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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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We are looking forward to the following events:

March 12: Everglades Homes Tour, Art-in-the-Glades

March 25: 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 Everglades City Hall. Members are welcome.

Outside Events

The Museum of the Everglades is holding a reception for artist Carol McCardle on Saturday, March 12, from 1:00 to

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 new Marco Island Museum is open to the public on Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and features a display of paintings entitled "Lost Tribes" and an exhibit by Clyde Butcher. The official ribbon-cutting will take place at 12 noon on March 12 and Clyde will give a talk on March 15. For info, see www.theMIHS.org.

Naples Preserve is hosting a talk in their local history series on- Friday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m. Author Maureen Sullivan-Hartung will talk about her book "Hidden History of Everglades City and Points Nearby". For info, phone (239) 261-4290.

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.

The Friends of Fakahatchee are hosting a Coastal Cruise to Fakahatchee Island on Sunday, March 20. The island was home to a farming and fishing community a hundred years ago and even had a school. For info and to book online, see www.orchidswamp.org.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 61 members. Thanks to everyone who sent in renewals. The remaining 13 will get final reminders with this newsletter. You can renew or join with a credit card at our website www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Welcome to returning member Carolyn Fischer.



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Member Marci Hallock, a descendent of the Santini family who settled Chokoloskee, sent us an older photo of the Smallwood house with a note:

As you may know, Uncle Dolph sold out to Smallwoods in 1899 and My Great Grandfather Tino Santini sold out in 1901.

END-OF-SEASON SOCIAL

Members and guests are invited to our informal evening on **Friday**, **March 25**, at 6:00 p.m. at Camellia Street Grill where we will order off the menu and enjoy the live music while we eat and chat.

Please let us know by March 18 if you will attend so that we can tell the restaurant how many people to expect. For info and reservations, phone 695-2905.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Directors elected for the 2011-2012 year are Helen Bryan, Mike Danosky, Pat Fingeroff, Patricia Huff, Elaine Middelsteadt, Jane Rackley, Marya Repko, Jean Schultz, and Craig Woodward.

Officers will be elected by the Board at their meeting on **Monday, March 7**, when the By-Laws will be amended to allow directors to serve for three years. For info, call 695-2905.



THANKS to Helen Bryan and Pat Fingeroff for staffing our booth at the ORA Bazaar in Chokoloskee on February 19. We gave out Homes Tour flyers, sold some books, and talked with everyone.



EVERGLADES HOMES TOUR

The Homes Tour takes place on **Saturday, March 12**, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. when nine historic buildings will be open to the public. Most of them are new to the tour this year and have fascinating histories which you can read about in the souvenir ticket booklet.

Admission is by ticket only which will be available that day for \$20 at our table at Art-in-the-Glades in McLeod Park from 10:00 a.m. onwards.

You can order copies in advance at our website <u>www.evergladeshistorical.org</u> or pick them up at City Hall. For info, phone 695-0333 or 695-2905.

News from the Historical Library



A catalog of books donated to 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 give them to the Library, phone (239) 695-2905.

Farewell To A Friend

We are sorry to report that member Jane Wallace, 81, passed away on February 11 after a lingering illness. She was an ordained minister in the Episcopal Church and wife of



the Rev. Dr. Bob Wallace, pastor of Everglades Community Church. Jane gave the invocation at several local events and always had a smile for everyone. She will be missed in the community.