

EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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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Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. The Society is concerned with the **preservation of all historic sites, structures, documents, artifacts, and memories** within the Everglades area.

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Visitor Center Buzzing!

Our Everglades Area Visitor Center has welcomed mainly European tourists recently as they traditionally take their vacations during August. We even had a group of 16 Italians on a tour who crowded into our space at 207 West Broadway.



Although most of our volunteers are away for the winter, we've been fortunate to have Gena Collins staffing the desk for several days a week. She is the granddaughter of Pauline and Everett Reeves who lived here in the 1960s when they opened Right Choice Supermarket. Pauline was later active in Friends of the Museum and spearheaded the conversion of the old Laundry building into a Museum.

If you are interested in volunteering, stop in or phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.



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You can read what's happening at ESHP by following our new FaceBook page:
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 4: Centennial Music Festival

Rod & Gun Club, 12pm until whenever

Saturday, December 2: Swamp Heritage Festival

Big Cypress National Preserve, 10am-3pm

Friday, December 8: Diamonds' Tea

Everglades Community Church, 2pm

Saturday, December 9: Art-in-the-Glades

McLeod Park, 10am-1pm

BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board of Directors usually meets on the first Monday but the next meeting is on **Tuesday, September 5**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Visitor Center. Members are welcome to attend and share ideas with us. For info, phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.

ESHP MEMBERSHIP

We have 87 members who have renewed or joined for 2023, including 2 generous Lifetime members.

Welcome to new members since our last newsletter:

Karen Leonard, S. Burlington, VT

Linda & Nick Penniman, Naples

FAREWELL

Carolyn Fischer passed away recently at age 81. She was a faithful member of ESHP and of the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades (FME). Her love of local history led her to support the Marco Island Historical Society in their effort to build a Museum worthy of the Calusa Cat.

Robert Robinson passed away earlier this month at age 95. He grew up on Marco Island but moved here in the 1950s and was a commercial fisherman with a wealth of stories to tell.

Spare Cash? Get 5% from Us!



Until we can access the funds from the federal and state grants for the Bank Building rehabilitation project, there is an opportunity for our supporters to receive a good interest rate while lending funds to our local nonprofit organization.

We can accept loans from our directors and others as long as the loans are at an interest rate which is below market rate and otherwise meet the requirements of Florida law, most notably the document stamp tax. Since interest rates have risen substantially recently, we have determined that a 5% simple interest rate is both below market for unsecured loans and above what most money market accounts are paying.

For info, call our treasurer Elaine at (239) 695-2695.



CONGRATULATIONS to Helen Bryan (left) who celebrated her 90th Birthday in August. She is seen here with Arita Parker, Vicky Wells, and Sherry Geiger, the organizer of a party for local friends in honor of Helen.

Arita later visited the old Bank building where she worked as a youngster in the early 1950s and shared some of her memories with us.



BANNERS TO HONOR HOMETOWN HEROES Veterans & Active-Duty Military

We are planning to add banners to the lamp posts in ECity that will honor those in the Military and hope to unveil them before November 11, Veterans' Day.

If you or a member of your family has served, please fill in the attached form or phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.



THANKS to Martha Hutcheson who donated these original metal sculptures by the late artist Dick Jay to the Visitor Center where they now adorn the front porch.