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FRIENDS OF THE COLLIER COUNTY MUSEUM

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**C'MON ALONG
TO THE OLD
FLORIDA FESTIVAL**



**RED CATTLE
RANCH**

The time: the 1800s:

The place: Collier County Museum Grounds:

Who's Invited?: You are!

On November 9th and 10th, join the Friends of the Collier County Museum at the annual Old Florida Festival.

This year's festivities will feature the life style of the Florida Frontier abounding with more than 100 reenactors, craftsmen, musicians, storytellers, shopkeepers and soldiers. Listen to 19th century melodies played on a dulcimer and sing along, learn how to weave a rag rug or cane a chair, spend the afternoon with a cracker cowboy, watch a Medicine Show with magicians, play a game enjoyed by children in the 1700s or chat with a soldier from the 60th Royal American Regiment while bagpipes play in the background. Sample some good food prepared on an open fire, wash it down with homemade root beer and talk to the reenactors first hand to



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, October 1 to
Monday, December 23

Overtown: *Miami's Little Broadway*

Photographs taken at the "Knight Bear Restaurant" which showcased Aretha Franklin and other well-known acts of the 50s and 60s. Exhibit developed by the Black Archives History and Research Foundation of South Florida.

Saturday, November 9: 10-7 p.m.
Sunday, November 10: 10-5 p.m.
Old Florida Festival

A fun-filled, family celebration of Southwest Florida Life
(please see accompanying article)

Monday, December 2
Thru Christmas
Crafts for the Senses
Art speaks a different language
(please see accompanying article)

Monday, December 2
Thru Wednesday January 31, 1997
Florida's Lost Tribes
Exhibit of Original paintings
of the Calusa by Theodore Morris

on-site to reduce operating costs and maintain the facility for a true simulation of 1900s pioneer life. The gift is rich in more than money - it is a gift to all of us of our living past. We need volunteers to nurture it and preserve our past for future generations!

Lora Jean Young
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**NEW FRIENDS
OFFICE**

The Friends are now comfortably at home in a new office in the Huntoon Gallery. Call them at: (941) 774-8724 or write directly to:

FRIENDS OF THE COLLIER
COUNTY MUSEUM
P.O. BOX 2181 NAPLES FL 34102



**MESSAGE
FROM THE
PRESIDENT**

Your Board has been working long and hard this summer and we are ready for a fantastic season at the museum. Our first major fund-raiser is Old Florida Festival on November 9 and 10. The museum staff has a variety of exhibits scheduled and the Friends are busy making plans for exciting

activities to be held during the year. We are looking for some individuals to help out with the gift shop, membership and some office work in our new Huntoon gallery offices. Please call me at 774-8724 if you are interested! Thank you to the dedicated group of people who have been working together throughout the summer and we look forward to welcoming back all our other Friends. See you at the museum!

Lynn Wuesthoff Kolb



WHO IS A FRIEND?

The Friends of the Collier County Museum have been helping to tell the unique story of the museum since 1986. Each year the Board of the Friends renews its obligation to fulfill the original objectives of the museum: to encourage, promote and assist the preservation, protection and maintenance of the museum and to work in harmony with the management and staff toward these ends. Its essential purpose expanded this year to include the desire to promote interest in and to support the, Collier County Museum and all its educational activities. The Friends provides support needed to maintain high-quality museum exhibits, educational programs, historical publications and family events such as Old Florida Festival and the Black Cultural Arts Festival. It is a registered 501 (C) 3 not-for-profit organization which aids the museum through tax deductible donations. Bring a friend of yours to be a Friend of the museum. Help us tell it like it was!



UPDATE ON HALDEMAN LIBRARY

Not a day goes by that someone writing a book, doing research for an article, making a legal investigation or simply searching for a bit of family history does not turn to the Collier County Museum Library. The Haldean Library contains manuscripts, archives, maps, film and cassettes that have proven to be extremely useful resources to members of the community. Museum staff is exceedingly helpful in responding to all researchers by pulling necessary materials for them from the stacks and suggesting potentially relevant materials to explore. A research assistant is available every Tuesday. If you wish to access the collections, please sign the register at the museum anytime between 9-4pm, Monday to Friday.



NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

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John and Linda Douglas

Alder R. Pierce

Henry Piper

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Luella Wheeling



HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW?

Have you seen our new Guide to the Frank C. Craighead, Sr. Native Plant Garden? Thanks to the volunteer work of Virginia Below, we now have a wonderful self walking tour guide of the garden. The tour starts at the Orchid House and identifies thirty-six species of native plants throughout the garden giving details and interesting stories about each plant. She notes that the definition of a Native Plant is one that is "found within State boundaries before European contact, according to scientific and historical documentation." The guide is now available for sale at the museum. Virginia, who is legally blind, believes in the simple adage, "you get things done by doing them." Her effort is greatly appreciated and has added a whole new dimension of understanding to our garden. Bet you didn't know that at last count we have twenty different species of Palms on the Museum grounds. Thanks to the Naples Garden Club, the garden added thirteen new species this year for a total of thirty-five new palms. It is The Friends long range objective to have on the Museum grounds, one of the largest Botanical collections of Palms in Collier County. The Friends appreciate the continuous support of the Naples Garden Club in our endeavors.



JUST THE FACTS

Address:

3301 Tamiami Trail East
Naples Fl 34112
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Hours:

9am-5 pm, Mon-Fri

Admission:

Free

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Friends: (941) 774-8724

Museum is wheelchair accessible



J. Roland Lieber NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

Art Lee, esteemed Board Member of the Friends and Director of the Museum Archaeological Lab, will be one of the Professors of an adult education course offered in conjunction with Florida International College during the Fall and Spring semesters. One hour lectures will cover 10,000 years of Collier History. Please contact the museum for registration details.



CRAFTS FOR THE SENSES

A unique hands on exhibit specifically designed to provide an appreciation encounter for visually, physically and emotionally challenged individuals will be presented at the museum starting Monday, December 2. All forms of traditional folk art will be represented including clay, fiber, wood, metal, paper and mixed media. This valuable display is made possible by the generosity of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, the United Arts Council of Collier County and Very Special Arts Florida.



WE'RE IN THE NEWS!

Look for an article about the Museum in November's issue of "Concierge Image" and a November feature story in "Gulfshore Life"!



REGULAR MEETINGS

1996-1997

October 10

November 14

December 12

January 9, 1997

February 13

March 13, Annual Meeting

Meetings are held at 6 pm in the Museum Lecture Hall.

All members are invited.

A FRIEND, INDEED

Bring a friend of yours to be a Friend of the Museum!