

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 29: Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet
10am-1pm, Rod & Gun Club
see schedule below

Nov 16: Welcome-Back Historical Talk
5:30pm, Everglades Community Church

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

Dec 8: Art-in-the-Glades
10am-2pm, McLeod Park, Everglades City

ESHP BOARD MEETINGS

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

MEMBERSHIP

We have 65 current members. 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.

Welcome to new members since our last newsletter:
Terry & Maria Collier, Palm Beach

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Saturday, September 29

on the Barron River at the
Historic Rod & Gun Club

Fun for All the Family!

10:00am: Arts&Crafts Booths Open

**10:30am: Opening Ceremony
Blessing of the Boats**

**11:00am: Kiddies' Contests
Coconut Guava Cake Contest
Live Music, Raffles**

12:30pm: Winners Announced

*Wish our Stone Crabbers well before they drop
their traps at the start the new season.*

FREE EVENT ... EVERYONE WELCOME

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and follow us at

<https://www.facebook.com/EvergladesStoneCrab/>



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OLD IVEY LODGE DEMOLITION



The historic Lodge at the Ivey House is gone. The new owners felt they could not repair the damage done by Hurricane Irma and in late August tore down several buildings, all dating from Collier's era in the 1920s.

Also demolished was the green shotgun next door, called the Singletary House after a previous occupant, and the gray cottage (*photo above*) where the Grimm family once lived.

Development of the sites is under consideration by the Everglades City Planning & Zoning Committee. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, September 18**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

HURRICANE HISTORY

Just a year after our little Last Frontier was struck by Irma, there will be an illustrated talk on **Wednesday, September 19**, at 1:00pm in the Museum of the Everglades.

That is followed by a discussion of Zora Neale Huston's book *Their Eyes Were Watching God* about the great 1928 storm. This session presented by a Collier County Public Librarian as part of the "Great American Read".

For info, phone the Museum at (239) 695-0008.

Naples Depot Event

International Museum Day will be celebrated from 11:00am to 2:00pm on **Saturday, September 22**, at the Depot in Naples. The event is geared to families and entry is free. The old station has been transformed into a showcase of transportation including old cars and trains – a fun place to visit.

Remembering Marco

The Marco Island Historical Museum is asking visitors for their memories of early Marco Island when they first arrived. ESHP member Hydie Friend emailed:

This multi-media, cross generational interactive exhibit was curated by local MIHM staff led by Austin Bell. I can see a similar effort adapted and created by ESHP for display in City Hall. It is an extraordinary method of gathering local history, sharing stories and displaying it all in a basically low tech interactive format. If you haven't, GO SEE IT! It's up until October 4th.



NEW MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Never worry again about pesky renewals every year!

The ESHP Board voted to introduce Lifetime Memberships. You will, of course, be acknowledged in writing for your generous tax-deductible contribution to our 501(c)(3) organization and will also be commemorated with an engraved brick in front of City Hall.

The new levels are on the form in this newsletter and also on our website where you can pay with a credit/debit card.

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS



The late Maria Stone collected local oral history which she published as valuable aids to historians. Two of her books have been re-issued, *The Tamiami Trail* and *Ochopee*. Copies at \$10 each are for sale at Right Choice Supermarket and



WinCar Hardware in Everglades City or directly by mail order from www.ecity-publishing.com.

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.