support local vendors at Art-in-the-Glades on **Saturday, December 12**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. There will be live music and food for sale at lunch time.

ESHP will have a booth to sell cards, prints, and books – and to attract new members. You can download a poster at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

You can order the following items from our website. If you want them sent with a gift card to another address, just let us know.

Historical Sign for old Everglades City houses. Made of epoxy resin; measures 10 x 12 inches; 2 screw holes for mounting outside.



Book of Historic Photos, partly funded by ESHP. *Enchantments; Julian Dimock's Photographs of Southwest Florida* by Jerald T. Milanich and Nina J. Root.

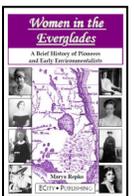


Blank Greeting Cards of Historic Buildings by Jerry Vallez and Bob Klotz; pack of 5 cards with envelopes; cards measure 4.25 x 5.5 inches.



New Book

Marya Repko has published her latest little history book, *Women in the Everglades; A Brief History of Pioneers and Early Environmentalists*. She has extended her area of interest to include the east coast (Miami, Ft. Lauderdale) and the area around Lake Okeechobee.



After describing the hardships of early life in these isolated areas, she tells how women took a lead in establishing Royal Palm state park (precursor to Everglades National Park) and in trying to stop plume hunting. Another section describes how they helped the Seminoles.

The book contains a number of old photos, a large list of further reading, and a timeline.

Copies are available in outlets around Everglades City or directly from website www.ecity-publishing.com. For info, you can phone (239) 695-2905.

*Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday
and a Peaceful, Healthy New Year!*