



# The Whistlestop

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### INVITATION TO 24TH ANNUAL GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW - APRIL 17TH & 18TH

The first annual Flower Show in its new home will be held in the Norris Hall on April 17th from 2 PM till 7 PM and on the 18th from 11 AM till 4 PM. It promises to be the biggest and best ever.

And don't forget the 28th for the JAYCEES AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET.

### ORCHID SHOW

The Naples Depot was host to the 1979 Orchid Show, held March 9 through 11. An estimated 2500 visitors thronged Norris Hall to enjoy the brilliant spectacle of a thousand orchid plants displaying a stunning variety of blooms, ranging in size from half-inch miniatures to huge Cattleya orchid blooms eight inches across, in a rainbow of colors. The show, presented by Naples Orchid Society, was the first exhibition open to the general public to be presented at the Depot, site of Southwest Heritage, Inc.

Naples Orchid Society held its first show in 1971, with a few modest card table exhibits displayed in a bank. It has grown bigger and better every year since, living up to its claim to be "one of the most beautiful happenings in beautiful Naples." A popular local attraction, the show has also achieved national prestige, sponsored and judged by the American Orchid Society. The Depot provided a convenient and spacious setting for this display, which has become a Naples tradition.

The Naples Orchid Society, a non-profit organization, aims to promote knowledge and interest in orchids. It meets in the Depot the first Thursday evening of the month at 7:30 P.M. Visitors are invited to attend.

### IKEBANA ANNUAL EXHIBIT

On March 16th and 17th the Annual Exhibit of the local Ikebana International Chapter 160 was held in the spacious, attractive Norris Hall of the Southwest Heritage Depot. It was well attended, with approximately 500 people viewing and enjoying the ninety-plus arrangements, ranging in size from large floor compositions, table and bonsai, to miniatures, displayed around the room. There were also two free-form garden areas in the centre, which lent variety and afforded additional settings to show off the exhibit pieces.

Several schools of Ikebana, which is the Japanese art of flower arranging, were represented, as well as some in free-style. As you entered the exhibit, there was an arrangement for a Tokonoma, which is a special alcove in the Japanese home where the principal decoration of the house is placed. Then there was an arrangement for a Tea Ceremony, and others showing the use and development of Ikebana.

Ikebana International has chapters all over the world, its motto being "Friendship Through Flowers."

## HIRSHHORN EXHIBIT ATTRACTS NEARLY 1000 PERSONS

A large and enthusiastic crowd visited the Bradley Gallery at the Naples Depot to view a showing of 27 paintings and 12 sculptures from the private collection of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hirshhorn.

The first showing was on Monday evening, March 19th, when about 150 shareholders of Southwest Heritage attended a preview of the works of art. Music and refreshments were also provided, and Mr. and Mrs. Hirshhorn who were present at the preview graciously answered a multitude of questions.

The exhibit was open to the public from noon until 6 P.M. Tuesday through Thursday, (March 20th - 22nd), and over 800 admiring persons attended.

The Bradley Gallery provided an ideal setting for the exhibit. The arrangement of the paintings and the sculpture was most professionally done...the lighting most effective. Certainly the Hirshhorns are indeed to be thanked for sharing these beautiful pieces of art with us.

## ART ASSOCIATION DINNER FOR THE ARTISTS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Naples Art Association Spring Outdoor Show returned to Fifth Avenue South this year. The quality of the show was higher than ever and the show was well attended. Saturday evening, the Naples Art Association hosted a dinner for artists in the Windisch Room. And don't forget, the April meeting is a Fred Dodson water-color demonstration in the Deutschbein Studio instead of Norris Room on the 10th.

## HUMANE SOCIETY STREET DANCE

As always, the Humane Society Street Dance was a huge success. A brand new setting provided a different background, which seemed to be happily accepted by the more than 750 attending. The Ray McKinley music and the weather of a beautiful Naples evening, crowned by a tiny sliver of a moon, rounded out the enjoyment.

## COLLIER COUNTY STAMP CLUB FOURTH ANNUAL SHOW

As stamps are so varied and cover so many subjects, the Collier County Stamp Club chose as a special theme for this year's show: "Railroads and Transportation." As with the Coin Club, a dealers' bourse is one of the main features. This year, the Naples Post Office will bestow the status of substation on the Depot - another first! A special souvenir envelope picturing the Depot will be cancelled here to provide stamp enthusiasts with an unusual cover for collectors. A fine souvenir of Naples, too.

## COIN CLUB SHOW

The weekend of March 24 and 25 brought to the Naples Depot the annual show sponsored by Naples Coin Club. Appraisers and dealers, as well as enthusiasts and those drawn by curiosity brought the attendance to around 1000. Trading and viewing went on at a lively pace throughout the two days. Door prizes added a little suspense now and then - all together providing a vigorous contrast to the more serene flower exhibits. They even had a few stamps, providing a preview to the Stamp Show.

## HOSTESSES AND TOUR GUIDES

With the increased activity and the large number of visitors at the Depot, there is a need for more volunteers to assist as hostesses and tour guides and to assist in occasional other activities. Please call 262-1776 between 10 AM and 4 PM.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF SOUTHWEST HERITAGE, INC.

The Annual Meeting of 1979 was held in the Windisch Room on Tuesday, March 27. Some 16 committees gave detailed reports showing the progress during the past year. Dr. Hicks reported that the total amount raised to date was \$937,300. Janet Lee reported that the End of The Line Store would be contributing about \$10,000 to the Depot in its first year of operation. Progress and success were the keynotes of the meeting.

New members elected to the Board of Directors were Mrs. Esther Freyermuth, Mrs. Virginia Corkran, Don Franke, Richard Livingston and architect Robert Forsythe.

## END OF THE LINE STORE

The End of The Line Store, established to help supplement income for Depot maintenance costs is soliciting donations -- articles appropriate for resale in a good resale store. If you have any such articles and find it inconvenient to bring them in, please call the store at 262-1167 between 10 AM and 4 PM and arrangements will be made.

## MEMBERSHIPS

There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding memberships in Southwest Heritage. Inasmuch as there are outstanding pledges that are still due, it was felt that any other than a regular membership should be delayed until next year. Therefore, membership at present is being offered for \$15 and up per year. The "and up" is for those who felt they would like to contribute more. We welcome this; and next year we will have more than one category as most organizations do: patron, sustaining, contributing, life, friends, trustees, etc. We would welcome any suggestions relative to "categories."

Members will receive copies of the WHISTLESTOP and notices of other activities. They will also be admitted free to certain events where the general public will be charged admission.

With our economical rate of mailing, the Post Office does not forward mail. We would like you to use the membership application to notify us of changes of your address and we would appreciate a marginal note saying when you are leaving Naples and the date of your return, if you know it. This way, the membership will receive its full quota of WHISTLESTOPS. Thank you.

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The Board of Directors have instituted a membership plan and you are invited to become a member of the Old Naples Depot. You may use the application below.

I wish to become a member of the old Naples Depot and help to preserve and maintain it.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$15 per year (tax deductible)

or more \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

1979 to 1980

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Southwest Heritage, Inc., 1051 Fifth Ave. South, Naples, Florida 33940

## DEPOT CALENDAR OF EVENTS - APRIL, 1979

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: PLEASE GET DATES FOR NEXT YEAR TO OFFICE AS  
SOON AS READIED SO CONFLICTS CAN BE RESOLVED BEFORE YEARBOOKS PRINTED.

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