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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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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

2016 was a big year for the National Park Service which celebrated its 100th anniversary and for our own Everglades park which was founded at Royal Palm Hammock in 1916 by the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs.

Our **Annual Meeting** on February 26th was treated to an illustrated presentation by ESHP director Craig Woodward about "Pirates of Southwest Florida".

We again showed **movies** during the winter months including "Wind Across the Everglades" and ending in March with a feature about the Big Cypress donated by producer Elam Stoltzfus of Live Oak Productions.

Of course, we **participated** in the Everglades Seafood Festival and several Art-in-the-Glades fairs as well as being represented during the Everglades Independence Day Celebration. We were also at the Swamp Heritage Festival at the Big Cypress Welcome Center in early December.

The **Monroe Station Restoration** project ended abruptly when the old building burnt down during the night of April 9th. We understand that Big Cypress National Preserve has no plans to build a replica.

We helped the Chokoloskee community replace the **Welcome Sign** coming onto the island and paid for **plantings** around the Welcome Sign just before the bridge on CR-29 entering Everglades City which were installed thanks to the crew of Rick Perez Lawn Maintenance.

The traditional **Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet** on October 1st before the boats go out for the season was a traditional community affair. We were honored by the visits of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart and Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala.

Our **Welcome-Back Talk** on November 18th featured a presentation by Marco historian Betsy Perdichizzi about "Hermits in Our Islands" including Al Seely whose diaries she has published.

The **Historical Library** upstairs in our City Hall office benefited from the donation of a disk of David Graham Copeland's "Data Relative to Florida", his notes about the historical research he conducted as Collier's manager.

We said **farewell** after the passing of elderly area resident, Margaret Lopez Webb and Barbara Hoffman Daniels but **congratulations** at the 100th birthday of Jane Herren, wife of Norman who worked for the Collier Corporation for many years.

Thanks to our loyal members, to attendees at our events, and to volunteers who have helped. We look forward to another active year.

Marya Repko, President


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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 3: Movie Night

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Feb 10/11/12: Everglades Seafood Festival

10am-6pm, McLeod Park and surrounds

Feb 21-25: Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

9am-4pm, Museum of the Everglades

Feb 24: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk

5:30pm, Island Café

March 10: Movie Night

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

March 25: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-2pm, McLeod Park

DOWNLOAD a handy calendar from www.evergladeshistorical.org.

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month in our Historical Library in Everglades City Hall. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 6**. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 71 members. Annual renewal notices were posted in early January. Thanks to the 35 members who renewed promptly.

New members are welcome! Just fill in the form on this newsletter or join online at www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Welcome to new members:

Karen & Don Cochran, Chokoloskee
Lois Marie Evans, Naples

MSD Festival

The 13th Annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival takes place at the Museum of the Everglades during the week of **February 21-25**.

It starts on Tuesday with a luncheon and talk by Connie Washburn, President of Friends of the Everglades, a group founded by MSD in the late 1960s when the JetPort threatened the Big Cypress.

Other events include guided walks, kayak tours, a tram tour in the Fakahatchee, and numerous talks. Reservations for some activities are required. See our website for a program. To book your places, phone the Museum at (239) 695-0008.

Museum Exhibit

Large-camera photographer John Brady is featured at the Museum of the Everglades during January and February when his impressive pictures, "Reflections of Florida", are on display.

Besides his visual images, Brady is known as the man who saved the historic Everglades Wonder Gardens.

The Museum is located at 105 West Broadway, Everglades City, FL, 34139 and admission is free. For more info, phone (239) 695-0008.



MOVIE NIGHT

We had a good turnout of about 40 people for our first event of the season on January 13. Our thanks to Dave & Sadie Stroud and Sherry Geiger for help with the refreshments and to Helen Bryan for this photo.

Our next Movie Night is on **Friday, February 3**, when we will show "The Unseen Everglades; Inside A Legendary Wilderness" at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church.

The creator of this documentary is Charles J. Kropke, an environmental adventurer, who asks if humans can co-exist in harmony with nature. He will make a guest appearance to give an introduction and answer questions.

There is no charge but reservations are required. To book your places, email ESHP@hotmail.com or phone 695-2905.

ANNUAL MEETING & TALK

Join us on **Friday, February 24**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Island Café for a brief members' meeting followed by an illustrated presentation about "Historic Snowbirds" which explores the topic of who lived here first, before the Calusa, and how the inhabitants changed over the many centuries.



The speaker is Rachael Kangas, Public Archaeology Coordinator at the Southwest Regional Center of the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN).

The event is free and open to the public but reservations are required. To book your places, email ESHP@hotmail.com or phone (239) 695-2905.

News from the Historical Library



Thanks to Patty Huff for her donation of:

Carol Mahler, *Guy LeBree*

Jerald Milanich & Nina Root, *Hidden Seminoles*

A catalog of books is available on our website.

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.