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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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 28: Tamiami Trail 90th, Museum 20th

Museum of the Everglades
see program below and article inside

June 30: Independence Day Celebration

10am-1pm, McLeod Park

Sept 29: Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet

10am-1pm, Rod & Gun Club

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 7**, in our office at City Hall. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 77 current members including 18 who have not renewed from 2017. Final reminders have been sent to those in arrears.

To join us or renew, just fill in the form on the back of this newsletter or use a debit/credit card at our website. We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit so your donation may be tax-deductible.

New members since our last newsletter:

Gerianne Freiburger, Everglades City
Linda Walfield, Everglades City

TAMIAMI TRAIL 90TH & MUSEUM 20TH
Saturday, April 28

- 10:00am: Booths Open, Coffee & Bake Sale**
- 10:00am: Walking Tour of Historic Buildings**
- 11:00am: Opening Ceremony**
Welcome & Introduction of Dignitaries
Collier speech by Barron Collier III
- 11:30am: Grande Parade around the City**
- 11:30am: BBQ (\$10), Sons of Confederacy**
- 12:00nn: Naples Dixieland Jazz Band**
- 1:00pm: Marco Island Historical Re-Enactors**
- 2:00pm: Guest Speaker Jonathan Ullman**
- 3:00pm: Old-Timers' Story-Telling**
- 4:00pm: Afternoon Tea & Birthday Cake**
at the Historic Rod & Gun Club

This is a free event hosted by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades. If you would like to attend tea at the Rod & Gun, *reservations are requested* so they can plan the food. RSVP to FME_98@hotmail.com.



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photo courtesy Florida State Archives

TAMIAMI 90TH & MUSEUM 20TH

The big celebration on **Saturday, April 28**, commemorates a number of milestones in local history:

- 1923 – establishment of Collier County
- 1928 – completion of the Tamiami Trail through the glades
- 1953 – incorporation of the City of Everglades
- 1968 – founding of McLeod Park
- 1998 – opening of the Museum of the Everglades

The photo above shows some of the proud men who crossed the glades before the road was built and will be the subject of a talk by guest speaker Jonathan Ullman.

A proclamation was passed declaring April 28th as “Tamiami Trail Day” at the Everglades City Council meeting on April 3 and a similar one will be presented to the Collier County Board of Commissioners at their meeting on April 24.

The Friends of the Museum of the Everglades are looking forward to welcoming everyone at this event (*see schedule on front page*). For more info, visit www.evergladesmuseum.org.

ECity TOTE BAGS!

Have you seen our new tote bags?

The whimsical map was donated to ESHP by artist Hannah Ineson who also designed our logo.

The bags will be available at our booth in McLeod Park during the Tamiami-90th Celebration and are also for sale on our website.



FTHP Annual Conference

The Florida Trust for Historic Preservation will meet in Jacksonville on **May 17-19** this year. The theme is *Stories, Structures & Sand*. For more info, a schedule, and to register, visit www.FloridaPreservationConference.com or phone the organizers at (850) 224-8128.



photo courtesy Helen Bryan

ANNUAL MEETING & TALK

The evening on February 23 started a brief business meeting at which the Directors were elected (*see list above membership form in this newsletter*).

Then we heard Jack Shealy talk about growing up on the fringe of the Big Cypress and the Gladesman culture. His grandmother was postmaster in Ochopee and his grandfather helped to establish the Fire Station there. He learned to carry on their traditions; trade with the Indians and build pole boats. Connection with the land is foremost; never take more than you need.

Our thanks to Jack for speaking to us. You can learn more about his Ecotourism with traditional pole boats (skiffs) and unique cabins at website www.evergladesadventuretours.com where you can book a tour. Our thanks also to Island Café for hosting this event.

New ESHP President

Welcome to Kathy Brock who was elected as an ESHP director in February and has taken over the role of president after being selected by the Board at the meeting on March 5.

Kathy and husband Tim have owned a house in ECity since early 1993 after they “discovered” our remote town on a whim while driving to Hollywood where she was born and grew up.

Since sort-of retiring, they have become involved in our rural community. Kathy publishes *The Mullet Rapper* and Tim volunteered to serve on the City’s Planning & Zoning Committee. Kathy is also helping the Mayor with grant applications to aid recovery from the problems caused by Hurricane Irma.

News from the Historical Library

If you still have old books, newspapers, or photos for the Historical Library on the second floor in City Hall (where they have been safe from flooding), phone Marya at (239) 696-2905.