



Friends of the Museum of the Everglades

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April 2008

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FME Board Meeting
Monday April 7, 2008
10:00 am
at the Museum

Members Welcome

**See insert
for details of the
TAMIAMI TRAIL
80th Anniversary
and
Museum
10th Birthday
Celebrations
Saturday &
Sunday
April 26 and 27
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
at the circle in
Everglades City**

This is a year of many anniversaries. Here are just a few.

- 1873 Birth of Barron G. Collier and James F. Jaudon (135th)
- 1913 Chokoloskee Church of God established (95th)
- 1923 Collier County established (85th)
- 1923 Collier County Sheriff's Office established (85th)
- 1923 Collier County News (Naples Daily News) founded (85th)
- 1928 Opening of Tamiami Trail (80th)
- 1928 Atlantic Coast Line railroad link to Everglades City (80th)
- 1928 First class graduates from Everglades City High School (80th)
- 1928 Formation of Red Cross chapter in Collier County (80th)
- 1933 Arrival of Deaconess Harriet Bedell (75th)
- 1943 First commercial oil well in Florida at Sunniland (65th)
- 1953 Incorporation of Everglades City (55th)
- 1953 Ochopee Post Office moved to tool shed (55th)
- 1958 Arch at Collier/Dade County line on Trail torn down (50th)
- 1958 Copeland Baptist Mission founded (50th)
- 1958 Wooten's established tour business (50th)
- 1963 Court House becomes City Hall (45th)
- 1963 Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center (45th)
- 1963 Collier County News becomes Naples Daily News (45th)
- 1968 McLeod Park established (40th)
- 1968 Captain's Table complex started (40th)
- 1968 Friends of the Everglades founded by Marjory Stoneman Douglas (40th)
- 1973 Seafood Festival (35th)
- 1978 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation founded (30th)
- 1978 Collier County Museum founded by Collier County Historical Society (30th)
- 1983 Oyster House Restaurant built (25th)
- 1988 Laundry Building given to County to be a Museum (20th)
- 1988 WinCar built new hardware store (20th)
- 1998 Everglades City named Outstanding Rural Community (10th)
- 1998 Friends of Fakahatchee Preserve founded (10th)
- 1998 Museum of Everglades opened (10th)
- 1998 Everglades Scoop bought by Sandy Dampier (10th)

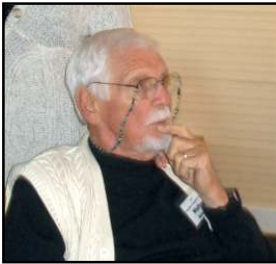
The Museum of the Everglades is at 105 West Broadway, Everglades City, telephone (239) 695-0008
Open to the public Tuesday through Friday, 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Saturday 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



RAFFLE
Clyde Butcher's
MOONRISE
Big Cypress Preserve
TICKETS
\$5 each or 5 for \$20
DRAWING APRIL 27, 2008

To Our Seasonal Volunteers ...
 A heart felt thank you and a tearful goodbye
 Looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

150 people meet Walter Gorecki on March 9th.



Some of our favorite local musicians came to delight the crowd with their unique blend of music. Walter's acrylics and watercolors of local landmarks, local wildlife and local vegetation were admired by all of our visitors for their detail and artistry. We thank Walter for showing us his wonderful paintings.



photos courtesy of Marya Repko

Renew Now !!!

Some of you have yet to renew for 2008. Sending in your membership check today will help fund the Tamiami Trail 80th Anniversary Celebration. Any additional donations will be greatly appreciated. *Thank you.*

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