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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We are looking forward to the following event:

July 2: Everglades Independence Day Celebration

ESHP will have a booth in McLeod Park to sell cards and talk to people. If you would like to help, phone 695-2905.

Outside Events

The **Museum of the Everglades** is holding its annual **Birthday Party** on Saturday, **April 30**, from 11:30 a.m. The festivities include free hotdogs & cake, antique cars, and old-timers' story-telling.

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, see www.evergladesmuseum.org.

The **Marco Island Historical Society** meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The schedule of presentations this spring/summer is:

April 5 – Florida's First People, A Calusa Experience
May 3 – Marco Island Historical Re-Enactors
June 7 – Movies Made in Florida (showings all week)
July 5 – Trivia Quiz Night

The **Marco Island Museum** is open to the public on Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For info, see www.theMIHS.org.

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.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

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 Everglades City Hall.

The next meeting is on **Monday, April 4**, at which we will consider historical signage and plans for next season. Members are invited to attend and contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 61 members including 10 who have not renewed for 2011. You can join with a credit card at our website.

This is our last newsletter until the fall ... unless we have something startling to announce. Have a good summer!

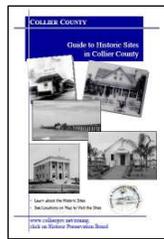

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Klotz Collection Awarded Grant

The United Arts Council of Collier County has given ESHP a grant to restore and frame the 22 watercolor paintings by Bob Klotz of local historical buildings and places. The collection was donated to ESHP by Virginia Klotz last year (see *Town Crier*, November 2010). The artworks will also be professionally scanned for the archives.

Our thanks to the UAC and to artist Hannah Ineson who has volunteered to take charge of the project.



HAPB Booklet Ready

The Collier County Historic and Archeological Preservation Board has issued a booklet describing historical buildings and sites in the County. There are brief descriptions and photos of the properties plus a map with their locations. As you would expect, many of the listings are in the Everglades area.

Copies are available at the Collier County Public Library in Everglades City Hall or online at the HAPB website <http://www.colliergov.net/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=34870>.

ORAL HISTORY

Marco Island Historical Society has been working with Bill Hughes to record meetings, presentations, and historical events. To watch the videos, see www.MarcoIslandCommunityTV.com.

Big Cypress National Preserve is collecting oral history and documents from private landowners within the preserve. The eventual transcriptions and recordings will be made public. For info, contact the Everglades National Park archivist, Bonnie Grysko, at (305) 242-7804 or email Bonnie_Grysko@nps.gov.

MAY MEETINGS

The **Florida Trust for Historic Preservation** holds its Statewide Annual Preservation Conference this year in Orlando on **May 18-21**. For info, see www.floridatrust.org.

The **Florida Historical Society**, founded in 1856, holds its Annual Meeting & Symposium in Jacksonville on **May 26-28**. For info, see www.myfloridahistory.org.

Both websites have a wealth of historical information worth visiting even if you can not attend the meetings.



EVERGLADES HOMES TOUR

Over 200 people attended the 2nd Annual Homes Tour on March 12 and enjoyed wandering around Everglades City in glorious weather.

Our thanks to the owners of the buildings who made such a great effort and to the docents who volunteered their time to welcome visitors.

Souvenir booklets are still available. We will be glad to send you copies for the cost of the postage. For info, phone 695-2905 or email ESHP@hotmail.com.

News from the Historical Library

A catalog of the books donated to the library can be downloaded from our website. Besides books, we also have volumes of periodicals:

Tequesta (Journal of HistoryMiami)
South Florida History (HistoryMiami)
Florida Historical Quarterly (Florida Historical Society)
Preservation (National Trust for Historic Preservation)
FORUM (Florida Humanities Council)

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 give them to the Library, phone (239) 695-2905.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

At the ESHP Board meeting on March 7, the By-Laws were amended to allow directors to serve for three years. This will take effect after the election in February 2012.

Officers elected at the meeting are the same as last year except that Elaine Middelstaedt agreed to serve as Treasurer.