



Friends of the Museum of the Everglades

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FME Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 am

Museum of the Everglades

Lecture Program

"Deaconess

Harriet Bedell"

by Marion Nicolay

March 7 at 1:00 pm

**in the Carol Moseman
Memorial Theater**

Walking Tour

Around Historic

Everglades City

Free to Members

Non-Members \$10

March 7 at 2 pm

following Lecture

Stop by the FME booth at

Art in the Glades

March 14

Women of the Everglades

in the Pauline Reeves Gallery

The exhibit for the month of March will highlight the ***Women of the Everglades***, including Mother Perry, Tommie Barfield, Mama Hokie, and Mildred Cooke among others. A special presentation recognizing one of the Everglades area's most notable women will be held on Saturday, March 7, at 1:00 pm. Refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Museum. Deaconess Harriet Bedell has been the focus of much attention this year with the recent unveiling of Hannah Ineson's Everglades mural in the Deaconess Bedell Chapel at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Marco Island. This summer the Deaconess will be canonized as a saint by the Episcopal Church, and now we are honoring her achievements here in Everglades City with Marion Nicolay portraying her at our Museum. Ms. Nicolay is an historian and reporter for the "*Marco Eagle*" and has portrayed Deaconess Harriet Bedell for a number of years.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to: Richard Wahrenberger, Keith Hyry, and Art & Gaye Benochea of Ft. Lauderdale (see attached flyer). We would like to thank Clyde and Niki Butcher who have donated more of his photographs which the Friends plan to raffle at future events. Also, a special thank you to JoAnn Sanborn of Marco Island for donating her oil painting.

FME Board News

At the February Board Meeting, two members were appointed to complete our original number of nine Board members: Vicky Wells and Jane Rackley. We welcome them and appreciate their commitment to our local history and interest in the Museum.

Volunteers: Be sure to read our new County Volunteer Manual now available in the Museum office.

The Museum is located at 105 West Broadway, Everglades City, telephone (239) 695-0008
Open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Linda Bristol: Linda and her husband Kim are from Indiana and spending their first winter season here in Everglades City. They enjoy the quaintness of the area as well as its natural beauty and closeness to the water. This is Kim's first year as an employee at the National Park Service. In Indianapolis he served as Pastor of the Independent Christian Church. Linda was a home health care worker and a realtor. They have two daughters and 11 grandchildren. Linda finds the history of this area fascinating and is enjoying working at the Museum.

Sunny Burke: Sunny and her husband Walt are full time residents of Everglades City after selling their farm in east Tennessee several years ago. Sunny served on the FME Board until 2008 and continues to volunteer as a greeter at the front desk. She also participates in all the Museum events, especially making cookies at our monthly artists' receptions. Sunny has been an invaluable member of the Friends and as a volunteer.

Jo Drudi: Joline has been spending four months here in Everglades City with her husband Louis for the past 15 years. After first staying to Marco, they soon discovered our quaint town which reminded them of the Vermont villages up North. Jo is a retired school teacher and enjoys gardening while Louis likes to read and fish. Jo has been volunteering at the Museum for the past 7 years and we greatly appreciate her enthusiasm.

Leanne Kurrle: Leanne has been an active member of the Friends of the Museum for the past 10 years, serving on the Board for many terms. She has volunteered for every event and has been highly successful in selling our raffle tickets, as well as participating in all the fundraising activities. Although Leanne retired from the FME Board in 2008, Leanne continues to attend meetings and contribute to our discussions.

Anne Mitchell: Anne with her husband "Mitch" have recently moved here permanently from South Carolina. Now they are both very active in the community: Mitch sings with the gospel groups at the Everglades Community Church and at the Monday night prayer sessions. Anne has been volunteering all around town, including Thrift Shop, the food pantry, the Community Church as well as at the Museum. Welcome, Anne!

Mary Morris: It's not hard to guess that Mary is from Asheville, North Carolina, when she greets you at the Museum with her beautiful cultured Southern accent. She and her husband Gus love to fish and both have traveled extensively in Europe and South America. You'll see Mary out walking for exercise early each morning. She is interested in cooking, photography and the wildlife. She says she thoroughly enjoys greeting people from all over the world when she works at the front desk.

Joyce Watson: Joyce is excited that she and her husband were able to spend two full months here this winter season. Next year, she's hoping it will be even longer. Joyce is a retired Executive Director of a non-profit Arts and Cultural Center in Glenwood, Minnesota. Her husband worked for Johnson Controls. Their hobbies include sightseeing, traveling the back roads of Florida, and photographing its beauty.

A special thank you to all the volunteers during the Seafood Festival and the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival:

Leanne Kurrle, Jo Drudi, Helen Bryan, Barbara Portz, Pat Rinkevich, Maxine Combs, Linda Bristol, Anne Mitchell, Judi Leigh, Jo Anne Hawkins, Virginia Kanning, Joyce Watson, Mary Morris, Hannah Ineson, Renee Rau and her Americorps Volunteer Laura Skinner.

Welcome to the following new / renewed members of the Friends of the Museum:

Leonard & Peggy Berg, Kay Dilts, Mike Danosky & Denise Rousseau, Louis & Jo Drudi, June Dyches, Patricia Esposito, Harvey & Pat Fingerhoff, Carolyn Fischer, Lincoln & Bea Frost, Lillian T. Hall, Barbara Honert, Barbara Lewinski, Dale & Randy Lindquist, Randy & Linda Mills, Phil & Lynn Nolan, Karina Paape, Susan Reeves, Mary Stephenson, Jerry & Phylis Stroudt, Winnie & Jim Thomas, Tony & Laurie Trayling, Vicky Wells.