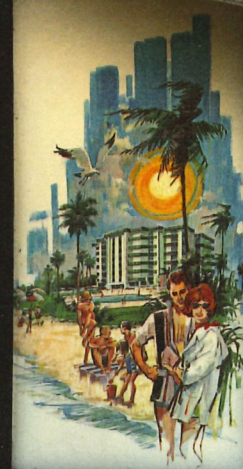
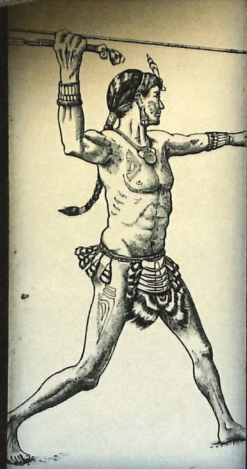


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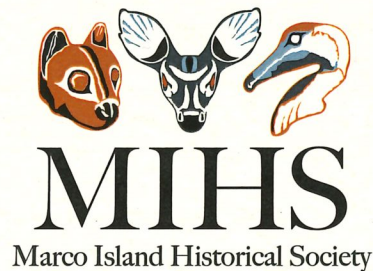
“THE WINDOWS & DOORS TO HISTORY”





## We Look Forward to Making History with You!

The Society was founded in 1994 and is dedicated to the discovery, research, acquisition and preservation of the multi-faceted history of the Marco Island- Goodland region. Our museum complex gives the Society a physical place to fulfill our goals of educating and informing the community and visitors of our dynamic heritage.



*Celebrating 20 Years*

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# HISTORY FIRST

Passion often breeds commitment. Under the right circumstances that combination can produce spectacular results. That is exactly what happened two decades ago when a small, but fiercely dedicated group resolved to capture the remaining pieces of Marco Island's 6000+ year history and created the Marco Island Historical Society (MIHS).

## BOLD PLANS

In late 2014, the MIHS launched a CATapult Campaign which is designed to raise \$1.185 million over a three year period to fund the four main goals of our recently completed Strategic Plan. The number one goal is to bring back a number of the famous Key Marco artifacts on loan for a series of special exhibits. Excavated from Marco Island in 1896, these artifacts are being preserved by some of the world's most respected museums, including the Smithsonian, the Florida Museum of Natural History, the University of Pennsylvania,

Their mission to collect, preserve and interpret history remains even stronger today. It infuses every aspect of our work from our exhibits, to our programs, to our collaborations with multiple organizations. Today, our partners at the Collier County Museums consider the Marco Island Historical Museum the "crown jewel" in their five county museum system. Now, we are getting ready to make history again!

and the British Museum. Before any of these institutions will consent to send such valuable artifacts to the Marco Island Historical Museum, we have extensive preparatory work to complete. Raising the funds now assures that we are ready to exhibit and care for these fragile treasures. Initial discussions with the Smithsonian last December were very positive and they have agreed to work with the MIHS and our partners at the Collier County Museums on a loan agreement to display the Key Marco Cat and related artifacts.

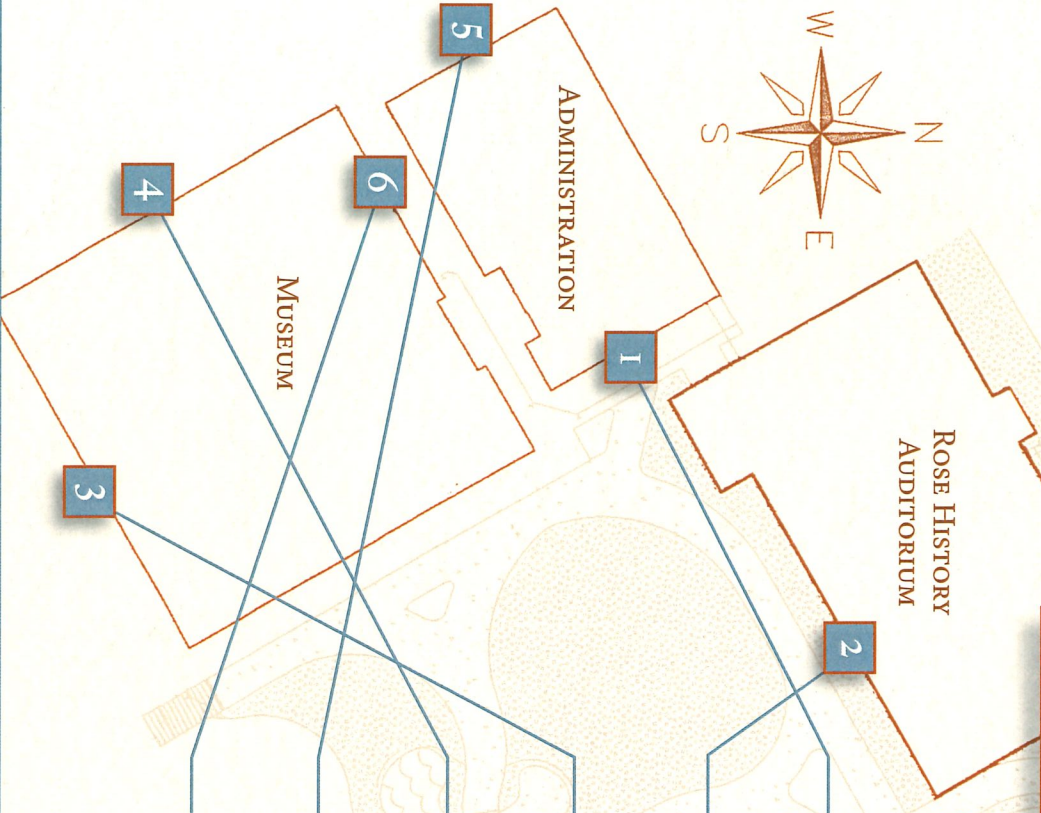
## MAKING HISTORY (AGAIN!)

To raise the bulk of the funds, the MIHS has created a special project that focuses on what we do best - history! The Windows & Doors to History represent the final phase of completing the Marco Museum – inside and out. As the permanent exhibits are being constructed inside the Museum,

the 19 Windows and three doors will also come to life, vividly portraying Marco Island's history from the Ice Age to Modern Marco in an "outdoor exhibit". Working with artists (one artist for each historic period), the Windows on each side of the Museum complex will - just like the exhibits inside the Museum - tell the story of Marco Island's unique history.



### THE HISTORY WILL BE ILLUSTRATED AS FOLLOWS:



- 1. The Pleistocene, Archaic & Glades Periods  
Three Windows on the East Side of Administration Building
- 2. The Calusa Period  
Five Windows on the Rose History Auditorium
- 3. The Pioneer Period  
Four Windows South Side of the Museum Building
- 4. Modern Marco  
Three Windows West Side of Museum Building
- 5. Marco Past Leaders  
Three Windows West Side of the Administration Building
- 6. The Story of Marco Island's History  
One Window on the North Side of the Museum Building will serve as the graphic interpretation and map the stories depicted on the buildings.

## YOU CAN RESERVE YOUR PIECE OF HISTORY (NOW!)

Find your spot in history as you look over the buildings and where each time period will be located. A current chart is enclosed that notes the Windows & Doors already reserved.

Please fill out the information sheet and return it to us in the enclosed envelope and we will be in touch to give you a tour and help you make history!