

# EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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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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(renewable each January 1<sup>st</sup> except for Lifetime categories)

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# TOWN CRIER

## EVERGLADES SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

## Newsletter

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## *President's Message*

Happy Holidays! As we celebrate this holiday, we remind ourselves how thankful we are to have so many friends and supporters of our organization. Local residents, as well as visitors, share our vision of maintaining the historic character of our small town. This is one reason why we are so diligently pursuing the rehabilitation of the 1927 Bank of Everglades Building.

To update you on ESHP, we have recently had some changes. **Kathy Brock**, who served us so well in guiding us through the early phases of our Bank project, has retired from our Board (as well as *The Mullet Rapper*). We would like to acknowledge our appreciation for her time, devotion, and commitment to our organization and projects. Fortunately, one of our other Board members, **Hydie Friend**, has been elected Vice-President to carry on with our goals and objectives. If you're not familiar with Hydie's background and expertise, she is a retired certified city planner and has more than forty years of experience using historic preservation for economic development. She has been recognized by her home state of West Virginia and her hometown of Wheeling for her dedication and commitment to community-led preservation and development efforts. Hydie was an early leader in the National Park Service's National Heritage Area movement. Now a Florida resident, she is applying her energy in supporting the efforts of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation.

Moving forward on the **Bank of Everglades Building** project, Hydie and I drove to Tallahassee on November 16 to attend and speak to the State Commissioners at the **Division of Historic Resources grants review** meeting. We are very happy to report that our grant received a ranking of 15 out of 36 and a high scoring of 90.667! The request for funds for the grant applications with a scoring of 80 and above will now go to the Secretary of State for approval, then to the Governor's office. This was a small matching grant with a total budget of \$106,000 with a lot more needed, but it is our first grant awarded to this project and a great accomplishment. Also, we made funding appropriations requests to both the State and the Federal governments for assistance with the Bank Building project and await their decision.

The **structural design for the foundation** is near completion, and this will be the most expensive part of the project. It cost over \$1 million to repair the foundation for City Hall in 2006 so we have been advised that it could cost almost twice that in today's market.

We will keep you informed, but your continued membership and support at our fundraisers will be key in finishing this project.

***Have a wonderful holiday and a very happy New Year!***

Patty Huff


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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, December 10: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

For info, phone Marya at (239) 451-0265

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### Saturday, January 14: Music Festival

12-6pm, Rod &amp; Gun Club

 Book your tickets at [www.Save-BOE.org](http://www.Save-BOE.org)

### Weekend, February 17/18/19: Everglades Seafood Festival

 See website: [www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org](http://www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org)

### Friday, February 24: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

### Thursday, March 23: Barron Collier 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Details to be announced in future.

### Saturday, April 29: Tamiami Trail 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Museum of the Everglades

 See [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com)

## BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is on **Monday, January 2**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Visitor Center. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.

## ESHP MEMBERSHIP

**Give the gift of history!** If you buy a membership for a friend or neighbor, we will send the recipient a card with your name and a goodie bag. See the back page ...



## COLLIER CENTENNIAL

The County was established in 1923 so we will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary throughout the year. See [www.colliercounty100.com](http://www.colliercounty100.com).

Our City lamp posts will be festooned with **banners** depicting historical sites. We plan to publish a little booklet describing each of the photos on the banners and thanking our **sponsors**.

For info about how you can contribute to this project, contact Patty at (239) 719-0020.

## Visitor Center



If you are looking for unique local artwork as a holiday gift, stop in at the Visitor Center, 207 West Broadway.

If you enjoy meeting people and would like to volunteer to tell visitors what to do in our area, phone Connie at (419) 350-6650.

SAVE the Bank of Everglades Building

**MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, January 14**  
Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City  
[www.Save-BOE.org](http://www.Save-BOE.org)

We are lining up some of the most popular musicians in Southwest Florida to entertain us at the **Music Festival** on **January 14** starting at 11am with a live radio broadcast. A list of performer is on our website [www.Save-BOE.org](http://www.Save-BOE.org).

During the afternoon, there will be **auctions** of original artwork, like this framed painting by Varick Niles, plus donated tours, meals, and other interesting items.



All the proceeds will benefit our effort to restore the Bank of Everglades Building.

**Tickets** are \$50 for a reserved seat or \$20 for general admission. They can be bought in advance at our special website [www.Save-BOE.org](http://www.Save-BOE.org) using a credit/debit card. If you prefer to send a check, make it payable to "ESHP" with a memo line "Music Fest" and post it to P O Box 46, Everglades City, FL, 34139.

For info, phone Marya at (239) 451-0265.

## MUSEUM OF EVERGLADES



The Special Exhibit is "**Gearheads in the Glades**" showing the mechanical ingenuity of locals in response to the challenges of the swamp.

The Third Thursday Talk at 2:00pm on **December 15** honors the late Dick Jay, an artist whose folksy paintings depicted scenes of the area and have been donated to the Museum.

The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 9am-4pm and admission is free although donations are welcome.

For info, see [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com) or phone the Museum at (239) 252-5026.

## News from Naples

Historic Palm Cottage is currently closed for repairs after Hurricane Ian but hope to be open for their annual Christmas event on December 20.



You can read the latest update on the official website [www.napleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.napleshistoricalsociety.org) or phone (239) 261-8164.