

Friends of the Museum of the Everglades

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FME Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 6

3:30 p.m.

City Hall

All members are
welcome to attend

Pauline Reeves Gallery

*"The 20th Century
Seminole Experience:
Paintings from the Florida
Indian Tribes Series"*

by Muffy Clark Gill

Meet the Artist

Saturday, May 10

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Museum of the Everglades

**MUSEUM
NOW OPEN**

Monday – Saturday

**Summer volunteers
needed**

at the front desk

**Call Martha at 695-0008
for more information**

Pauline Reeves Gallery

"The 20th Century Seminole Experience: Paintings from the Florida Indian Tribes Series"



In 1990, Muffy Clark Gill became interested in Florida's historic Seminole and Miccosukee tribes, specifically from the period dating from the 1890s to the 1990s. She researched and collected historical documents, photographs, newspaper clippings, postcards and oral histories of the life and work of these early Florida settlers.

Informed by this intriguing historic data, and specifically the stories behind the

imagery, Muffy Clark Gill began the "Florida Indian Tribes" series of paintings, exploring ways to give the viewer a fresh historical perspective of an Indian tribe which continues to inhabit and impact south Florida, preserving and interpreting in a new way, an important part of its local history.

Muffy Clark Gill is an award-winning southwest Florida artist who incorporates the traditional Indonesian and Japanese batik processes with contemporary mixed media process. She has had over twenty solo exhibitions and her work has been included in over 70 regional, state and national juried and invitational exhibitions and festivals throughout the state. In February 2015 this exhibition will travel to the State Capital building in Tallahassee, where it will be shown in the 22nd floor gallery until June 30, 2015.

The Friends of the Museum will host a reception to "Meet the Artist" from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, May 10**, at the Museum. Please plan to join us to welcome Muffy to Everglades City. Please note that the Museum is now open on **Monday** through Saturday.

**The Museum is located at 105 West Broadway, Everglades City, telephone (239) 695-0008
Open to the public Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm**



NEW MANAGER APPOINTED

Welcome, Jennifer Perry, the new manager of our Museum of the Everglades! Jennifer has had past experience with Collier County Museums when she served as the Services and Volunteer Coordinator from 1998 to 2002. She worked together with Donna Ridewood, the first manager of our Museum when the Museum of the Everglades opened on April 26, 1998. At that time she recruited new volunteers and conducted all marketing and public relations duties, scripting press releases and contacting the media. She then served as Executive Director of the Jamali Fine Art Gallery, supervising and training gallery staff before taking a break to teach school when her children were born. Jennifer graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor's degree in Art History.

The Friends of the Museum of the Everglades look forward to working together with Jennifer who started her position as manager on Monday, April 21, just in time for our 16th Birthday party celebration on Saturday, April 26!



CONGRATULATIONS, MARTHA !!

Congratulations to Assistant Manager Martha Hutcheson on her recent recognition by both Everglades City Mayor Sammy Hamilton and Collier County Museum Director Ron Jamro for her extraordinary service to the community and to a visitor from Scotland who needed medical assistance. Martha is a true asset to the Museum and to the Everglades area.

Martha was celebrated with certificates and a delicious cake decorated with "Martha is a Star." She certainly is our star and much, much more!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT


by Martha Hutcheson

We would like to highlight a wonderful and new volunteer, **Beth Brainard**. Through her love of nature and kayaking and after joining us for a few Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festivals, she decided she wanted to volunteer year round at our small but important museum. Beth is a Harvard graduate and former Harvard employee specializing in marketing and P.R. She has recently returned from living in New England, wanting to be back in warm sunny Florida to raise her children. Charming and lovely, Beth is a mother and wife with a true zest for life just finishing a course in boating, excited to get out on the water and explore the mangroves of our rugged 10,000 islands. Stop by on Wednesdays and say hi to her; her welcoming smile will make you instantly feel right at home. Welcome, Beth, to our volunteer staff at the Museum of the Everglades!

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