



The Whistlestop

A news letter from the Old Naples Depot

A Civic/Cultural Community Center

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The sixth annual meeting of Southwest Heritage, Inc., held on March 9, was an especially buoyant one. This spirit was generated by the celebration of the Depot career of Richard P. Windisch, Director, the prime force in rallying the Board to "save the Depot", our first treasurer, and protector of our fiscal life during the lean, early days, and generous donor and faithful in his attention to Dept. affairs. Mr. Windisch continues with the Depot as an Honorary Director.

The report of our treasurer, Edward J. Oates, Jr., encouraged us to act to reduce our rental fees for cultural, civic, non-profit groups by 5% beginning September, 1982. In this action Southwest Heritage is keeping a promise made during the capital fund drive. We promised, during those early months of our history, that we would keep rental fees for cultural and civic groups as low as possible in order to be of wider service to such groups in our city.

This step was made possible in great part by an increase in annual membership and, of course, by the strong support of the Depot's operation by the End of the Line Store.

We welcomed two new members to the Board of Directors, Mrs. Ruth Casey of the Naples Art Association and Dr. George L. Haller, retired General Electric executive and former Dean of Physics and Chemistry at Pennsylvania State University.

If there is a general good feeling about life and work at the Depot it springs from the kind of people gathered around its program: the Directors, the volunteers, and the members. These people come from a broad spectrum of backgrounds and interests, but there is a pervasive aura of good will that all share. I urge more of you to come, savor, and share.

Howard L. Rubendall

"DEPOT BURSTING WITH ORCHIDS IN BLOOM QUITE A SIGHT!"

With these descriptive words, show chairman Marcella Cowe announced the Eleventh Annual Orchid Show to be held at the Depot over Easter weekend, from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 9 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 10 and Easter Sunday, April 11.

The theme of this year's dazzling floral extravaganza, which is sponsored by the Naples Orchid Society, is "Flowery Festival" and will feature elaborate floor and table displays of many orchid varieties in full bloom.

The show has attained national prominence because it is judged by the American Orchid Society, which will be on hand again this year to rate the various displays and award prizes, orchid "pedigrees" awarded by the Society last for the life of the plant, which may be a thousand years or more.

The "Flowery Festival" will receive local press and TV coverage and Mayor Billick will be on hand to present the Mayor's Trophy to the winning hobby exhibit.

This colorful event is open to the public. Donation \$1.00.



SYNDICATED COLUMNIST TO SPEAK

Tom Anderson, widely-syndicated author of the newspaper column "Straight Talk," will deliver a lecture at the Depot on Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Anderson will discuss the workings of a free enterprise economy in a democratic society.

Event is open to the public at no charge and is sponsored by Eagle Forum, which is planning future talks on the economic, political, and social problems facing the Nation.

AN INVITATION TO OUR MEMBERS

Come "meet the artist" from 6-8 P.M. on Monday April 19 in the Bradley Room as Anne Summy presents prints from her "one man" show in Millersville State College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Anne, who is well known among our local artists, is listed in "Who's Who In American Art" and "Women Artists In America." Refreshments will be available.

DAR AIDS MOUNTAIN CHILDREN

On April 15 at 1:30 p.m., the Big Cypress Chapter of DAR will hold an election meeting for officers.

Highlighting the program will be a slide presentation and orientation lecture on the Tommassee School in South Carolina, a boarding school supported by the DAR for the benefit of underprivileged youngsters in grades 1 through 12.

Mrs. Carroll Faulkner is in charge of the program.

SOLAR POWER SYMPOSIUM

Savings on both utility bills and taxes will be stressed during a symposium on the workings and uses of solar power to be held at the Depot on Saturday, April 3 at 9 a.m.

The slide and lecture presentation will be conducted by Mr. Richard Kretchman, vice president of Custom Solar Design of Naples.

Public is invited at no charge.

BIG CASH PRIZES AT ST. ANN'S BENEFIT

On Friday, April 2 at 7 P.M. the St. Ann's Home and School Association will hold a benefit party at the Depot. First prize at the cash drawing will be \$5000., second prize is \$3000., as well as generous cash prizes for the runners-up.

Tax-deductible tickets for the affair are \$100 per couple (refreshments and hors d'oeuvres included). Net proceeds are for St. Ann's School.

Tickets (only 200 will be sold) are available through the School and those desiring further information should call 262-4110.

A LUNCHTIME AFRICAN SAFARI

An Explorers' Club travel luncheon, sponsored by AAA Travel Agency in Naples, will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, April 15 at the Depot. Part of a monthly series of meetings featuring travelogues, films and speakers, this month's luncheon theme is "Africa Highlights."

Tickets are \$4.25 a piece and reservations should be made by calling AAA at 263-0600.

Event is open to the public and door prizes will be awarded.

A POSITIVELY KALEIDOSCOPIC APRIL!

April may not bring many showers to Naples, but it sure brings lots of flowers and this year is no exception.!

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Bernard Dudley, the Naples Garden Club is staging its annual flower show at the Depot April 17-18 (Saturday 2-5 P.M. and Sunday 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.).

Theme of this year's floral and horticultural spectacular is "Kaleidoscope". Award ribbons will be presented under a variety of display categories by an eight-member team of consultants headed by Mrs. Fred Lawson. Members of the public desiring to show their own plants should bring them to the Depot early on opening day.

OVER 2000 TOURISTS SAW DEPOT LAST YEAR

Well over 2000 casual visitors and tourists signed our guest book and were shown through the Depot last year by our staff of volunteer guides. They came from all over the United States and several foreign countries as well.

So, in addition to being a civic, cultural and social center, our Depot is something of a tourist attraction as well.

Our guides (bless 'em!) report that many visitors are glad to hear that this charming and worthwhile project is entirely funded from private sources, totally free of government funding and "guidelines."

A sign of the times can be seen in the expressions of amused surprise ("how quaint!") on the faces of visitors when told our reception area is the old segregated Negro waiting room. Many of the men visitors enjoy ringing the big brass bell (from an old B & O

steam locomotive) located on the veranda adjacent to the old waiting room.

Many visitors express nostalgia for the grand old days of railroading and frequently wonder out loud "why they don't bring the trains back".

DR. SCHMELTZ TO SPEAK

Dr. Gary W. Schmeltz, Director of Big Cypress Nature Center will be the guest speaker at the Naples Garden Club's membership meeting at the Naples Depot on April 5, 1982.

Dr. Schmeltz came to Naples ten years ago as the resident naturalist of Big Cypress Nature Center and two years later was made Director of the Center. Over the past ten years he has played an instrumental role in developing a comprehensive environmental education program for Collier County.

Naples Garden Club has donated funds to Big Cypress Nature Center to be used to landscape and beautify the area. Dr. Schmeltz's talk will focus on the deployment of these funds, his topic being "Where will the Money Go?" One of Dr. Schmeltz's goals is to make Big Cypress a unique and outstanding Nature Center, and the Garden Club's donation will be used in attaining this stature.

Isabel Thomson
Publicity Chairman
263-3517

ISRAELI DIPLOMAT TO ADDRESS GROUP

Mrs. Joel Arnon, Consul General of Israel for Florida and the Caribbean, will speak at a meeting of the Naples Council on World Affairs on April 12 at 7:00 p.m. The gathering will be held at the Depot.

Mr. Arnon will speak on Israeli policies in the Middle East with specific reference to the Sinai withdrawal scheduled for late April, the Palestinian issue, and other important matters relating to peace in the Middle East.

A question and answer period will follow the talk, which will be open to the public. Admission per person will be \$2.00 for Council members and \$3.50 for non-members.

For reservations call Mr. Allen Katz (pronounced KAYTS) at 774-3649.

ARTCRAFTERS MEET APRIL 26

Artcrafters of Naples, a club dedicated to artistic handicrafts in such fields as enameling, woodcarving and weaving, will hold its monthly meeting at the Depot on Monday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. The club meets on the fourth Monday of every month.

At this meeting, an election of officers will be held. The current president is Mrs. Richard Cardoza.

The gathering is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

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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 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 _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

ADDRESS _____

All donations are tax deductible. This form may be used to advise us of address change.

Make checks payable to Southwest Heritage.



Oh, the joys of giving! Portrait of a fine gentleman being notified by his accountant that his generosity to Southwest Heritage has qualified him for a tax refund.

CALENDAR FOR APRIL, 1982

(As of March 18, 1982)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Penelope Taylor's "Ma'am Old Timer" show until April 6th.</p> <p>On April 20th, from 6 to 8 P.M. public is invited to come meet the artist, Anne Summy, and preview her show. Then on view, through end of April.</p>				<p>1 Powell & Yanson A.M. Orchid Society eve Raymond James</p>	<p>2 St. Ann's Home & School Assn. eve NAA B/D A.M.</p>	<p>3 SOLAR SEMINAR A.M. (Kretchman) Full Gospel Businessmen</p>
<p>4 Unitarian- Universalists</p>	<p>5 Garden Club Reg. Meeting E.F. HUTTON aft Florida Cosmetologists</p>	<p>6 E.F. HUTTON A.M. EAGLE FORUM eve PGMA eve</p>	<p>7 Orchid Society setting up</p>	<p>8 Powell & Yanson A.M. Orchid Society setting up</p>	<p>9 ORCHID SHOW 3 to 8 P.M.</p>	<p>10 ORCHID SHOW 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.</p>
<p>11 Unitarian- Universalists ORCHID SHOW 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.</p>	<p>12 Garden Club Workshop A.M. Council on World Affairs eve</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Powell & Yanson A.M. D.A.R. 1-4 P.M. Motor Clubs aft</p>	<p>16 GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW setting up</p>	<p>17 GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW Party</p>
<p>18 GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW</p>	<p>19 E.F. HUTTON aft Meet The Artist, ANNE SUMMY, and preview show 6 - 8 P.M. Bradley Gallery</p>	<p>20 E.F. HUTTON A.M.</p>	<p>21 E.F. HUTTON A.M. Kidder, Peabody & Co. eve Naples Board of Realtors 7-9 P.M.</p>	<p>22 Powell & Yanson A.M. Central Gardens meeting eve</p>	<p>23 MENTAL HEALTH REGATTA Fred Beckett oil seminar</p>	<p>24 MENTAL HEALTH STREET DANCE eve</p>
<p>25 Unitarian- Universalists Mental Health Grounds aft</p>	<p>26 Garden Club B/D A.M. Monday for (Art) Members A.M. Artcrafters eve</p>	<p>27 Gulf Coast Organ Club eve</p>	<p>28 Avon Products aft & eve</p>	<p>29 Powell & Yanson A.M. Anglers Assoc. eve</p>	<p>30</p>	

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