



The Whistlestop

A news letter from the Old Naples Depot

A Civic/Cultural Community Center

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A site in Naples that gives extraordinary delight is the one created on the Depot grounds by the two old and enormous Ficus trees that dominate the west garden along Tenth Street. Trees of this genus, *Ficus nitida*, are notable for their shade and their abundant generation of oxygen. This latter characteristic is especially important in an area that has so many light oxygen producing trees, Naples' graceful palms and evergreens. It is good that there are many Ficus trees in Naples.

Our Ficus trees were planted 55 years ago at the time of the completion of the new Depot. They were among the first signs seen by tourists arriving by train.

At the time of the initiation of the movement to "Save the Depot" the Collier County Commission was prompted to note these remarkable trees and as a consequence they were officially declared by the Commission to be "Specimen Trees" under an ordinance designed to protect trees of particular environmental or historical value. The giant trees at the Depot were the first to be so designated.

Southwest Heritage has committed itself to the care and preservation of these remarkable examples of the beauty and beneficence of nature for all to enjoy. The Board has placed benches in the shade of the trees. From time to time townspeople, visitors and nearby office workers on their lunch hour will rest for awhile in respite from the sun. On a hot day it is always a few degrees cooler under the generous umbrella of the Ficus and, invariably, there is a breeze.

If you haven't done so, I urge you to come and savor this spot and rest for awhile. One might contemplate on the ways of God and man under these trees. Legend has it that Gautama Buddha contemplated under a Ficus tree and received Enlightenment. Who knows, it could happen again.

Howard L. Rubendall, President

THE "RAMBLE"

The 5th Annual RAMBLE (an arts-festival) will be held on Sunday, Valentine's Day, February 14th on the Depot grounds, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 100 artists and arts and crafts people from Naples and the Bonita Springs area will be exhibiting and selling. There is no admission charge and there will be plenty of parking available at the Grand Central Mall, just north of the Depot. Volunteers wearing R.R. caps will direct traffic and visitors are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs to enjoy the outside musical events.

The musicians and dancers in the entertainment are again donating their talents. In addition to viewing all the exhibits the following program is planned:

- 11 A.M. — Welcome — Dr. Howard L. Rubendall
- 11:02 — *Dr. Stewart's Dixieland Band* - Windisch Room
- 12:00 *Mortland Duo* — west side on ramp
- 12:30 *Dixieland Band* — Windisch Room
- 1:30 *Bonita Springs Community Chorus* — Norris Room
- 2:00 *Barbershoppers* — west side on ramp
- 2:00 *Rick Moser's Edelweiss Band* Godfrey patio
- 2:30 *Bonita Springs Community Chorus* — Norris Room
- 3:00 *Sunshine Shufflers* — West side
- 3:30 *Community Chorus* — Norris Room
- 3:30 *Mortland Duo* — End of the Line Porch
- 4:00 *Barbershoppers* — End of the Line Porch
- 4:00 *Clown Acts* — east and west side of Depot
- 5:00 *Closing Time* — All exhibits in place till now

Food will be provided by the Naples High School Band Boosters and their proceeds will go for new band uniforms. This event has become a yearly tradition sponsored by Southwest Heritage — and it is truly a GALA. SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

ART ASSOCIATION NEWS

On February 22nd at 10:30 a.m., a Rosemary Robinson Gibson program will be presented titled "A visit to Giverny Monet's Home."

The public is invited — there will be a \$2.00 charge for non-members.

UPTON TO BE VISITING SCHOLAR

Dr. A. R. M. Upton, Professor and Head of the Department of Neurology at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario will serve as a visiting scholar at the Scholar House of the Naples Institute during the month of February.

The concept of visiting scholars is similar to the program of the Center for Theoretical Studies at the University of Miami and one which is run under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation. Visiting scholars are essentially free to follow their own line of research, and while in Naples use much of their time compiling data and writing scientific papers of research already accomplished. Small symposia are held at the Scholar House of a scientific nature dealing with the visiting Scholar's discipline. In the case of physicians or biomedical scientists they are also available to the physicians of Naples and surrounding communities for specialized lectures.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN COURSE OFFERED

The Naples Garden Club will sponsor Course 1, Series XIV of the Landscape Design Study which is endorsed by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and accredited by the National Council of State Garden Clubs on March 8 through 10 at the Naples Depot.

Course 1 is the first of four courses in Series XIV of the Landscape Design Schools to be held six months apart in Naples during 1982 and 1983. The tuition fee for two days is \$20.00. Anyone is invited to take the course.

For further information and a registration form for this Landscape design Study, contact Mrs. Douglas B. Danser, 7146 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. Early registration is urged.

NOTE: Although course isn't until March — Release time is now because of early registration!

"MESDAMES ET MESSIEURS . . ."

Here we go again, sports fans, with another gay night of gambling at the ol' Depot! Time for craps, roulette, chemin de fer (no pun intended) and lots of fun and prizes on "Monte Carlo Night" February 20 between 8 - 12 P.M. sponsored by Naples Junior Womens' Club. Tax-deductible tickets (all proceeds to local charities) are \$10.00 apiece (supply limited) and may be purchased at downtown office of Naples Federal and Loan. For gaming tips (!) and other info call Judy at 262-2620.

GARDEN CLUB HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

Three Port Royal homes, one Aqualane Shores home, and one in Olde Naples will be included in "Nosegay Way", the annual house and garden tour of the Naples Garden Club.

The tour is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds will be used to support club goals and projects.

Residences to be featured on the tour will be those of Dr. and Mrs. J.M. Campoamar, 1070 Spy Glass Lane; Mr. and Mrs. William Barnett, 2255 Marina Drive; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rowland, 1625 Gulf Shore Blvd.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Williams, 3055 Fort Charles Drive; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. White, 400 Kingstown Drive.

Arrangements are being made to station at least one minibus at the Naples Depot to transport tourists to and from the homes to be visited. In addition, other buses will be headquartered in the parking lot of Trinity-by-the-Cove in Port Royal, and these will make continuous runs to and from the various homes.

The ladies of Trinity-by-the-Cove will serve a luncheon in the Parish Home.

For further information, please phone the Naples Garden Club at 262-1272.

Tickets may be obtained at the Depot.

DAR PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 18TH

A Memorial Service for deceased members will be held at the regular monthly meeting of the DAR, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on February 18th.

In addition, the winners of the American History Essay contest will be presented by Mrs. Delisca Cox and Mrs. Harold Haven, and also, an award will be made to the Collier County American History teacher of the year.

GO FISH!

Swapping tall refreshments and even taller tales, The Collier County Anglers Association will get together at the Depot on February 24 at 7:30 p.m. to map 1982 plans. All local "hookers" are cordially invited (those who have not paid their \$10.00 annual membership fee should do so at the door). A pot luck supper may be in the offing, so call Mary Andrews at 394-2502 for further "angles".

LIVE PANTHER TO VISIT DEPOT

"Tracker", a Florida panther, will be present at the Depot on February 8th (caged of course!) when Jim McMullen, noted wildlife naturalist gives a color slide presentation and lecture on the Everglades and Big Cypress. This presentation will be given at 7 and 9 p.m.

In addition, Phil Fisher, well-known wildlife artist will exhibit a number of his most recent paintings of wildlife in the Everglades. These paintings will be on view from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

This program is for the benefit of Endangered Species Research. The public is invited. No admission charge, though donations will be accepted.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP

The Membership Committee of Southwest Heritage is soliciting new members and requesting our Regular, Family and Sustaining Members to renew their 1982 memberships at this time. The coupon below can be used for this purpose.

The dues received from our members helps to pay the difference between our continually rising expenses and the income from room rentals, End of The Line Store, and Special events such as "The Ramble."

Why not consider upgrading your membership? If you are a Regular Member, become a Family Member. If a Family Member, become an Associate Member.

We would welcome a visit from you at the Depot to show you around and have you see our Train Memorabilia exhibit. We have enthusiastic guides in the Gerard Lobby, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

ORCHID SOCIETY TO MEET

The Naples Orchid Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 4 at the Naples Depot. Tom Phillips of Phillips & Wilcox Orchids, Inc. in Fort Lauderdale will present his popular slide show "Best of Hawaii 1980" with the finest blooming Vandas, Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas and Dendrobiums. Members are reminded to bring their flowering plants for judging. The public is invited.

WHY SO EXPENSIVE?

The Citizen Inflation Fighters of Naples is sponsoring an address on February 2 at 10 a.m. at the Depot. Mr. Henry Seyferts, nationally known attorney and labor relations expert, will speak on the topic: "The Causes of Inflation". The meeting will last about one hour and is open at no charge to all members of the public who wish to improve their understanding of this important problem.

BONSAI DEMONSTRATION AT DEPOT

On February 3rd, at 9:30 a.m., Ikebana International will hold its monthly meeting in the Windisch Room, and there will be a Bonsai demonstration by Helen Rhoades.

Members are urged to bring samples of their other hobbies, and these will be placed on display.

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MEMBERSHIPS

If you have not renewed your membership for 1982, please do so. Regular membership for one year is still \$15. Family Memberships are \$50, Sustaining Memberships are \$100, and Life Memberships \$1,000. To conform to our fiscal year, all memberships will run to January, 1983 and yearly thence.

I/we will be glad to subscribe to _____ Life Memberships at \$1,000 each, to be paid as follows _____ in the name of _____ or _____ Sustaining Membership at \$100, or, _____ Family Membership at \$50, or _____ Regular Membership at \$15.

NAME _____

All donations are tax deductible.

ADDRESS _____

This form may be used to advise us of change of address for summer, etc.

_____ ZIP _____

THANK YOU

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT THE DEPOT

(As of Jan. 22, 1982)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Garden Club Reg. Mtg. 2 PM Windsor Court aft Florida Cosme- tologists eve	2 Citizens Inflation Fighters morn Doll Clinic!! Windisch all day 10 AM - 4 PM PGMA eve	3 Ikebana AM Merrill Lynch 4-6 PM	4 Powell & Yanson AM Marine Electronic Service eve Orchid Society eve	5 NAA B/D Meeting AM	6 Full Gospel Businessmen
7 Unitarian- Universalists	8 Endangered Species Research eve Gulf Coast Opera Recital eve	9 SWH B/D 3 PM A.G. Edwards AM Friends of the Library eve Fountain Unit I	10 Kidder, Peabody & Co. eve	11 Powell & Yanson AM Marine Electronic Service eve Kidder, Peabody & Co. eve	12 Naples North Rotary Club eve	13 Beta Sigma Phi Nu Mu Chap. eve Pi Beta Phi Windisch eve Party
14 RAMBLE V	15 Garden Club Workshop all day Ohio Assn. Realtors Westbrook College (Maine) 4-7 PM	16 Ohio Assn. Realtors	17 Avon Products aft & eve Ohio Assn. Realtors E.F. Hutton AM & PM	18 D.A.R. 1-4 PM Powell & Yanson AM Ohio Assn. Rltrs all day meets Mental Health Asn Norris Hall eve	19 American Businesswomen Wine & Cheese Norris Hall eve 7-9 PM	20 Junior Women's Club — Monte Carlo Nite Norris Hall
21 Unitarian- Universalists Party	22 Garden Club B/D AM Naples Art Assn. morn "Monday for Members" Artcrafters eve	23 Gulf Coast Organ Club eve Quail Run Country Club	24 Anglers Assn. eve	25 NAPLES INSTITUTE	26	27
28 Unitarian- Universalists	The art exhibit for February will consist of photographs by Colonel Tenney, illustrator for Naples history book, sponsored by Naples Historical Society.					

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