

Marjory Stoneman Douglas

Marjory Stoneman Douglas (1890-1998) was an author, a journalist and environmental activist. Her best-known work, *Everglades: River of Grass*, was published in 1947. It drew attention to the fact that water is the key to the Everglades and presented the concept that the Everglades was not simply a swamp to be drained for homes and businesses, but a vital part of the ecosystem of South Florida.

The original Everglades drainage scheme, implemented in 1906, forever changed the Everglades by altering its natural flooding and evaporation cycle. Were it not for Marjory and others like her, these changes might have gone unnoticed and the death of the Everglades may have occurred.

In the 1960s at the age of 78, Marjory became actively involved in environmental issues when she opposed a planned jetport along the Tamiami Trail. She established Friends of the Everglades and began speaking on their behalf to public and private entities across the state. In doing so, she was able to focus attention on the importance of protecting this national treasure.

Although Marjory Stoneman Douglas died in 1998 at 108 years of age, her power of observation and skillful use of the written word lives on. Her legacy serves as a challenge to succeeding generations, not only to persevere in the fight to save the Everglades, but to discover for themselves the incredible beauty of the natural wonder we call the “River of Grass.”

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COLLIER COUNTY MUSEUMS LOCATIONS / HOURS

Museum of the Everglades

105 West Broadway
Everglades City, FL 34139
(239) 695-0008
Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Collier County Museum

3331 Tamiami Trail East
Naples, FL 34112
(239) 252-8476
Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Naples Depot Museum

1051 Fifth Avenue South
Naples, FL 34102
(239) 262-6525
Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Marco Island Historical Museum

180 South Heathwood Drive
Marco Island, FL 34145
(239) 642-1440
Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch

1215 Roberts Avenue
Immokalee, FL 34143
(239) 658-2466
Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 13th Annual



Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

February 21-25, 2017

**ALL ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT THE
MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES
EXCEPT TUESDAY'S LUNCHEON**

For more information, please call (239) 695-0008



Collier County
Public Services Department
Museum Division

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

February 21 - 25, 2017

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Opening Luncheon at Everglades Isle

(Cost: \$25; FME Members \$20)

- 10:45a-3p **Welcome- Buffet Luncheon**
"Marjory Stoneman Douglas, The Voice of the Everglades"
Connie Washburn, President Friends of the Everglades
Come share with Connie her memories of Marjory Stoneman Douglas.
"There are no other Everglades in the world. They are, they have always been, one of the unique regions of the earth; remote, never wholly known. Nothing anywhere else is like them"
Marjory Stoneman Douglas

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Education and Adventure

- 9:00 am **Kayaking the Fakahatchee**
with Tod Dahlke (Max 12)(3-4 hrs)
- 9:00 am **Logging Walk/Photography Class**
with Cesar and JohnBob (Max 12)
- 9:00 am **"What Lies Beneath"**
By Ranger Fiona
Big Cypress National Preserve
- 10:00 am **"Learning Facts and Myths about Fracking"** By Jack Thomas, PhD.
- 11:00 am **"Brief History of Agriculture in SW Florida"** By Dallas Townsend,
County Extension Director Henry County-Retired
- 1:00 pm **"Edison & Ford Conservation in Southwest Florida"** By Chris Pendleton, Pres. & CEO and Mike Cosden, V.P. of Interpretation
Edison-Ford Winter Estate
- 2:00 pm **"Women in the Everglades"**
By Author Marya Repko
- 3:00 pm **"The History of Loop Road"**
By Author Cesar Becerra

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

A Walk on the Wild Side

- 8:30 am **Historic Guided Canoe Tour**
(Max 12)(BCNP) (2-3hrs)
- 9:00 am **Allure Adventure Everglades Slide Boat Tour** (Max 6) (1 hr)
- 10:00 am **Otter John's Wild Everglades Animal Presentation**
- 11:00 am **"Environmentally Healthy Ways to Improve Productivity"** By Russ Luther, ECHO Global Farm
- 1:00 pm **"FWC Everglades Restoration Priorities"** By James Erskine,
Everglades Coordinator, FWC
- 1:00 pm **Swamp Walk with Mike Owen**
Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park (Max 12) (3-4hrs)
- 2:00 pm **"Pioneer/Warden Charles Mosier"**
By Author Cesar Becerra
- 3:00 pm **"America's Everglades: The Path Forward"** By Author Nick Penniman

Reservations Required
(239) 695-0008

Special Thanks to:

~Friends of the Museum of the Everglades~
Big Cypress National Preserve
Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park
Friends of Fakahatchee Inc.
Everglades National Park
Everglades Isle Lighthouse Club
The MULLET RAPPER
Celtic Spice
Seminole Tribe of Florida

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Step into the Glades

- 9:00 am **Johnstons' Airboat Adventure**
(Max 5) (1hr)
- 10:00 am **Canoe and Sandfly Island Tour**
(Max 12) NPS (2-3 hrs)
- 10:00 am **"Seminole War and Weapons"** By Rey Becerra, Community Outreach Specialist, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum
- 11:00 am **"Everglades Invasive Species and Their Management"** By Tony Pernas
Supervisory Botanist, Big Cypress National Preserve
- 1:00 pm **"Epiphytes and Wildlife"**
By Mike Owen Biologist
Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park
- 2:00 pm **"Sabal Palm Pipeline and Big Cypress Oil"** By JohnBob Carlos –
Activist, Photographer

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

MSD Art-in-the-Glades Day

Join us for a day filled with music by Celtic Spice & others, food, local arts & crafts and fun.

- 9:00 am **Fakahatchee Tram Tour** (Max 22)
(1.5 hours)
- 10:00 am **"Hey Bob, What Happened to Your Tail? Legends, Facts and Mysteries of the Bobcat"**
By Ranger Jay, Big Cypress National Preserve
- 11:00 am **"Swamp Survival"** By Ranger Jacob Ford, Big Cypress National Preserve
- 12:00 pm **"Gulf Coast, A Title Wave of History"** by Everglades National Park
- 1:30 pm **"Going Deep with Florida"**
By Ranger Danielle, Big Cypress National Preserve