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HATS OFF TO THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE OLD FLORIDA FESTIVAL!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



MEETINGS
Friends of the Museum Board meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Museum.

The 1995 Annual Meeting will be held on March 9. We welcome all members and all friends who share an interest in the history of our community and the activities of the Friends.

The Events Committee coordinated this newsletter, organized membership activities and is currently developing a Museum brochure.

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ORCHID HOUSE NEARS COMPLETION



Visitors to the Museum's grounds have been overheard speculating on the purpose of the strange dome-shaped building slowly taking shape across from the new lecture hall. "It's going to be an observatory," claimed one. "I think it's a silo," guessed another. "Look! They're

building an aviary," stated a bird fancier. Those on the inside know, of course, that the "dome" will enclose the new Carolyn Craighead Epiphyte Garden, a collection of the most rare and delicate "air" plants native to Collier County. Orchids are the showiest of the epiphytes (non-parasitic plants that grow on the bark or

within the limbs of trees). Spanish moss, many ferns and some members of the cactus and peperomia families can also be found growing as epiphytes. We expect to display many of these plants in a naturalistic setting, growing on the bark of their natural host trees. We are in the process of obtaining several cypress trunks and "knees" for the center of the exhibit, but we have yet to find the live oak trunks we need to grow ghost orchids and resurrection fern.

The shade-cloth covering is currently being fabricated, and we plan on covering the structure within the next few weeks. If you have or know of someone who has specimens of native orchids or other epiphytes, please call the Museum. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

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GREAT SHOPPING IN STORE!

The Museum's gift shop has gone through several impressive changes since it first opened in 1979, with one display case, a pegboard book rack and \$900 worth of merchandise. Moving from office to office over the years, the shop eventually settled in a cozy 200 square-foot space in the main Museum building.

Colorfully decorated with two enormous handcrafted quilts, the gift shop is now managed and operated through the Friends of the Museum. Its new stock represents an impressive selection of reasonably priced gift items, ranging from prehistoric shark teeth to limited edition prints and craftwork by local artists. Hard-to-find books and Posters are a shop specialty and cover Collier County history and archaeology, as well as Florida and Native American studies.

Best of all, the profits from each sale are automatically turned back to the Museum to support programs.

Be sure to stop in on your next Museum visit. We can help you find the perfect gift for history buffs, art aficionados, curious youngsters and more. The Museum store accepts VISA and is open Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

 **WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS!**
Paul Benedict, Jr.
Mrs. Lurline Chesser
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Mrs. Katharine Hirschmann
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HOMEGROWN HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

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- March 3, 1945: Florida is admitted to the Union as the 27th state.
- March 13, 1939: Barron Gift Collier, the founder of Collier County, dies in New York City, just 10 days before his 66th birthday.
- March 15, 1944: Lee Tidewater Cypress Company ships its first train load of cypress logs north from the logging town at Copeland.
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Ron Jamro, Director



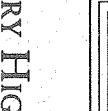
HUNTOON GALLERY DEDICATED

On Saturday, November 5, 1994, Mrs. George G. Huntoon and two of her sons formally dedicated the Museum's newest addition, the George G. Huntoon Gallery.

An outstanding civic leader, historian and conservationist, George Huntoon (1913-92) served as a driving force behind the creation of the Collier County Museum and the preservation of historic Palm Cottage.

Dedication guests and members of the Collier County Historical Society included Timothy J. Constantine, Chairman of the Collier County Board of Commissioners; Charles Dauray, president of the Historical Society; and John E. Reble, president of the Friends of the Museum. Final preparations for showing the gallery were made by a team of talented volunteers, led by Friends board members Lynn Wuesthoff and Susan Storter.

The ambitious undertaking began in April 1993, when the Collier County Historical Society acquired the 1930s Naples residence of Henry Espenlaub and relocated the building and garage onto the Museum's grounds. A key feature of the \$50,000 restoration was the joining of the interior rooms to create a single gallery, reminiscent of Dr. Earl L. Baum's popular trophy room. The project will open to the public as a permanent memorial to George G. Huntoon and an exhibit gallery for Dr. Baum's extensive collection of marine and wildlife specimens.

 **JUST THE FACTS:**
Address: 3301 Tamiami Trail East,
Collier County Gov. Ctr.
Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon. - Fri.
Admission: Free
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Museum is wheelchair accessible.



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Have you ever wondered about your family tree or visited the countries your grandparents or great-grandparents came from? Now you can glimpse many of the "old countries" at Places of Origin, a special exhibit at the Museum from January 9-31.

Vivid pictures of the typical villages and towns that various immigrant groups left behind will take you from County Mayo, Ireland and the Orient to Germany and Naples, Italy. You may even see someone you know! Call the Museum for further information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 9-31 *Places of Origin*

A photographic study of the 35 million European immigrants who came to the U.S. between 1845 and 1914. (Please see below.)

January 12, 7:30 p.m. *Can the Black Rhinos be Saved?*

A joint venture of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Explorers Club, Earthwatch and the Museum. Refreshments served after Rupert Ingram's lecture. RSVP: Jim Long 262-8371 or Bruce Green 455-1752.

January 28, *"Cracker Collision"*

An old-time dance and spirited presentation of ballads performed by the talented 97th Regimental String Band. Sponsor: Naples Daily News.

February 4-12 *Archaeology Week*

Discovering our Prehistoric Past A week of free events, open to the public.

February 4 *Guest Speaker*

Museum lecture hall
February 7, 8 and 10
Film and Slide Show

February 12, 1 - 4 p.m. *Archaeology Fair*

Featuring early tool manufacturing, artifact identification, "Touch a Mammoth Tooth," historic native games for children, Southwest Florida Archaeological Society laboratory open house.

February 19-21 *On the Land*

An illustration of five oldest farms in America, each in the same family for more than 200 years.