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OLD FLORIDA FESTIVAL

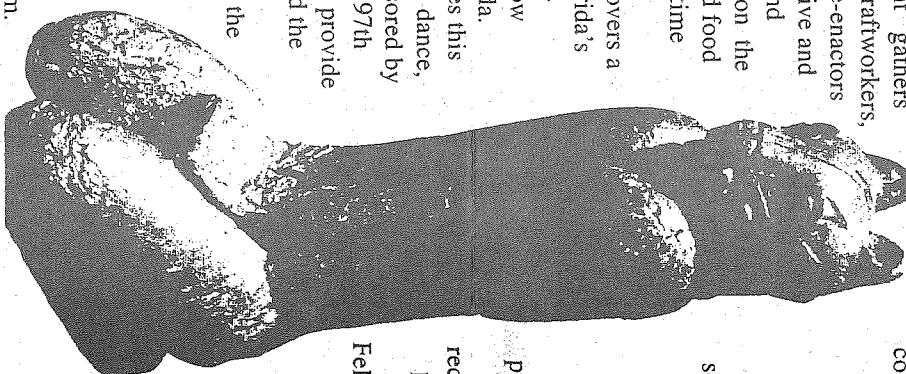
Take a break from the sights and sounds of the 20th century and enjoy a leisurely stroll in time at the Friends of the Collier County Museum's annual Old Florida Festival.

Designed for the whole family, this two-day living history event gathers together some of the finest craftworkers, folklorists, musicians, and re-enactors from all over the state to revive and recapture the trades, times and frustrations of everyday life on the Florida frontier. Savor period food and enjoy the parade of old-time costumes.

This year's program covers a 500-year cornucopia of Florida's past with more than 70 time-travelers on hand to show how life used to be lived in Florida.

Adding to the festivities this year is an old fashioned barn dance, The Cracker Cotillion, sponsored by the Naples Daily News. The 97th Regimental String Band will provide music for both the dance and the festival.

Join in the singing and the spirited performance of old time ballads!



In 1895-1896, Frank Hamilton Cushing led the Pepper-Hearst expedition to Marco Island, Florida, where he discovered one of the richest archaeological sites in North America. Miraculously preserved in the coastal earth were artifacts of the vanished Calusa Indians, the prehistoric inhabitants of southwest Florida. The resulting collection of wooden sculpture, painted masks, carved bone and shell tools and ornaments, and netting and cordage are unique; and the fine craftsmanship and preservation, remarkable.

The Key Marco Cat is a recognizable and exquisite piece is the wooden cat figure, the Key Marco Feline Figure. It is a 6 inch wood statue with the head of a cat and the body of a kneeling man, resembling the style of early Egyptian sculpture.

This statuette, never exhibited in Florida since its discovery 100 years ago, will be the highlight of this exhibit of a long-vanished civilization at the Collier County Museum during the first week of December.

WELCOME NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After a long productive summer of organization and the completion of several ongoing projects, it is with great pride that I announce a phenomenal new season at the Collier County Museum! Of paramount importance is the fact that the museum has been selected to show the Key Marco Cat in its first appearance in SW Florida since its discovery. This unique event will be a magnet to attract visitors from all over the state. The tiny cat is regarded to be one of the premiere native American artifacts ever unearthed!

We are also honored to be presenting our Old Florida Festival and Cracker Cotillion to again bring back those thrills of yesteryear. Last year we entertained over 3000 people and look forward to seeing all area families at both events. History truly comes alive at the museum. We hope you will share this valuable resource as we "Tell it like it was".

John E. Reble, President

