

Friends of the Museum of the Everglades

March Newsletter

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March 2015

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FME Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 4
3:30 p.m.
Everglades City Hall

Pauline Reeves Gallery
March Exhibit
*A Look into the World of
 the Seminole People*

Movie: *Out of Ireland*
St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday, March 17, 1 pm

Special Lecture
Florida's First People
by Melissa Timo
Thursday, March 19, 4 pm

**GUIDED WALKING
 TOURS**
**of Historic Sites around
 Everglades City**
March 5, 12 & 26
FREE to FME Members
\$10 for Non-Members
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for more information

NEWS FROM THE MANAGER

Jennifer Perry

"Success starts with a dream and materializes with ongoing effort"
 -Robert W. Lucas

2014 brought many changes for the Museum of the Everglades: new management, new parking lot, new hours and a slightly new direction. As season is in full swing and visitors pass through our doors, we are looking to our future. Our goal is simple: be the best we can be. I believe it is important that we offer our visitors an experience that touches their minds and hearts through the history and character of this unique and special place. Currently, we are hosting *A Look into the World of the Seminole People*, an exhibit of historic photographs courtesy of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We will host a special lecture titled *Florida's First People* with Melissa Timo, Education Coordinator of Florida Public Archaeology Network on **March 19** from 4 – 6 pm. Please stop in, spread the word and help make this Museum the best we can be.

Thank you for your support ~ Jennifer

Pauline Reeves Gallery

*A Look into the World of
 the Seminole People*

**Historic Photographs Courtesy of the
 Seminole Tribe of Florida**



An exhibit of historic photographs, courtesy of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, will be on display in the Pauline Reeves Gallery through the month of March. Join us as we explore the wonderful culture of our beloved Seminoles.

***Out of Ireland* featured on St. Patrick's Day**

Narrated by actress Kelly McGillis, this 1995 Sundance Film nominated movie traces the history of Irish emigration to the United States, following the stories of several families and their journeys to America, including where they ended up. The movie is free and open to the public, to be held on **Tuesday, March 17**, at 1:00 pm in the Carol Moseman Memorial Theatre at the Museum. Please plan to join us!

Special Lecture: *Florida's First People*

Thursday, March 19, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Melissa Timo will discuss the documentary and archaeological evidence of our area's first Native American residents. Don't miss this special lecture.

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

VOLUNTEERS SPOTLIGHT

by Martha Hutcheson



Joe West - Joe grew up in Miami, graduating from Columbus High School in the neighborhood of Southwest Miami. He first came to Everglades City in 1959 on a fishing adventure with his dad. He and his wife Liz decided to purchase land on our island paradise in 2002, finally building upon the property in 2014. He is a wonderful cook, enjoys fishing and golf, and loves to travel with his best friend and wife Liz. Joe has graciously given of his time to our Museum as our Thursday afternoon volunteer, at the desk greeting visitors. So please come in and say "hi." We appreciate his commitment to our history and museum.

Linda Walfield - Linda is a native of Vermont and spends a part of her summer there but she grew up in Gainesville, Florida. She retired three years ago from the Public Health System in Vermont and moved to Everglades City. She was active in the Historical Society in Vermont and is now active with our own Museum of the Everglades where she volunteers on a weekly basis, year round, on Saturday mornings and is the Secretary and Board Member of the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades. Linda travels to exotic locales, enjoys learning about local history and is an avid birder, photographing her subjects in their native habitat. Linda has been a valuable "friend" of the Museum.



Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

This year the MSD Festival was one of the best we have had in the eleven years since it started. The attendance broke all records with 1,862 visiting the Museum and attending the various events during the week. Nothing but praise from all the participants! Pictured left is FME President Vicky Wells welcoming everyone at the Opening Ceremony.

Congratulations and a big "thank you" to Jennifer and especially Martha for organizing such an outstanding program and marketing the festival this year. Lots of fun in the swamp and interesting presentations!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As of the end of February, 83 individuals/families/businesses have renewed or become new members of the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades. THANK YOU, especially to our donors! Without your support, we could not fund all the exhibits and events. As a "friend" you receive special advanced notification of events and programs, free scheduled Walking Tours, discount on event luncheons, advanced reservations at our annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival, the monthly FME newsletter, and a 20% discount on the gift shop items. Please invite a friend to join our 501(3)(c) non-profit organization which benefits our local Museum of the Everglades. You may download a form from our website at www.evergladesmuseum.org. We look forward to hearing that you will keep history alive at our museum.

2015 Board of Directors and Officers

The following members were elected as officers of the Board of Directors for 2015:

Vicky Wells, President Patty Huff, Vice-President
Linda Walfield, Secretary Georgia Garrett, Treasurer
Board of Directors: Helen Bryan, Tina Collins, Rene Rau

We look forward to serving you this year.

We welcome members to volunteer with any of the following committees:

Events Gift Shop Membership Newsletter Publicity Website
Email: FME_98@hotmail.com if you wish to join a committee.

Have you visited our website recently?

www.evergladesmuseum.org

**We are looking for comments and suggestions to improve our website.
Email Patty Huff at snookcity@gmail.com with your suggestions.**

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