

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

We are looking forward to the following events:

- January 22: Antique Air Aficionados, Art-in-the-Glades
- February 5/6: Everglades Seafood Festival
- February 25: Annual General Meeting dinner/talk
- March 12: Everglades Homes Tour, Art-in-the-Glades
- March 25: Outward Bound Visit, End-of-Season Social

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in our Historical Library on the second floor of City Hall. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

Outside Events

The **Museum of the Everglades** welcome everyone to:

- Thursday, January 13 at 2:00 -3:30 p.m.
Talk about Ed Watson by David Southall, CCM
- February 22-25 (phone 695-0008 for reservations)

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

The Museum is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For info about events, see www.evergladesmuseum.org.

The **Marco Island Historical Society** is presenting a special program re-enacting some of the developers in early Florida:

- Sunday, January 30 at 3:00 p.m.
"Florida Land Barons of the Gilded Age"

The Museum is open to the public on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For info, see www.theMIHS.org.

Naples Preserve is hosting two talks of interest:

- Tuesday, January 18 at 11:00 a.m.
"The Past and Future of Monroe Station" by Bob deGross
- Friday, January 28 at 3:00 p.m.

"Marjory Stoneman Douglas" by Marya Repko

For info, phone (239) 261-4290.

The **Friends of Fakahatchee** are hosting a **Coastal Cruise** to Fakahatchee Island on **Saturday, January 22**. The island was home to a farming and fishing community a hundred years ago and even had a school. For info, see www.orchidswamp.org or phone Marya at 695-2905.

MEMBERSHIP

Annual renewal notices went out by post at the beginning of January. If you did not receive one, you can use the form on the back of this newsletter or pay electronically on our website.



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Historical Signage

One of our goals is to see signs outside each historic building in the area so visitor can appreciate what a unique place this is in fast-developing southwest Florida. We are investigating various sources and designs. If you have ideas, please one of the directors (listed on the back page).



BULA MISSION UPDATE

We have met with the Copeland Civic Association who agree that the site should become a community center in memory of Ms Frances Hodge (the owner who died at almost 101 years old in 2006). After consulting with several construction firms, the structure was deemed too decrepit to save without exorbitant expenditure. We expect that the building will be demolished in January and the site will be handed over to the Civic Association. The babies' graves that are thought to exist at the side of the building will, of course, be protected and a memorial plaque will be erected.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Our annual election for directors will take place in February with the results announced at the members' meeting on February 25. Nominations for candidates in the election are being accepted up to February 7.

Directors attend monthly meetings during the winter season and keep in touch by email throughout the year. They make the policy decisions for the society and approve of expenditure.

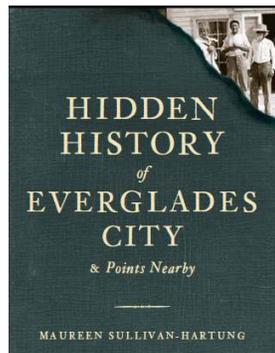
If you would like to stand, please fill in the enclosed form and return it by February 7. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

NEW BOOK!

Journalist Maureen Sullivan-Hartung has launched her new paperback about some of the colorful characters who lived here plus background history. It is full of wonderful old photos, some not seen before.

Maureen has been writing about the area for many years, starting with the old *Everglades Echo*. She was fortunate to meet some of the esoteric people who have since passed away and to get their stories first-hand.

Hidden History of Everglades City & Points Nearby is available for sale at local outlets around town or you can phone Maureen at (239) 455-6897.



EVERGLADES HOMES TOUR

The event was so successful last year with over 500 people visiting our little town that we're working extra hard to make sure we surpass that. We have new buildings to visit this time and will be prepared for the onslaught.

We will have a registration booth in McLeod Park during Art-in-the-Glades where visitors can browse among the booths, listen to live music, and partake of refreshments.

If you would like to volunteer to sell tickets or be a docent, please contact Jean at 695-0202.

News from the Historical Library



New books donated since our last newsletter:

- Hanna & Hanna, *Lake Okeechobee*
- Douglas, *The Long Frontier*
- Douglas, *Road to the Sun*
- McCluney, *Environmental Destruction of South Florida*
- Grunwald, *The Swamp*
- Repko, *Brief History of Sanibel Island*

A catalog of books in the library can be downloaded from our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

The next time you have a clean-up, don't throw out old newspapers or photos – they may be of historical interest. If you would like to donate them to the Library, please phone us at (239) 695-2905.

BRICKS

A new campaign has started with a deadline of March 31, 2011. You can download an order form at our website or pick one up in City Hall. For info, phone 695-2905.



ABOUT OTHER SOCIETIES ...

The **Naples Historical Society** at Palm Cottage is showing filmed recordings of their oral history program "If These Walls Could Talk". Guided walks and house tours are also available. For info, see www.napleshistoricalociety.org.