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HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Dedicated to our Unique History

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 29: Museum Birthday

10am-3pm, Museum of the Everglades
see article inside

July 1: Independence Day Celebration

10am-1pm, McLeod Park
see article below

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, May 8**. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 66 current members excluding 9 in arrears from 2016 who have been posted a reminder.

To join us, just fill in the form on this newsletter or pay with a debit/credit card online at www.evergladeshistorical.org.

New member since our last newsletter:

Mary Paschke, Marco Island

Museum Exhibit

The artist on display during April is Elizabeth Smith whose works include paintings and found objects. She lives in Naples and has a great love of nature.

A reception for the artist will be held on **Saturday, April 8**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Join the parade on **Saturday, July 1**, which will wend its way around the Circle after the opening ceremony at 10:00am. The theme this year is *Star Spangled Banner* and there are prizes for the best entries.

That is followed by arts & crafts, hotdogs, raffles, and contests for the kiddies in McLeod Park.

The spectacular fireworks go off in the evening at 9:00pm.

For info, phone Dottie at City Hall on (239) 695-3781.



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MUSEUM BIRTHDAY

The Museum of the Everglades was opened on April 26, 1998, the 70th anniversary of the opening of the Tamiami Trail.

The Friends of the Museum hold a Birthday Party every year with a huge cake, hotdogs, antique cars, and story-telling by older residents.

Everyone is invited. Join them on **Saturday, April 29**, from 10:00 a.m. For info, call the Museum at (239) 695-0008.

News from the Historical Library

STONE COLLECTION

The late Maria Stone was a teacher in Immokalee with a deep interest in local history. She interviewed old-timers and published their memories in a series of books (eg, *Caxambas Kid*, *End of the Ox Cart Trail*).

Her literary curator has donated the original audio tape cassettes and numerous boxes of research files to ESHP. The collection is huge! We shall sift through it during the quiet summer months.

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.

FTHP News

The Annual Conference of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation will be held May 18-20 in St. Petersburg. The program includes talks, tours, and exhibits.

For info and to register, see www.floridatrust.org.

FHS News

The Annual Meeting & Symposium of the Florida Historical Society will be held .May 18-22 on a cruise to Key West and Cozumel. The program includes talks, tours, and awards.

For info and to register, see www.myfloridahistory.org.



Joe Pesci relaxes on the set of "Gone Fishin'" filmed at Monroe Station located along U.S. 41 in the Big Cypress Preserve on Monday.

Motorists along U.S. 41 near Monroe Station are delayed while the crew shoot a scene. Photos by Kim Weimer/Staff

MOVIE NIGHT

The laughs were loud when we showed the film **GONE FISHIN'** with Joe Pesci and Danny Glover on March 10 to about 50 people in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall.

The movie was made in 1995-96 around our area and we were fortunate to be able to show memorabilia and snapshots taken during the filming by Pam Mesce whose late husband Bill was the special Animal Safety advisor during the shooting. We also had first-hand commentary by Tod Dahlke who was on the production team.

FAREWELL



We were sorry to hear that Dorothy Ann Ivey Miller passed away in March. She was born in 1935 and lived in the Ivey House, operated by her parents Earl and Agnes who ran the building as a boarding house. Dorothy Ann graduated from Everglades High School and lived all her life in Everglades City. She was a great communicator and we will miss hearing her stories at the Museum Birthday Parties.

ESHP will add a plaque in her memory in the Ivey House near the one she unveiled for her elder sister Marjorie Davis in September 2015.