

# EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*Dedicated to our Unique History*

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ESHP is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation. Our current project is the restoration of the City Hall building which was constructed in 1928 as the original Collier County Court House. The Society is also concerned with preserving all historic sites, structures, documents, artifacts and memories within the Everglades area.

## DIRECTORS:

Patty Huff (President)  
Carol Moseman (Vice President)  
Marya Repko (Secretary)  
Sheilah Strobel (Treasurer)  
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Mayor Sammy Hamilton (ex-officio)

## COMMITTEES:

Fundraising  
Membership  
Grant Writing  
Public Relations  
Historical Research  
Architecture & Engineering

*If you would like to join any of the Committees, please contact Patty by email or phone 695-2397.*

## **WISH LIST**

### **What you can do right now to help:**

- Donate one-hundred 39-cent stamps for newsletter circulation and membership mail-shots.
- Donate paper for newsletters and brochures.
- Put a bumper sticker on your car.
- Ask a friend or neighbor to become a new member.
- Give out ESHP Save City Hall brochures everywhere you visit or shop in Naples.

## **HELP NEEDED WITH WEBSITE**

We are designing a website but need **technical help** to translate our ideas into HTML pages. If you have any experience, we would like to hear from you!!! Please email Marya on [ESHP@hotmail.com](mailto:ESHP@hotmail.com).

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*sketch courtesy of Jurg Furrer*

## ***STATE VOTES MORE MONEY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION; CITY HALL GRANT OK!***

The legislature increased the appropriation for the Department of State's Historic Preservation Division so that our grant application falls within those who will be funded next year. We were ranked 45<sup>th</sup> and initially the budget called for only enough money for the first 43 projects. Now there will be money for the first 49 applications which includes the Special Category Grant of \$350,000 for Everglades City Hall.

The long and detailed application was submitted in May 2005. The reviewing panel was supposed to meet in September but was postponed until November because of Hurricane Katrina. By the time we were ready to go to Tallahassee to answer questions about our project, Hurricane Wilma had struck and City Hall was condemned. The publicity from this disaster and the visit by Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings ensured that most people were sympathetic to our cause during the hearings. Nevertheless, we were still ranked just too high to be included in the proposed funding so the increase that was passed earlier this month is a pleasant surprise.

## **NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Welcome to Sheilah Strobel who takes over as Treasurer and to Robin Barnes who is now a director.

Sheilah was helping with the bookkeeping and agreed to accept the office when April Breton resigned because of pressure of work and family.

Robin organized the Brick-by-Brick campaign and fills the place on the Board vacated by Karen Cabral who is concentrating on her interior decorating service in Naples. Carol Moseman took Karen's position as vice-president, relinquishing her duties as Secretary to Marya Repko.



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**MAIN STREET**

The Main Street program is administered by the State Historic Preservation Office and helps communities to revitalize their downtown areas, with an emphasis on using older buildings for new commercial ventures. Some of the scheme's advantages are pride in the community's heritage, consistent architectural design, more jobs, and increased economic activity. Many of the projects include pedestrian walkways and attractive landscaping. Successful examples are Duval Street in Key West, Ybor City, and South Beach in Miami, all of which attract tourists and business.

The State encourages Main Street development and provides advice but the responsibility for making the program work is local and involves both the public and private sectors. See [www.flheritage.com](http://www.flheritage.com) and then click on Preservation.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation sets out guidelines in website [www.mainstreet.org](http://www.mainstreet.org), including the Four Points: Organization, Promotion, Design and Economic Restructuring. All State programs conform to the NTHP model.

A seminar for potential applicants is being held on Wednesday, May 24, in Stuart which itself has been a Main Street city since 1987. If you are interested in attending, phone Patty Huff on 695-2397.



*Photo Courtesy Florida State Archives*

***Smallwood Family Bereavement***

Ashley Marie McMillin, great-granddaughter of C.S. (Ted) Smallwood, died in an accident on May 6, 2006. She was only 24 years old and had an 11-month old baby boy. Ashley was the daughter of Gary and Lynn McMillin and worked in her mother's Smallwood Store & Museum after graduating from Everglades City School.

Our sympathy to the large and extended family. Her loss has touched all of us in the area.

**FUND RAISING**



We are still soliciting pledges for City Hall Restoration. Our next application for a Special Category Grant from the Department of Historic Resources in Tallahassee will require a matching local contribution of \$50,000. All pledges are welcome so that we can fulfill our obligation to the State when we receive the grant (hopefully) in 2007.

**THANKS** to Janet Treadway for her donation to buy postage stamps for our newsletters.

**THANKS** to Lucy Storter, Janet Treadway, and Jim & Leanne Kurrle, for donations to the City Hall Restoration Fund. We are also very grateful to the Frances L. Wolfson Family Foundation for their generous contribution to the Fund.

**BRICK BY BRICK**

We have received orders for commemorative bricks as tributes for glad and sad events. A group of friends donated one for the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of Chokoloskee part-time resident Tony Trayling. Most poignant of the inscriptions requested have been those in memory of Ashley McMillin and Glenn Weeks.



Order forms and a sample brick are available at City Hall. and you can drop in your completed form there.

**MEMBERSHIP**

We have 59 paid members: Individual (19), Family (27), Patron (3), Benefactor (2), and Business (8) plus 14 members who have not renewed for 2006.

Membership revenue for 2006 (so far!) is \$3665. Our goal this year is at least \$6000. If the lapsed members renew, they would add another \$1380, which is not far off the target. *If you contribute as a Benefactor or give more than \$500 in one year, we will place a special commemorative brick in your name in front of City Hall.*

Welcome to **new members:**

Eileen & Paul Arsenault, Naples  
Alan Pape, Greenbush, WI

**MONSTERS ON THE TRAIL?**

We have heard that Port of the Islands was sold and that the new owners intend to construct three tall buildings; the heights could be 10, 8, and 5 storeys.