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Laughs at Eagles is New

A new face at the Festival will be Vicki Webeck (Laughs-at-Eagles), who does natural fabric dying. Look for the plume of smoke from her cooking fire.

OLD FLORIDA FESTIVAL BEST EVER!

Impressive Cast of Reenactors Due

by DAVID SOUTHALL

The 14th annual Old Florida Festival will kick off Friday November 1st at 9:30 a.m. with an expected attendance of more than 3000 Fourth grade students. The festival will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. This year's festival will feature many returning historical reenactors as well as some new characters and groups. Returning after several years absence is the 97th Regimental String Band, a talented group of Civil War musicians.

Appearing here for the first time, Swamp Owl (Paul Morrison), will delight everyone with his colorful and accurate portrayal of a Creek/Seminole warrior from the Second Seminole War of 1835. Swamp Owl will be setting up his camp with his pony in the Indian village.

The "Queen of Marco Island," Tommie Barfield, and the County's founder Barron Collier are both expected to make appearances, as is that famous archeologist Frank Hamilton Cushing.

Your other favorite characters from the past will be there, along with non-stop entertainment at the stage-chickee, an occasional skirmish, musket, Gatling gun, and

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Swamp Owl and Faithful Friend

Kolb, Membership Chair, Resigns Post

The resignation of Lynn E. Wuesthoff from the board of directors and as chair of the membership committee was accepted at the October 10 meeting of the Friends board of directors. Lynn has accepted a position as vice president/senior trust officer with Merrill Lynch Trust Company in Chicago.

Lynn has been a director of the Friends organization since 1994 and served the statutory limit of two terms as president from 1996 to 1998. Since then she has served annually as chair of the membership and nominating committees. Under her innovative guidance membership in the Friends organization has grown many times over and her presence in the Hospitality tent at the upcoming Old Florida Days festival will be missed. She says that she "will be back and forth" to Naples.

Lab Processing Artifacts from Major Marco Site Seeks Volunteers to Handle Large Volume of Archaeological Material

The Craighead Laboratory of the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society is launched on the largest and probably most important undertaking of its 17-year existence on the grounds of the Collier County Museum.

It consists of identifying, describing, and recording thousands of artifacts recovered by the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, a not for profit organization based at Davie, on Florida's east coast, in the course of monitoring construction projects in an archaeologically important area of Marco Island.

The project involves artifacts which provide a cross-section of the material life of the Calusa as they developed into a tribe that at the time of the Spanish invasion of Florida held much of the southern peninsula as a fiefdom. It also will provide a glimpse into the lives of the early settlers on north Marco Island.

The bulk of the material came from the vicinity of the Old Marco Island Inn, located at the extreme northern end of the island adjacent to an area which had been a muck pond excavated more than a century ago by renowned Smithsonian Institution anthropologist Frank Hamilton Cushing. Artifacts retrieved from the pond provided a glimpse of the daily and ceremonial life of a people thoroughly adjusted to their environment.

The Old Marco Island Inn was built at the northern end of the site of the muck pond, destroyed when developers in the 1960s leveled off the land and dug a canal through it. The owners recently remodeled the Inn and added another building to the site, work which required excavation to the levels containing remnants of the old Calusa village. The material now being processed is from that area.

The Craighead lab, a function of the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society, is located in a historic building which is part of the Collier County Museum. Its workers are volunteers of the Museum system, and additional staff now are sought to handle the increased work load.

The work will require additional

YOU CAN BE A PART OF IT AS A GUIDE

On Friday, Nov. 1, more than 3,000 Fourth grade students will be attending the Old Florida Festival School Day. Volunteers are needed to act as guides for these school groups and help direct the loading and unloading of buses.

Hours will be from 9 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m.. Telephone 774-8476 to make arrangements to share the excitement as the children discover their rich heritage!

At past festivals, some volunteers have made the most of their exposure to times long past by coming in costume:

Try it! You'll like it!

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cannon firing, military drills, good food, kettle korn, Seminole fry-bread, traditional sutlers, Seminole arts and crafts, educational exhibits, and wholesome Family fun!

As always, members of the Friends of the Collier County Museum are admitted free. A special opportunity that you can offer to your friends and neighbors who may not be members is that they may deduct their admission price from the cost of a new membership at the Friends Hospitality Tent during the festival.

Lab volunteers for computer processing, identifying, marking, and recording artifacts representing the whole gamut of aboriginal life. No archaeological experience is required; training will be provided. Work days and hours still are being arranged.

If you are interested, call Jack Thompson at 597-2269, Art Lee at 775-5089, or the Lab at 774-8517.

Long Preparation: Expected Record School Attendance

The expected record attendance of 100 school classes – 85 per cent of Collier schools' Fourth grade students – at the Nov. 1 School Day of the Old Florida Festival is the result of months of careful preparation and financial help from the Friends' Museum's Children's Museum Express grant program, which will enable visits from Immokalee and the outlying regions of the county.

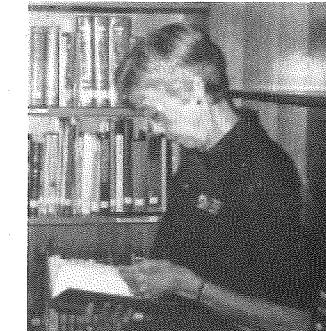
The increased bookings follow establishment of a closer working relationship with the county school board and use of some new "tools". In August, before start of the school year, Museum staffers Carolyn Cole and David Southall organized an "in-service" seminar for elementary school teachers, acquainting them with Museum resources. Each participant received a computer disk loaded with information to install on their school's computer network. Now, elementary teachers can access a condensed history of Florida as well as a thumbnail history of Collier county's principal cities.

Also included was a complete list of the Museum's educational programs, a calendar of its events, and reading lists. At the seminar were unveiled "Calusa Toolboxes," two collections of authentic Calusa artifacts packaged to show their uses by comparing them to outlines of contemporary tools. The suitcase-size containers were conceived and produced by Betsy McCarthy of the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society's Craighead lab, located on the Museum grounds. Thus far they have been borrowed by 19 teachers.

The Haldeman Research Library Devoted Volunteers Make It Work

Where do you go when you need some information? The library, of course. And when your question has to do with Collier county? The Collier County Museum's Haldeman Research Library. Of course. And that means that the library must be prepared to field questions over the total range of the county's history, geography, economy, government, and recreation. It's a vast field to cover, and the library must be not only well stocked with sources of information, but be able to forecast, at least to a degree, questions likely to arise at a given time.

The volume and diversity of questions have increased markedly as the Museum itself has grown in size and sophistication. Ask Marie Mayer, who presides over the Museum's impressive holdings. Where seven years ago, when she started volunteering at the Museum, her work consisted largely of restacking books and filing news, she now guides the activities of three coworkers, also volunteers, in gathering and making available answers to questions that will



For some seven years Marie Mayer has shaped the library into an efficient, essential part of the county museum system.

events keep the staff in contact with visitors and other volunteers assigned to other parts of the Museum.

Anniversaries of historic events, activities of prominent individuals, and public occasions will prompt questions about people, events, and places, but less predictable are the questions that come from scholars looking for data for theses. The Library's responses to the more challenging queries are a joy to read: Not only do they relay the information in a concise, readable

Mayer with Volunteers Judy Tryka below, and Katherine Hirschmann, at left. Not shown, Volunteer Sandra Boatman.



be asked, not only by the public, but by Museum staff and visiting scholars.

Other Library volunteers are Katherine Hirschmann, Judy Tryka and Sandra Boatman. Together they keep reference books and materials in order and develop means to retrieve specific data more quickly, whether it be requested via the Museum's website (www.colleirmuseum.com), telephone, fax, letters or personal visits (which are arranged by appointment). While much of their work is behind the scenes, special



form, but they provide suggestions as to other sources.. Responses, usually neatly typed, are filed so they can be quickly retrieved in answering future, similar, questions. Some are asked so frequently that stock replies are kept at hand.

In some fields, anticipation of future requests has prompted a more formal compilation of data. A good example is "Historic Markers of Collier County," which identifies tablets and plaques marking the locations of historic events or institutions, the work of Hirschmann and Mayer. Even more impressive is the "Inventory of Historic Sites and Structures in Naples" also compiled by Hirschmann, who photographed the old houses.

And if you ask, as many do, whence the name "Lely" for so many streets, developments, and institutions, the Library can tell you that the Lely Development Corporation has carried out various projects since 1964 and that the owners of most recent record are the Van der Lely family of Zug, Switzerland, as of Dec. 11, 1998.

The library's full title is "The Bruce and Annie Haldeman Library" named after Naples pioneer Bruce Haldeman, whose grandson, the late Charles B. Price, Jr., contributed generously to the Museum. The nucleus of its collection came from the holdings of historians Ed and Margaret Scott, husband and wife, who succeeded each other as county clerks of court.

Brits Admire Offerings at Gift Shop

Taking a break from temperatures a bit warmer than at their home at Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England, Malcolm and Judith Capper and Jean Marshall admire merchandise on display at the Museum Gift Shop where new stock purchases have increased sales recently. A recently added line of shirts has attracted a good deal of attention.



Sponsors of Festival Thanked for Help

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