

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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Newsletter

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The Bank of Everglades during the opening of the Tamiami Trail in 1928.

President's Update

Since our last quarterly report in June, we have continued to make progress on our Bank of Everglades Building project. With the completion of the geotechnical soil testing this summer, our consulting team ORCO has started the process for the structural design of the **foundation**. It is anticipated that this will be completed by the end of September. We can then move forward getting bids for the reconstruction of the foundation.

This month ESHP is applying for two separate private foundation grants for a total of \$300,000: J W Couch Foundation for \$250,000 and T-Mobile for \$50,000.

Our fundraising events start again on **November 5** so, if you're in town, plan to join us at the Rod & Gun Club for our 2nd Annual Music Festival. Also, please mark your 2023 calendar for **March 11** when we will host a Homes & Gardens Tour. It's been eight years since our last homes tour and there are new or remodeled homes to see, as well as beautiful gardens. We will finalize details soon.

We have had several meetings with our **architects** at MHK and have revised plans for the interior of the Bank building. It is all very exciting to begin this phase of our project. We are also updating our Case Statement. For more information, visit our website at www.save-boe.org.

We thank you for your interest and support of this important project, especially as we celebrate our upcoming **centennial for Collier County in 2023**.


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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 5: Music Festival

12-6pm, Rod & Gun Club

 Book your tickets at www.Save-BOE.org
Saturday, November 12: Art-in-the-Glades

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905

Friday, November 18: Welcome-Back Historical Talk

2:30pm, Lighthouse Club at Everglades Isle

Tuesday, December 6: National Park 75th Anniversary

Details to be announced in our next issue.

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

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

===== 2023 =====

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

 See website: www.evergladeseafoodfestival.org
Friday, February 24: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk

5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

Saturday, March 11: Homes & Gardens Tour and Concert

10:00am, Visitor Center for ticket sales

Thursday, March 23: Barron Collier 150th Birthday

Details to be announced in our next issue.

BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board of Directors meets on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on **Monday, October 3**, in the Visitor Center. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.

ESHP MEMBERSHIP

We have 82 members including our first Lifetime member. **If you join now, your membership will extend through 2023.** And, you can avoid the hassle of annual renewals by becoming a Lifetime member.

To show your support, just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter or use a debit/credit card at our website www.eshp.org.

Welcome to new member:

Becky Kokkinos, Naples



Visitor Center Needs Volunteers!

We look forward to the return of our seasonal residents but we also welcome locals to extol the unique and wonderous features of our area.

The Center is staffed by volunteers and features some lovely local artwork for sale. If you enjoy meeting people and would like to help, phone Connie at (419) 350-6650 or stop in at 207 West Broadway when you see the OPEN sign lit in the front window.

SAVE the Bank of Everglades Building

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 5

Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City

www.Save-BOE.org

We are getting excited about the great performers who will be donating their time & talents at our Music Festival on **November 5**. One of the stars is Rita Youngman, a Seminole singer/songwriter, and her presence is fortuitous since November is National American Indian Heritage month.

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 using a credit/debit card or by sending us a check payable to "ESHP" with a memo line "Music Fest". For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

MUSEUM OF EVERGLADES



The subject of the **Third Thursday Talk** on **September 15** at 2:00pm. is "**The Pirate of Panther Key**" and everyone is invited to this free illustrated lecture.

For info, see www.colliermuseums.com or phone the Museum at (239) 252-5026.



MARCO COMES OF AGE

Congratulations to Marco Island which recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary since incorporation as a City in August 1997. The island was settled over 100 years before that but only developed in the 1960s by the Mackle brothers.



HISTORICAL CELEBRATIONS

The County was established in 1923 so we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary with events throughout next year.

Although the town of Everglades became the County seat then, it was incorporated as a City in 1953 – another reason for a party!

News from the Historical Library



We can scan old photos and small documents in our office in City Hall while you wait if you do not want to donate the originals. We feel our filing cabinets in the closet upstairs are safe from impending storms. For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.