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EVENTS

THIRD THURSDAY LECTURES

Thursday, Feb 17, at 2pm
“Evolution of the Airboat”

Thursday, March 17, at 2pm
“Agricultural History of ECity”

GRAPEFRUIT GALA

Saturday, March 26 at 6pm

Museum Parking Lot
Featuring music by Gator Nate

Museum Birthday

Tamiami Trail Anniversary

Saturday, April 23

EXHIBITS

Pauline Reeves Gallery

Dec, Jan, Feb:

Everglades: Fisherman’s Paradise

March, April, May:

Rooted in Agriculture



Last Chance!

The special exhibit “Everglades: A Fisherman’s Paradise” in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum will close at the end of February.

It is subtitled “Luring Anglers to Florida for Over a Century” and celebrates the recreation that’s been popular here since the Storter family took in visiting guests at their homestead, now the Rod & Gun Club..

Besides historic photos and information panels, there are numerous artifacts on display so stop in while there is still a chance to see them.

History & Heritage Days

The museum had a multi-booth display at this year’s Seafood Festival along with a large gathering of swamp buggies, airboats and skiffs in the parking lot that gave our guests not only a generous helping of history and heritage, but an authentic taste of true gladesman culture. The museum welcomed more than 1,500 visitors over the course of the weekend – a new record! – and plans for adding even more displays and activities next year are already underway.

THIRD THURSDAY LECTURE



Airboats have been used in the Everglades for many years as a means of transportation in the swampy ground and for recreation. They are a popular tourist attraction because they are unique to southern Florida. But, where did they come from? who built the first ones?

There will be an illustrated lecture titled “Evolution of the Airboat” during the monthly afternoon talk on **Thursday, February 17**, at 2:00 p.m. in the Museum.

There is no charge and reservations are not required but seating is limited so come early. For info, see www.colliermuseums.com or phone the Museum at (239) 252-5026.

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Pineapple Day

Growing pineapples was an early and lucrative activity on Marco Island. Celebrate that heritage at a free event on Saturday, February 19, from 10am to 2pm at the Marco Island Historical Museum with fun activities for the kiddies as well as adults.

The Museum is at 180 S. Heathwood Drive. For info about how to get there, phone (239) 252-1440 or see www.colliermuseums.com.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We welcome business members whose small advertisements appear in our newsletter as a token of thanks for their support.

There are several individual and family members who are in arrears. We will send out reminders to those who have not renewed for 2022.

If you have questions, email us on FME_98@hotmail.com.

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Our **DIRECTORS** are Helen Bryan Tod Dahlke Holly Dudley Sherry Geiger Harry Henkel Elaine Middelstaedt Marya Repko Vicky Wells
 Our **NEWSLETTER** is published at least six times per year. It is sent to members by email and is freely available to the public on our website www.evergladesmuseum.org. Comments and contributions are welcome at FME_98@hotmail.com.

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