

MUSEUM NOTES

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MUSEUM CALENDAR

Feb 20-24:

EVENT: 3rd Annual *Marjory Stoneman Douglas* Festival at the Museum of the Everglades, Everglades City. Call the museum for detailed schedule at 695-0008 or consult brochure available at the Museums. See story in this newsletter.

Through Feb 28:

EXHIBIT: *African American History*. Exhibit and memorabilia at the Naples Depot Museum. Exhibit sponsored by the Collier County Chapter of NAACP.

Through March 3

EXHIBIT: *African Americans in WWII*. Photographic exhibit at Naples Depot Museum. On loan from the National Atomic Museum, Albuquerque, NM.

Mar 3:

EVENT: *Naples-Marco Island Antique Auto Club of America Show*. Cars from 1900-1981 at Naples Depot Museum.

Mar 8:

EVENT: *Annual Meeting*, Friends of the Collier County Museums. 7PM at the Collier County Museum on the Courthouse Complex, Naples. All current members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Mar 31-Apr 1:

EVENT: *Old Florida Festival*. 10,000 years of Florida history celebrated in Florida's premier Living History Event. At the Collier County Museum, Courthouse Complex. Admission charge. See story in this newsletter.

Through May 6:

EXHIBIT: *Journal of Light: A Photographers Search for the Soul of Florida* by John Moran. At the Collier County Museum. Moran's 20-year odyssey seeking a vision of natural Florida as it must have appeared to Ponce de Leon and other early visitors. On loan from the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville. See story in this newsletter.

BE A MUSEUM GREETER !

Want to have a good time meeting people and help the Collier County Museum out as well? Then give us a call! We need greeters at the main Museum at the Collier County Courthouse Complex and at our newest museum, the Naples Depot Museum in downtown Naples. We also always need extra hands at our special events. Let's talk! Call Mary Margaret at 774-8287 for more information.

OLD FLORIDA FESTIVAL COMING!

Florida's "best" Living History event happens March 31st and April 1st on the Collier County Museum grounds at the Courthouse Complex on the East Tamiami Trail, Naples. The Old Florida Festival is open both days from 10AM to 5 PM. A new free parking garage adjacent to the Museum will greatly ease attending this year's event.

This annual, family style excursion into Florida's colorful past--now in its 18th year--brings together some of the State's finest historical reenactors, craftworkers and performers to recreate over ten centuries of everyday life in Southwest Florida within the Museum's native gardens and grounds.

Visitors can spend an afternoon with a Calusa Indian, a Seminole storyteller, Civil War soldier or dozens of other costumed time-travelers.

All day demonstrations will be offered by the blacksmith, flintknapper, soapmaker and other craftworkers along with 1800's style music and entertainment, cannon firings and authentic military drills by soldiers from the American Revolution to World War II. Sutlers and traders will be selling handmade gifts and craft items, Seminole fry-bread, kettle corn and other traditional treats from the past.

Admission charge is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students, children under 8 admitted free.



A young visitor gets into the spirit of Living History enactment at the Old Florida Festival coming again to the Collier County Museum the end of March.

The Old Florida Festival is produced and coordinated by the staff of the Collier County Museums with Embarq Corp. and the Seminole Tribe of Florida as presenting sponsors. Additional funding from the Friends of the Collier County Museums and its members.

FRIENDS OF MUSEUM ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 8

President Lawrence Litt of the Friends of the Collier County Museums has announced that the 2007 Annual Meeting will be held at 7PM, Thursday, March 8 at the Museum, 3003 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, at the Collier County Courthouse Complex.

The agenda calls for reports and election of directors and officers and other business. All current members are welcome and urged to attend.

