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Annual Membership Meeting March 13

Members are hereby advised that the annual membership meeting of the Friends organization will be held Thursday March 13, 2003, at the Museum starting at 6 p.m. There will be election of officers and board members.

Lectures, Demonstrations Mark Plans for Archaeological Day

Appointments Ease Museum Overload

The Naples Museum, short staffed for several months after the resignation of two staff members, is functioning again at a near normal level with the appointment of a new staffer and the reassignment of a second.

Director Ron Jamro has announced the appointment of Lori Savarese to fill the position of volunteer coordinator with some public information duties, and Lee Mitchell has

been designated assistant manager of the Immokalee/Roberts ranch operation. His position as horticulturist has not yet been filled.

A 19-year resident of Collier county, Lori has held similar duties in other institutions, including six years as a volunteer coordinator of non-professional workers in the county public school
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What's new in the past will be the theme underlying a museum-full of artifacts, demonstrations and talks at the Naples Museum Saturday, March 22 during observance of the state's 10th annual Archaeology Day. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and there is no admission charge.

Skilled craftsmen will demonstrate how the ancient ones made their tools, videos will summarize various aspects of the study of the past, and some of the top archaeologists in the state will bring their audiences up to date with research.

A highlight of the day will be a chance to see archaeologists analyzing artifacts just recently unearthed at Marco Island; the Craighead laboratory of the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society has undertaken the task of preparing for permanent retention scores of Indian tools and ornaments; goal is a master inventory open to all scientists who wish to study the artifacts. They were unearthed by archaeologists monitoring recent modification of the Old
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COLLIER COUNTY MUSEUM NEEDS YOU!

A lot is happening this year and we need your help as:

**Greeters, Museum Shop Staff,
Guides and
Hospitality Servers**

Calendar of Events, Naples:

Through May 19, 2003:

The Everglades: Exploitation & Conservation

exhibit in Museum lecture hall

Through February 28, 2003:

The Highwaymen

exhibit in Museum art gallery

April 26, 2003: 75th Anniversary of the Tamiami Trail

October 31, November 1&2, 2003:

Old Florida Festival

**FMI: Lori Savarese, Volunteer
Coordinator, 774-8722**

From Page One See a Video -- Learn a Skill

Marco Inn, which is located close by the site (now destroyed by developers) of the world-famous Cushing dig of a century ago.

Flint-knapping, twining, and similar aboriginal trades will be demonstrated and the adventurous can try their hand at throwing darts with the atlatl, the predecessor to the bow and arrow.

A leading expert on the Calusa Indians, Dr. Randolph Widmer, will present an introduction to the archaeology of Marco Island, where he has done archaeology for some 30 years.

Another speaker will be Corbett Torrence, adjunct professor at Florida Gulf Coast University and the University of Florida at Gainesville, who will discuss the future of archaeology in the area, and Archaeologist John Beriault of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy who will describe the archaeology of Old Marco Inn.

Dr. Mike Russo of the Southeast Archaeological Center of the National Park Service at Tallahassee in a talk entitled "The Lost Shell Ring", will describe a large shell ring/mound complex built 4000-5000 years ago at Horr's Island.

Lab analyst and artist Betsy McCarthy will lead groups on tours of the Craighead garden, a section of the Museum grounds set aside for the cultivation of indigenous plants, describing how the plants were used for food, medicine, and as craft materials. These tours will be synchronized with lectures and the showing of videos in the Museum exhibit hall.

Videos to be shown include the award-winning "Florida's Lost People"; "The Domain of the Calusa", the archaeology and adventure of unearthing Florida's past; "Prehistoric Florida," "why there were no dinosaurs here;" and Primitive Pottery Making, "how Indians made their pots, and "Miami Circle", the discovery of a major archaeological feature.

In a departure from the practice of previous years, which has empha-

Major Exhibit on Everglades Starts Run at Naples Museum

Exploitation for quick profits, conservation for the benefit of future populations, respecting its role in maintaining health of the Gulf waters, providing a habitat for vanishing wild life. These are among the problems facing the Everglades National Park as explored by a major exhibit prepared by the Historical Museum of Southern Florida in Miami, showing at the Naples Museum until mid-May.

The important exhibit's artifacts, photographs, illustrations and maps trace the history of the peoples who have explored and settled in the unique ecosystem from the early 1800s to the present and the effect they have had on the natural wonder. Its wide-ranging assortment of objects vary from the metal shin guards used by sugar cane harvesters to avoid accidental machete slashes to the signature straw hat of the late park conservationist Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

The exhibit tells the story of the Everglades from the arrival of the Seminole Indians in the 1800s to the preservation and conservation efforts of today. Photographs illustrate a change in public attitudes toward the area from exploitation to preservation, the latter



triggered in good part by publication of Marjory Stoneman Douglas' book *The Everglades, River of Grass*, which became the most famous book ever written about the area. A first-edition print of the book is among the artifacts on display.

Next stop for the exhibit will be the University of Gainesville.

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Appointees Lose No Time in Taking Over New Duties

system. She worked for the Collier county Parks and Recreation division for eight years and has spent the past year and a half at Collier Seminole State Park as its secretary specialist. She has owned a fabric and craft shop and has two college student sons.

Eager to "get the feel" of her new post, Lori made the rounds of the museum, meeting its personnel, professional and volunteer, before her actual employment date.

Lee Mitchell, who has been horticulturist at the Naples Museum since 1999, has been transferred to the Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch as assistant manager, replacing Carolyn Cole, who resigned to care for family responsibilities.

Under Lee's management the Naples grounds have undergone many improvements, including construction of a replica of a Seminole Wars fort and accommodations to handle the Museum's many public events. Notable have been experiments to find ground cover to handle the impact of crowds attending Museum events and the construction of a number of pathways. He is a member of the Museum's 3rd Artillery, U.S. Army 1835 re-enactment unit.

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Museum Hosts Off-Beat Roadside Artists Group Gains Recognition After Years of Selling on Highways

The Naples Museum is showing a collection of 22 paintings representative of a newly recognized group of African-American artists from the Indian River area of Florida, called the Florida Highwaymen.

The paintings, from the permanent collection of the South Florida Community College Museum of Florida Art and Culture, are from the early work of the group, in oil and on Upson board; some of their frames were built by the artists themselves.



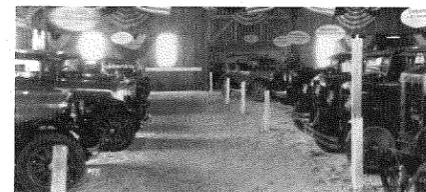
The group is called the Highwaymen because much of their work was sold by the artists themselves out of the trunks of their cars as they stopped beside highways. Although they started painting about 1955, they did not gain academic recognition until a paper on their work was read at the 1999 annual meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society.



MUSEUM, ANTIQUE CAR CLUB, TO OBSERVE "RE-OPENING" OF T. TRAIL

Re-tracing Barron Collier's route in 1928, a motorcade of vintage automobiles, owned and driven by members of the Naples-Marco Island Antique Car Club, will set out from Naples to officially "re-open" the historic Tamiami Trail highway 75 years later in downtown Everglades City, the original county seat.

The motorcade, although 400 or so cars fewer than the number that Collier assembled for the trip back in 1928, will then drive to Everglades City for a brief



ceremony and a reading of Collier's Opening Day message by Collier look-alike Fred Shinn of Marco Island

The day's events will conclude at the nearby Museum of the Everglades, where the Friends of the Museum have planned a public party to mark the historic event, which is free to the public and visitors are encouraged to view this "moving" celebration as it winds its way from Naples to Everglades City.

THE SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Antique car motorcade leaves Collier County Museum, follow the motorcade as it heads for Everglades City.

12 Noon - 2 p.m. Trail Opening Ceremony on steps of Everglades City Hall presented by the Friends of the Collier County Museum, Friends of the Museum of the Everglades and the Naples-Marco Island Antique Car club.

How's Your Library?

On the shelves of the Museum gift Shop you will find these titles:

THE FOUNDING OF NAPLES the early history of Naples written by Museum Director Ron Jamro -- \$6.95

1888 NAPLES BROCHURE; a facsimile copy of the original brochure produced by the Naples Company -- \$5.00

ROBERTS RANCH COOKBOOK "cracker" recipes and historic photos of Immokalee's early pioneers -- \$15.00

THE HIGHWAYMEN, FLORIDA'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN LANDSCAPE PAINTERS by Gary Monroe, tells the story of the Highwaymen and includes 65 color plates of their work -- \$29.95

And on sale

CRACKER by Jon Kral, black and white photography book of Florida's cowboys. Was \$39.95 now \$35.00.

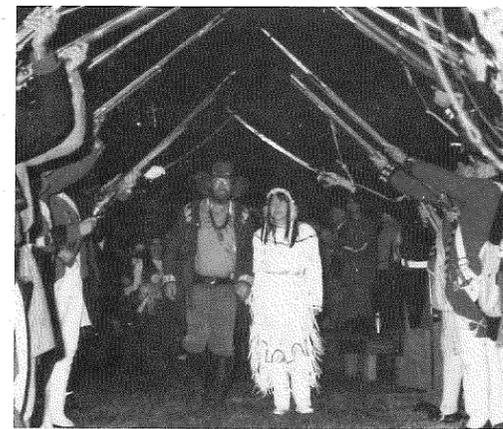
A PASSION FOR ORCHIDS by Jack Kramer, portraits of orchids. Was \$29.95 now \$25.00

Another way to shop: log onto www.shopformuseum.com, choose a store; a percentage goes to the museum.

To Top Off the Festival --

A Real-Life Cracker-Style Wedding

At the Naples Museum's annual Old Florida Festival there's a lot of pretending - Seminole war battle reenactments, cannons firing off blank charges, make believe snake oil salesmen, and everyone dressed up in clothing of a century and more ago.



At last fall's event there was a switch. On the last evening of the Festival the real-life administrative assistant of the Museum, Deborah Gardner, was married to Dick Langley with Notary Public Tom Bailey officiating. The bride was clad in a genuine deerskin dress, and the groom was decked out as a cracker cowboy. A number of armed units, notably the

bridegroom's Southwest Florida Gunslingers, were represented by re-enactors who arched sabers and muskets over the couple's line of march.

The festival itself was a rousing success, with 6500 attending the two-day affair, and the participation of schools was the greatest ever, 4000 school children and their teachers covering the grounds on the extra -- third -- day, Friday, which was set aside for them exclusively.

!!!!Raid on Gopher Ridge!!!!

On a sultry late winter afternoon in 1865 soldiers from the U. S. Second Cavalry and the Second U. S. Colored Infantry clashed with F. A. Hendry's Confederate Cow Cavalry on a remote prairie in Southwest Florida.

At the Civil War Encampment and Reenactment at the Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch Saturday, March 1, and Sunday, March 2, you will be able to relive the events of that historic day and visit the soldiers' encampment. The battle starts at 1:30 p.m. both days.

You also will be able to visit the headquarters building, bunk house and other buildings of the historic ranch, one of the most important ranching operations of the early 20th century, which ran hundreds of range cattle and pioneer orange cultivation. Refreshments will be available.

Gates will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children; those 8 and under will be admitted at no charge. Proceeds will be used to support the Friends of the Collier County Museum educational programs and exhibits.

The Immokalee Pioneer Museum is on Roberts avenue on the southeast side of the intersection of S.R. 29 with Roberts Avenue. From Naples take

Immokalee Road to S.R. 29 and turn left, turn right on Roberts Avenue after the curve. From Ft. Myers take S.R. 82 to S.R. 29 and turn right, thence left at Roberts Avenue.

The Museum was host to the annual Farm City Barbecue November 22, an annual event which brings

together townspeople from Naples and its surrounds with farmers, ranchers and business people from Immokalee.

Since the county acquired the property a good deal of restorative work has been done to its buildings, thanks to a grant from the State Division of Historical Resources.

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Guide to MUSEUMS OF COLLIER COUNTY</h2> 	
<p>COLLIER COUNTY MUSEUM 3301 Tamiami Trail E Naples, FL 34112 Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri. www.colliermuseum.com Phone: (239)774-8476 FAX (239)774-8580 Volunteer Coordinator: 774-8722</p>	<p>MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES 105 West Broadway Everglades City, FL 34139, POB 8 Hours: 10 - 4 Tuesday - Saturday Phone: (239)695-0008 FAX: (239)695-0036</p>
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