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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Nov 16: Welcome-Back Historical Evening**  
5:30pm, Everglades Community Church  
*see article inside*

**Nov 17: Art-in-the-Glades**  
10am-2pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City

**DOWNLOAD a 2018-2019 calendar of events from our website.**

**ESHP BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board of Directors usually meets at 8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 5**, in our office at City Hall. Members are welcome to attend and contribute ideas. For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

**MEMBERSHIP**

We have 65 current members. If you join or renew now, your membership will be extended through 2019. And, if you become a Lifetime member, you'll never have to 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.

There were no new members since our last newsletter.

**Abandoned Vehicles of the Everglades**



If you haven't seen these enormous pictures of old cars, buses, and trucks discovered in the wilderness, visit the Museum of the Everglades. The exhibit is impressive!

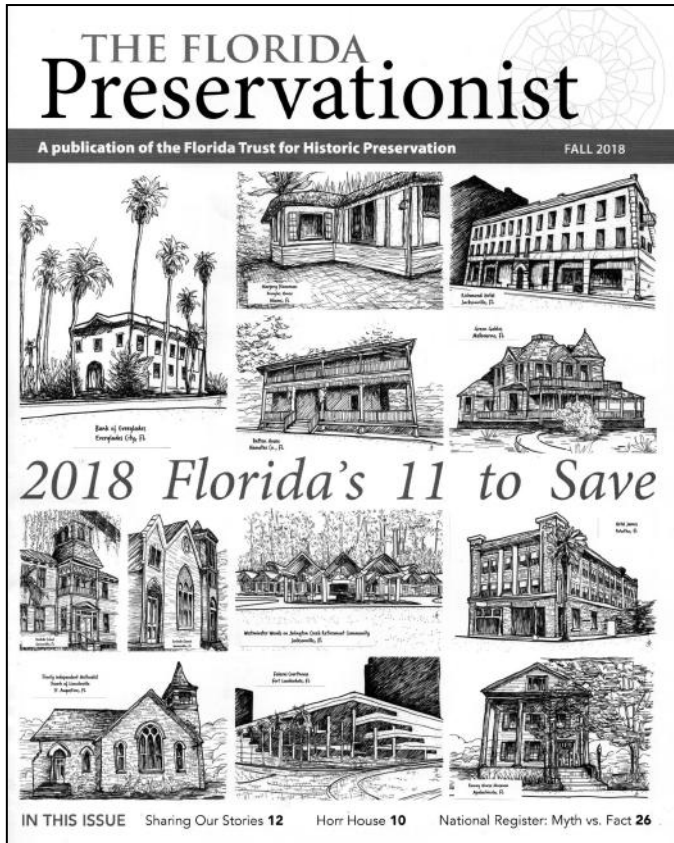
You can meet photographer Matt Stock and explorer Charles Kropke at a reception on **Saturday, October 27**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

For info about the project, see [www.abandonedvehicles.com](http://www.abandonedvehicles.com) where some of the images are for sale.



The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum holds its annual festival of traditional music, dance, and crafts on **November 2-3** in the Big Cypress Reservation. For info and a program of events, see [www.semtribe.com](http://www.semtribe.com).


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## FRONT PAGE NEWS

The Bank of Everglades building features prominently on the cover of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation magazine as one of the buildings worth saving.

We will discuss the Bank Building at our **Welcome-Back Historical Evening on Friday, November 16**, when we review the past and plan for the future. We hope to hear from local people who remember when the Bank, the first in Collier County, had money in its vault.

Our event takes place at 5:30pm in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church. It is free to the public but reservations are requested. To book your places, email us on [ESHP@hotmail.com](mailto:ESHP@hotmail.com) or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905. You can download a poster from our website [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org).

## ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Local history books, as well as arts & crafts, will be available on **Saturday, November 17**, from 10am to 1pm in McLeod Park during our first Art-in-the-Glades of this winter season.

Vendors are welcome to set up a table under the pavilion at no charge. For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.



## BLESSING OF THE FLEET

The stone crab boats had a good send-off on September 29 at the Rod & Gun Club when Fr. Tim Navin, Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, Pastor Bob Wallace, and Everglades Mayor Howie Grimm wished them well before they drop their traps in preparation for the first harvest on October 15.

After the serious business, the event included a frog-jumping contest for the kiddies, raffles, live music, a roast pork lunch, and the traditional coconut guava cake contest which was won by Judy Barton.

This was the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet which was started back in 2009 by Tod Dahlke who worked tirelessly all day.

Our thanks to all the participants and to the winner of the 50/50 raffle who donated her prize back to ESHP.

## FAREWELL

We were sorry to hear that **Dorothy ("Mama Dot") Weeks** passed away recently in her 93<sup>rd</sup> year. She was known for the delicious hamburgers she served at her café in the Everglades Inn and for getting up early to make breakfast for the crabbers.

Dot and her late sister Margie grew up in New York where they met the Weeks brothers who were posted there during World War II. They married after the war ended and the four of them moved to Florida.

Dot recalled living on a houseboat near Everglades City while her husband fished. When he died leaving her with young children to support, she was asked by the Collier interests to open a snack bar in the Inn.

A memorial service was scheduled for October 13. Donations in her memory can be sent to at First Baptist Church of Everglades, P O Box 550, Everglades City, FL, 34139.

## NEW BOARD MEMBER

Welcome to **John M. Wilson** who was nominated to serve as a Director of ESHP at the Board meeting on October 10. John lives permanently in an old Collier home which he is repairing after damage by Hurricane Irma.