



# Friends of the Museum of the Everglades SUMMER Newsletter

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**FME Board Meeting**  
(in recess for the summer)

Wednesday, September 2  
9:00 am

Museum of the Everglades

Everyone Invited

May through August  
in the  
Pauline Reeves Gallery

**Everglades City School  
Students Art Exhibit**



## *Friends Announce new Program for Members and Volunteers*

In collaboration with the volunteers at the Collier County Museums in Naples, the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades have organized a variety of speakers, programs, and group trips to museums and historical sites throughout South Florida. Our goal is to offer additional benefits to our members and provide an opportunity for us to get to know each other better, as well as to become acquainted with the Friends' groups of our other County museums. A brochure outlining the individual trips and programs is enclosed (***note that this newsletter is being sent via post to all members so everyone will have a printed program***). Estimated cost includes admission fee (or donation) and either a boxed lunch or average cost of lunch from the menu (you select) if a restaurant is listed. Since most of the locations are within easy driving distance, we decided it would be better to car pool rather than hire a bus (thus more flexible and not penalized for any last minute cancellations).

If you are interested in attending any of these events, please let us know via email at [fme\\_98@hotmail.com](mailto:fme_98@hotmail.com) or by post to FME, P.O. Box 677, Everglades City, FL 34139. No deposit will be necessary but early reservations are recommended.

## *Schedule of Artists*

Also included with this newsletter is our 2009-2010 Schedule of Artists for the Pauline Reeves Gallery. We are very excited about many new artists that Tim England has scheduled for this upcoming season. During the December – January months, the exhibit will focus on the Gladesmen, the early pioneers, who occupied the Ten Thousand Islands prior to 1925. David Southall with the Collier County Museums will give a presentation about this exhibit. Don't forget to attend the Saturday receptions each month to meet the artists, followed by a walking tour of historic buildings.

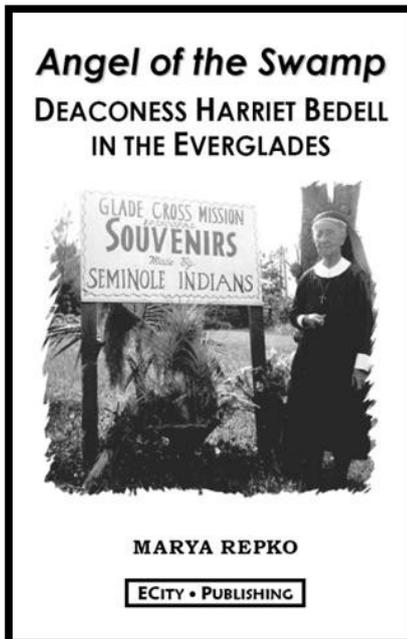
## *FME Website Information*

If it's been a while since you visited our website, please check it out ([www.evergladesmuseum.org](http://www.evergladesmuseum.org)). We are constantly updating the information and will include all programs and events for the upcoming season. It's a good way to stay in touch with what's happening and a chance to browse through our Gift Shop when you're out of town. And, please forward a link to your friends.

**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**

## Announcing New Book by local FME Member

Marya Repko, local author of *A Brief History of the Everglades City Area*, has written a timely new book on Deaconess Bedell who is expected to be canonized by the Episcopal Church this summer. Marion Nicolay, pictured right when she portrayed the Deaconess at our March lecture for members this past year, wrote the following review:



"Marya Repko has fashioned a fascinating account of the life of a very unusual woman from Buffalo who wound up being adopted into three different Indian tribes. Harriet Bedell served in Oklahoma and Alaska as an Episcopal missionary before coming to Southwest Florida. Appalled at the plight of the Miccosukee Indians who lived near the coastal communities, she transferred here permanently in 1933 and remained until the Mission House was badly damaged by Hurricane Donna in 1960.

The Deaconess worked tirelessly for the Native American population here, but did not neglect Sunday School and other opportunities for residents of Everglades and several other communities. Even during retirement at the age of 85 after the hurricane, she continued her labors at the Bishop Gray Inn in Davenport, Florida. Harriet passed away in 1969 and was designated a Great Floridian in 2000, with a plaque at the entrance to the Museum of the Everglades.

The author has done a remarkable job of collecting and assembling a great deal of historical and anecdotal information about this indomitable lady, and you will find the book hard to put down."

Marion Nicolay, journalist, Marco island, FL

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