



# Friends of the Museum of the Everglades FEBRUARY Newsletter

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

***Poetry Reading***  
**by Karla Merrifield**  
**Tues, February 2 at Noon**  
**Museum of the Everglades**  
**Complimentary light lunch**

**FME Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 3, 10:30 am**  
Everyone Invited at the Museum

**Pauline Reeves Gallery**  
**for the Month of February**  
  
***Photography by***  
**Jeff Ripple**

**Seafood Festival**  
**Sat-Sun, February 6-7**  
**Tom, Tina & US Express**

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Marjory Stoneman Douglas**  
**Festival**  
**Tuesday through Friday**  
**February 23 – 26**  
  
**Call 695-0008 for**  
**Reservations**

### ***Special Program – Poetry Reading – February 2***

Karla Linn Merrifield, a Pushcart Prize Nominee and the 2009 Everglades National Park Artist-in-Residence, will be giving a Poetry Reading from a selected list of poems related to the Everglades. Ms. Merrifield's poems have appeared in dozens of publications as well as in many anthologies. She has five books to her credit, including *Godwit: Poems of Canada* which received the 2009 Andrew Eiseman Writers Award for Poetry. Please plan to join the Friends and enjoy the poetry reading along with a complimentary light lunch at the Museum.

### ***Photography by Jeff Ripple***

We are proud to have the well-known fine art landscape photographer and natural history author, Jeff Ripple, as our Artist of the Month for February. Jeff grew up in South Florida and has devoted nearly half his life to exploring the wonders of our area. As stated on his website ([www.jeffripple.com](http://www.jeffripple.com)), "his photographic images reflect his devotion to protecting the natural environment, his fascination with the ephemeral play of light on textures and forms in the landscape, and a reverence for wild places."

### **Music by Tom, Tina and the US Express**

Once again during the Seafood Festival we will have music inside the Museum. Tom, Tina and the US Express will be performing throughout Saturday and Sunday. Stop by and hear their original style music and don't forget to visit our booth located in front of the Museum. Volunteers are welcome! Contact Helen Bryan at 695-3298 to sign up.

### **Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival**

Many exciting new programs are scheduled for this year's MSD festival to be held February 23-26. The week starts with a luncheon, lecture, and fashion show. Among other activities, there are walks, talks, and Otter John's Wild Animal Show.

Reservations are needed for many events so please call Martha at 239-695-0008 to sign up early.

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

**Report on Deaconess Harriet Bedell Program**



Almost 60 interested people attended Marya Repko's presentation and illustrated talk about the Deaconess on Harriet's Feast Day, January 8, at the Museum of the Everglades. Jack Geist and the Deaconess (portrayed by Marion Nicolay) were introduced and spoke briefly about their recollections. Hannah Ineson who had painted the mural at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Marco Island also talked about the Feast Day. All enjoyed refreshments provided by the Events Committee of the Friends of the Museum. Thanks to Helen Bryan for taking the photographs.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**The following have renewed their membership since our last report. This brings our total 2010 membership to 59. Thank you for your support !!**

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- Sunny Burke
- Karen Cabral
- Allen and Elsa Caldwell
- Betty Campbell
- Patricia Corcoran
- June Jolley Dyches
- Bea and Lincoln Frost
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- Marjorie Jeffers
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