

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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Connie Barker, Kathy Brock (Vice-President), Helen Bryan,
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(renewable each January 1 except for Lifetime categories)

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We're Moving Ahead!

The old Bank of Everglades Building is getting a **new roof**. Work started on January 10 and should be finished soon, ensuring that the rain doesn't pour in and damage the interior any more.

This urgent work has been paid for by ESHP using most of the funds in our account that had built up from events and generous donations.

The next step should be to **replace leaky windows** with new ones that mimic the originals but with impact glass. We will appeal to the public to "sponsor a window" and have their name on a plaque under it.

In the meantime, we are organizing the **Golf Gala at Naples Depot** on March 18, an evening of refreshments to enjoy while browsing the special exhibit "Naples on the Golf" and chatting with PGA Hall of Fame Golfer Tony Kelley. This was originally scheduled for January but postponed because of the surge in COVID.

A popular day out that we're repeating for our winter visitors is the **Exclusive Tour of the Bank of Everglades** which includes lunch at the historic Rod & Gun Club before the guided walk-through of our old building. Guests receive a special BOE tote bag filled with souvenir goodies.

You can learn more about this important project and book our events in advance at www.SaveBOE.com. For info, phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.


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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, January 22: Art-in-the-Glades

 10am-1pm, McLeod Park
 for info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905

Saturday, January 29: Exclusive Tour

 11:30am, Rod & Gun Club
 limited to 10 people, tickets at www.SaveBOE.com/events
Sat/Sun, February 12/13: Seafood Festival

 10am-late, The Circle, Everglades City
 for info, see www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org
Friday, February 25: Annual Meeting & Historical Talk

5:30pm, details t/b/a, update on Bank of Everglades Building

Saturday, February 26: Art-in-the-Glades

 10am-1pm, McLeod Park
 for info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905

Saturday, February 26: Exclusive Tour

 11:30am, Rod & Gun Club
 limited to 10 people, tickets at www.SaveBOE.com/events
Friday, January 14: Golf Gala at Naples Depot Museum

 6pm-8pm, Meet & Greet: PGA Hall of Fame golfer Tony Kelley
 limited to 75 people, tickets at www.SaveBOE.com/events
Saturday, March 26: Art-in-the-Glades

 10am-1pm, McLeod Park
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BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board of Directors meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be on **Monday, February 7**, in the Visitor Center. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.

FAREWELL

We lost a Naples icon when **Jane Parks** passed away, aged 91, recently. She and her late husband Ben, a prominent attorney, moved to Naples in 1952 and were involved in many local activities. She was also an environmentalist and fought to save the Fakahatchee Strand from development in the 1960s.

News from the Historical Library



We can scan old photos and small documents in our office on the first floor of City Hall while you wait if you do not want to donate the originals.

We also welcome old books of local interest for our Historical Library. For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.



Our performance of the play "Killing Mr. Watson" by Larry Block on December 11 under the Smallwood Store in Chokoloskee was a great success. Our thanks to all the participants and to over 100 people in the audience.

MUSEUM UPDATE



To complement the special exhibit entitled "Everglades: Fisherman's Paradise", the Museum will show "Gone Fishin'" on **Movie Night on Friday, January 21**. The show starts at 6pm in the parking lot and you should bring your own chairs. The Friends will be serving light refreshments. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

The subject of the **Third Thursday Talk on January 20** at 2:00pm. is "**Barron Collier's Vision of Everglades City as an International Destination**" and features some interesting old photos of our little city.

The Museum is open from 9am to 4pm on Tuesday through Saturday and admission is free. For info, call (239) 252-5026.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



At the Board meeting on January 3, the directors elected the following officers:

President – Patty Huff Vice-President – Kathy Brock
 Secretary – Marya Repko Treasurer – Elaine Middelsteadt

The new President assigned **Committee Chairs** who will report every month to the Board.

Visitor Center – Connie Barker
 Publicity/Website – Kathy Brock
 Newsletter/Membership – Marya Repko
 Scrap Book – Gail Davenport with photos by Helen Bryan
 Finance – Elaine Middelsteadt
 Grants – Hydie Friend (with consultant Donna Shelley)
 Bank of Everglades Project – Patty Huff

You can leave a message for any of them on our official email which we share ESHPI@hotmail.com.

ESHPI MEMBERSHIP

We have 78 members. Renewal notices for those in arrears for the year 2022 will be sent by post. *You can avoid annoying annual reminders by becoming a Life 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 members:

Dr Pamela Burhans, Naples
 Kerry Edwards, Naples