



Friends of the Museum of the Everglades **FEBRUARY Newsletter**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FME Board Meeting
Mon. Feb. 4th 10:00 AM
Comm. Church Annex
Members Welcome

*35th Annual Everglades
Seafood Festival
February 1, 2, 3.*

Stop by the Museum

*Tom & Tina and the US
Express 1-3 pm Sat & Sun*

80th Trail Committee
Tues. Feb. 5th 10 am
Comm. Church Annex

4th Annual
Marjory Stoneman Douglas
Festival

February 26- March 1

80th Tamiami Trail &
10th Museum
Anniversary Celebration
April 26 & 27, 2008

Meeting Clyde Butcher



Clyde Butcher's visit to the Museum on January 12 was very well attended. Nearly 100 people came to speak with the world famous photographer. Clyde was so gracious, after two hours of signing and talking, he stayed more than an hour longer, to satisfy the many people who had lined up

to get his autograph and share their ideas and opinions. Preservation of the Everglades is one of his favorite topics of conversation. This advocacy and his photographic art increase our understanding of the significance of the water and the land of the South Florida swamp. The Butcher's annual Labor Day "Muck About" has introduced hundreds of people to the swamp face to face.

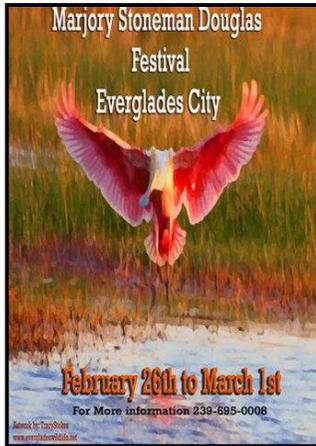
At the reception, Mr. Butcher announced that the Friends could select a photo from the show to be used to raise funds for the Museum. The Friends would like to thank Clyde for his generous donation. Raffle tickets for "Moonrise" are now available at the Museum.

If you haven't had a chance to see the exhibit of his mesmerizing views of Big Cypress and environs the show continues through February.



FME Member Carolyn Fisher won the raffle for Tracy Stokes' "Neon Pine." Below, Carol Moseman, FME president, presents Carolyn with her raffle prize. Thanks for your support.

The Museum of the Everglades is at 105 West Broadway, Everglades City, telephone (239) 695-0008
Open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Saturday 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



The 4th Annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival February 26 – March 1

A wide variety of walks and talks are being planned for this year's festival. Brochures are on their way to all FME members. The talks scheduled for the festival will be held in the new presentation area in the rear of the Museum. Manager Tim England's vision for the area at the back of the Museum has turned that space into a useful area that will serve a variety of purposes. These improvements created an excellent venue for this and future events at the Museum. Plan to attend at least one event at the Museum and tell us what you think of the "new theater". On Tuesday,

Feb 26th, the activities include a National Park boat tour, two different walks by biologists Jack and Elaine Berninger, Historic Everglades City Walking Tour, and a talk by David Southall, Collier County Museum Curator of Education. Wednesday the 27th will be the traditional dining with "Marjory" at the Seafood Depot followed by Captain Franklin Adams and Sandy Dayoff sharing past personal experiences with Ms. Douglas. Thursday the 28th photographer Rick Cruz will give a presentation on the hidden beauty of the Everglades. A simple luncheon will be served at Noon at the Museum, dessert to follow. A film of Big Cypress and Mike Owen's talk about Everglades Orchids will follow. Friday the 29th several walks are scheduled in Big Cypress, Fakahatchee, and Royal Palm Hammock. Saturday will be in McLeod Park with Otter John & the Wild Everglades Show, music by Snooker Joe and Raiford Starke. There will be arts and crafts booths, fish fry and bake sale. Join us for this educational and entertaining festival.

New in the Gift Shop

A variety of books, note cards and 2008 calendar featuring the photographic works of **Clyde Butcher**.

Note cards: \$16.50 ~ Calendars: \$20 ~ Books: \$30 to \$125

Renew your membership for 2008.

If you have yet to renew your membership for 2008 we hope you will do so soon. When you are writing your check we would like to ask you to include a few extra dollars to help fund the 80th Trail Anniversary Celebration. Our website has just gone live. Visit us at www.tamiami80.com to find out the latest information about this "Great Celebration of a Momentous Event" We are always looking for sponsors and volunteers. For more information contact Carol Moseman at 695-2159.

**Our thoughts and prayers go to the families and friends of
Brandy Stiltner and Natasha Johnson.**

You don't have to be an expert in history to volunteer at the desk!!!
phone Martha or Tim on 695-0008 or stop in at the Museum