

Friends of the Museum of the Everglades

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October 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Pauline Reeves Gallery

“Portraits of Paradise”

by

Bruce Hitchcock

Reception

Saturday, October 4

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

105 West Broadway

FME BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 7

3:30 p.m.

Everglades City Hall

Your membership supports exhibits and events at the Museum. Benefits include monthly newsletters, early invitation to events, and 20% discount at Gift Shop.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

at the front desk

Call Martha at 695-0008

Pauline Reeves Gallery

“Portraits of Paradise”



During the month of October native Floridian, wildlife photographer, and local fishing guide, Captain Bruce Hitchcock of Chokoloskee will exhibit his beautiful collection of scenes from South Florida.

Bruce has been photographing spectacular landscapes, plants, birds, and other Everglades creatures for over 20 years while mostly from a kayak which offers a distinct perspective to the viewer.

There will be an Open House reception for the artist on **Saturday, October 4**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. The event is free and open to the public. Please join us!

The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission fee but donations are welcome.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We have had a very exciting year. Our membership has grown, especially with our business members. The Museum has had wonderful exhibits, well-attended events and a new manager!

The 2015 membership renewal forms and letters will be sent out next month. At its September 2 meeting, the Board of Directors voted to increase the “individual” membership dues from \$15 to \$20 and the “family” membership from \$25 to \$30; the business membership will continue at \$50 per year. This is the first increase in annual dues since the Friends were incorporated in 1998.

We appreciate your support of our Museum of the Everglades and hope you will encourage your friends to join our Friends group and visit the Museum often.

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Open to the public Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm**

PHOTOS FROM SEPTEMBER

On Saturday, September 20, the Friends of the Museum hosted an open house reception for the Rob Storter new exhibit which features prints from the original Storter Collection and several new items donated by Doug Hanks, grandson of George M. Storter. Many of these new items will remain on display in the permanent exhibit area. Portraits of Rob's parents R.B. (Robert Bembery) and Nancy Storter were displayed as well as a "cut out" of Rob on loan from his daughters Olivia and Marguerite from Naples. Over 30 members of the Storter extended family attended the reception. Among them included Betty Savidge Briggs (who edited "*Crackers in the Glade*" written by her grandfather Rob Storter) and her husband John and their family; Bem (son of George M. Storter) and Faye Storter; Nancy Storter Hanks (daughter of George M. Storter) and her son Doug and grandson Tucker; Lonnie and Vanita Howard, great-grandson of Rob with their children; Donna Storter Long (daughter of Vance Lee Storter) and her husband J.C.; David (great-grandson of Birma Storter) and Tina Heflin with their children; Rex Storter (grandson of Rob); plus several other family members from around Florida. Visitors may continue to see the permanent exhibits of Rob Storter at the Museum of the Everglades. The traveling exhibit will continue to be on display at the Marco Island Historical Museum through the month of October.



REMEMBERING SUNNY BURKE

Since the beginning, Sunny Burke had been involved in all aspects of our Museum of the Everglades. She has been a devoted volunteer and had a special way of greeting the visitors at the front desk. It was easy for her to make everyone feel welcome with her ever-present smile and good nature.

Sunny was a Director on the Board of the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, serving as Vice-President in 2008. She was very active in participating in the annual events throughout the year. Sunny passed away on Sunday, September 14, at the age of 86. There was a beautiful memorial service for her on September 21 at the Everglades Community Church where she was also an active member. The Museum will honor Sunny with the placement of an outdoor memorial bench under the palm trees in front of the Museum. She will be truly missed by all of those who loved her!




(Sunny is pictured above on the left at the Museum with her good friend Martha)

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