



The Whistlestop

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As everyone knows, the Depot is an extremely busy center. Everyday finds clubs, organizations, and others engaged in a multitude of activities, holding meetings, exhibits, shows; a glance at the calendar in the WHISTLESTOP tells the story.

This is as it should be. Yet, being realistic, income from these rentals (which are modest) and from THE END OF THE LINE STORE is not adequate to balance the budget. Expenses are high and are increasing. Looking ahead, we know there will be depreciation, necessary replacements, refurbishing, etc.

In order to meet this discrepancy, we are introducing a unique life membership for endowment plan. The appealing feature of this is that all life membership monies will be placed in an endowment fund that will not be invaded. The interest from the fund only will be used for operating expenses.

Our present goal is to raise \$100,000 which at present interest rates would yield above \$10,000 per year to bridge the gap in the budget and hopefully to reduce the rental rates to non-profit organizations.

As evidence of their faith in this plan the Board of Directors of Southwest Heritage, Inc. has already pledged approximately one-third of the proposed \$100,000 goal - thus those who are closest to the operations of the Depot realize the importance of another source of revenue.

This week Southwest Heritage, Inc. is writing the many friends of the Depot to participate in this exciting plan to insure the future of the Center. If you wish further information, please phone our office: 262-1776.

Charles T. Letson, President

ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT
President of Naples Jaycees
President of Southwest
Council of Organizations

ANNUAL MEETING - SOUTHWEST HERITAGE, INC.

All members of Southwest Heritage are hereby invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Southwest Heritage, Inc. to be held March 11, 1980 in the Bradley Gallery at 2 p.m. On the agenda will be the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, reports of officers and committees which will give a capsule picture of activities during the past year. After any "new business" the nominating committee will conclude the meeting with its report.

ART EXHIBIT SPONSORED BY NAPLES INSTITUTE

An exhibit of the varied paintings in the Naples Institute collection was held from February 15th through the 29th, and public response was most enthusiastic. It was indeed a major showing, and residents and visitors alike are most grateful to the Institute for making this viewing possible.

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DEPOT RAMBLE ATTRACTS OVER 4,000 PERSONS

Sunday, February 24th was a banner day for the Old Depot. It was the day of the Third Annual RAMBLE, and bands were playing, a chorus was singing, and there was dancing in the parking lot.

More specifically, it was "the day," and some 80 artists and craftsmen exhibited and sold such works as paintings, jewelry, needlepoint, antiques, shell craft, oriental kites and miniature doll furniture. More than 50 volunteers were present to assist in every way possible.

Musical entertainment was provided by a number of different groups - in the parking lot, the Past Due Bills, a barbershop quartet performed, followed by the Naples High School Jazz Band; a guitarist, Roberta Kiszler, and Rich Moser's Eidelweiss Band. And later, the Sunshine Shufflers Square Dance group displayed its prowess. In the Depot itself, the Bonita Springs Community Chorus gave a series of concerts.

So it was indeed a banner day. Everybody had a good time, and all agreed that Naples could be proud of its new cultural and civic center.

PLAQUE HONORING DEPOT CONTRIBUTORS UNVEILED

At noon on February 24th, as the RAMBLE got underway, a ceremony was held to honor the major contributors to the Depot restoration. The names of these contributors are listed on the bronze plaques installed in the Depot Lobby. Charles Letson, President of Southwest Heritage, opened the ceremonies by tracing the renovation work that had been done. He then introduced Weimer Hicks who directed the fund-raising campaign. Dr. Hicks noted that the idea of saving the Depot was just a figment in the imagination of one man - Emilio Galagarza - and the idea took hold, spear-headed by the Naples Jaycees. A corporation ...Southwest Heritage, Inc...was formed and the people of Naples responded magnificently. Before the campaign was completed; the goal of nearly one million dollars was reached.

PETER LIND HAYES TO LECTURE ON "HUMOR IN AMERICA"

PETER LIND HAYES will lecture on "Humor in America" at 8 p.m. in the Depot on March 5, in a program sponsored by The Naples Institute.

Humor is one of those things better demonstrated than analyzed and few performers have the spontaneity and talent Hayes possesses to illustrate humor in all its sparkling variety. Mr. Hayes observes: "Isn't it high time we learned to relax and laugh at ourselves once more?"

He has appeared in many motion pictures as well as starring in television shows on ABC, NBC and CBS. Peter and his wife, Mary Healy, have played every top night club in America.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with regret that we report the death of Mrs. Georgia Godfrey, wife of the late Edward R. Godfrey. Mrs. Godfrey and her family gave early support to the Depot when they made the Patio a commemorative to Mr. Godfrey. We extend to the entire family our deepest sympathies.

We were sorry to note the passing of Clarence Gruber. During the summer of 1978 he spent a great deal of time at the Depot, overseeing restoration work on the railroad cars that had just been delivered. He was a lover of railroads and had done extensive work on them. His was a cheery countenance and a willing worker. Our sympathy to his family.

ART ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The Naples Art Association will hold its monthly meeting at the Depot on Tuesday, March 11th at 8 p.m. Nationally accredited artist Richard Segalman will present a program on the many aspects of watercolor.

From March 3rd through the 7th, Mr. Segalman will conduct a five-day workshop for members of the Art Association at the Deutschbein Studio in the Depot.

The Art Association is now accepting registrations for classes which will start on March 10th at the Deutschbein Studio in the Depot. The tuition is \$45 for eight sessions to be held once a week for 8 weeks, and the size of the class is limited to 15 students. All of the classes are open to the public. Further information may be obtained by calling the Gallery at 262-6517.

ORCHID SHOW AGAIN AT DEPOT

The ninth annual Orchid Show, sponsored by the Orchid Society, will be held at the Depot on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 14th, 15th and 16th. The hours are on Friday from 2 to 8 p.m.; on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's theme is "Orchid Extravaganza," and both hobbyists and commercial growers will exhibit their plants. Judging will take place on March 14th, prior to the opening of the show. The public is invited, and although there is no admission charge, a \$1 donation to help defray expenses would be appreciated.....

NAPLES GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

The Naples Garden Club will present its annual flower show on Saturday and Sunday, March 22nd and 23rd. The hours on Saturday are from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's show, the Garden Club's 25th presentation, is titled "Birds in Paradise." The public is invited to attend - no admission charge.

STAMP SHOW SET AT DEPOT

The eighth annual Collier County Stamp Club Show, NAPLEX 80, will be held at the Depot March 29th and 30th. Show hours will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The theme for this year's Show is "Water Transportation." The Show will feature exhibits by members, and 12 stamp dealers will conduct a Bourse. A special Turkey cancellation on a cacheted cover depicting the Naples Pier will also be available at a temporary Post Office station at the show. The Post Office will also have a booth where stamps available through the Philatelic Agency may be purchased. The public is invited. There is no admission charge.

Our Board of Directors have authorized an annual membership plan. You are invited to be a member of the Naples Depot. Members receive copies of THE WHISTLESTOP, with notices of other activities and free admission to certain events to be charged to the public.

Donation of \$15.00 or more per year
(Tax deductible).....\$ _____

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Please make checks payable to Southwest Heritage, Inc., 1051 Fifth Avenue South, Naples, Florida 33940. This form may be used to advise of changes of address, also.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1. NAPLES INSTITUTE SEMINAR- AM
2. Unitarian- Universalist private pty	3. Garden Club 1-4:30	4. Guardian Assn seminar Dale Carngie evening	5. Coin Club PETER LIND HAYES 8 p.m.	6. Orchid Society eve Women's Aglow am	NAA B/D am PILOT CLUB DINNER- DANCE	FGMFI eveg private pty
9. Unitarian- Universalist am	10. Garden Club - all day	11. NAA 8 pm SEGALMEN SWHI ANNUAL MEETING 2 pm Britts Travel eveg Gallery	12. Solo Singles	13. Stamp Club eveg	14. NAA am B/D & comm ORCHID SHOW	15. ORCHID SHOW private pty
16. Unitarian- Universalist	17. Garden Club morn NATIONAL REPUBLICANS	18. Noble Travelers eveg	19. Coin Club HISTORIC SOC. 8 pm -Norris private pty	20. NAPLES POWER SQUADRON	21. GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW	22. GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW
23. GARDEN CLUB SHOW	24. eveg Artcrafters	25. NAPLES INFORMED PARENTS pm	26. Isle of Dominica - relief-Paul Arsenault eveg	27. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY eveg Norris Stamp Club	28. HUMANE SOCIETY STREET DANCE pm grounds	29. STAMP SHOW Bar Aux. eveg
30. Unitarian- Universalist STAMP SHOW	31. GARDEN Club B/D am					

DOWN THE LINE, in addition to those meetings mentioned in preceding articles, we will have this month a lasagna dinner and dance by Pilot Club, a meeting of National Republicans, Historical Society, Power Squadron, Naples Informed Parents, Friends of the Library and the Humane Society Street Dance....an exciting March for 1980!

THE END OF THE LINE STORE & ANNEX

THE END OF THE LINE STORE at the Depot, and the ANNEX at 947 Fourth Avenue South boast a battery of dedicated volunteers busy keeping each place open 6 days a week -- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations on a tax deductible basis (or on consignment) are solicited. All workers are grateful for past donations which have provided the store with quality merchandise and we look forward to future contributions.

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