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Dedicated to our Unique History

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, November 30: Historical Talk
"Pioneering Medicine in the Marco Wilderness"
Everglades Community Church, 5:30 p.m.
see article inside

Saturday, December 1: Swamp Heritage Festival
Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, Ochopee
see article inside

Saturday, December 8: Art-in-the-Glades
"Have Fun Doing Your Holiday Shopping!"
Arts & Crafts sale, hotdogs for lunch, live music
McLeod Park, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2013 EVENTS

- Jan 11: Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Community Church**
- Jan 12: Art-in-the-Glades, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
- Feb 9/10: Everglades Seafood Festival**
- Feb 15: Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Community Church**
- Feb 19-23: MSD Festival, Museum**
- Feb 22: Annual Meeting & Dinner/Talk**
- Mar 9: Homes Tour, Art-in-the-Glades**
- Mar 15: Movie Night, 5:30 p.m., Community Church**
- Mar 22: Farewell Social Evening**
- Apr 27: Tamiami Trail 85th Anniversary, Museum**

*You can download a calendar of events at our website
www.evergladeshistorical.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 in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting will be held on **December 3**. Members are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 58 active members. Renewal notices for existing members will be sent in January.

There are no new members since the last newsletter.

If you join now as a new member, your membership will be extended throughout the 2013 calendar year. You can send this form with a check or join online with a credit/debit card.



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Broadway in Everglades City looking towards the old jail on the Circle after the 1926 hurricane, courtesy of Florida State Archives.

1926 HURRICANE

A new collection of photographs has been donated to the Florida State Archives by the Koreshans. Among the pictures is a dramatic series taken in Everglades City during the 1926 storm. You can see all of them at www.floridamemory.com. Click on "Photographs" and search for "Everglades AND Koreshan".

CLEWISTON MUSEUM

Clewiston has an interesting history and was another planned company town, like Everglades City. The Museum there is holding a series of presentations in which speakers will talk about pioneering times. There is also a special Smithsonian Institution "Journey Stories" exhibition which will be on display this month. For info, see www.clewistonmuseum.org.

Archeological Speakers

The Southwest Florida Archeological Society has announced its program for the season. Talks are usually on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Bonita Springs Community Hall, 27381 Old US-41. The schedule is:

- Nov 14: "De-Mystifying the Mayan Calendar"
- Jan 16: "Shark toot tools from the Boca Weir Site"
- Feb 20: "Sinkhole Sites in SW Florida"
- Mar 20: "Dogs in the archeological Record"
- Apr 17: "Manuel Point Shipwrecks"

For more info, see www.explorationsinc.com/swfl-archeology.

News from the Historical Library



You can see a complete catalog of the books in the library on our website. We also have magazines and numerous clippings & pictures which may be copied by not taken away.

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 Historical Library in City Hall, where they are safe from storms, phone (239) 695-2905.



The Olds family having a picnic on the Marco Island beach, a photo from their diaries scanned by Betsy Perdichizzi.

Pioneering Medicine in the Marco Wilderness

Imagine Marco Island in the early 1900s - wilderness! Not much was there except the W.T. Collier's trading post, a few scattered houses.

This is what Drs. Mary and Lewis Olds found when they arrived. But, they were both medical experts and could help their neighbors. There were no roads then so the nearest doctor was in Fort Myers or Key West, a tortuous trip by sail boat for a sick person. Times were tough and the Olds family farmed like everyone else on the Island.

Local historian Betsy Perdichizzi has unearthed the family letters and compiled them into a fascinating real history book *Into the Florida Wilderness; A Journey with Drs. Mary and Lewis Olds, Pioneer Life and Medicine in Southwest Florida*.

Betsy will present unseen photos and read excerpts during her talk on **Friday, November 30**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Everglades Community Church. This is our first event of the winter season. It is free and open to the public. For info, call 695-2905.

SWAMP HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The day after our talk, Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center in Ochopee will host its annual Swamp Heritage Festival on **Saturday, December 1**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Speakers include:

- Elam Stoltzfus - filming in the Big Cypress
- Marya Repko - Marjory Stoneman Douglas & Big Cypress
- Bob DeGross - Monroe Station & Tamiami Trail
- Maureen Sullivan-Hartung - Hidden History
- Marion Nicolay – portrayal of Deaconess Harriet Bedell

There will also be exhibits, demonstrations, and interesting food for sale. Admission is free. For more info, contact the center at (239) 695-4758.