



# Estero Historical Society

P.O. Box 1314 \* Estero, Florida 33929

April 2013 News Letter

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Tea pictures are posted on our web site. Over 100.

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[EsteroHistoricalSociety.com](http://EsteroHistoricalSociety.com)

## Estero Historical Society will be participating in the following events:

★ Pioneer Picnic on the deck at the house in the park from 12 noon til... on April 20 th . Bring a dish to share and stories to tell.

★ Belk Charity Sale will be held on Saturday, April 27 th . Coupons may be purchased for \$5.00 and used on the day of the sale. Call Jean Pryal, 498-5296 for more information.

★ July 4 th Reading of the Declaration of Independence on the deck of the house at 10am.

Call Betty 239-947-2346 or Jean 239-498-5296 for additional information

## Our Founder Mimi Straub Turned 100 years young



Old friends from the Society celebrated Mimi's big day. She is as sharp as ever.



## It was a grand time!



So many great hats, so many wonderful dresses and curtains. Our tables never looked so grand. Shadow Wood Country Club was a wonderful setting for our annual Tea-Lunch. The food was the best, the chocolate chocolate dusted in gold dessert brought only the best of reviews. The staff also got the best reviews. They were right there to help with your every desire.

Our speaker Sue Draper-Lowe brought us information about lace we never knew plus the pictures to go with her examples. We limited her to 20 minutes. That just seemed the right amount of time.

Memories?? How much better can it get looking at really old pictures and new ones of our selves over the years of Estero Historical Society's activities? They ran silently in the back ground.

Winners of hats, dresses and tables were announced. Chairperson Beverly MacNellis said that there has to be more hat winners next year. Just so many grand outstanding hats.

50-50 Winners were announced and paid off.

Raffle winners were announced quickly.

And another year of playing dress-up and having tea passed into history. When the next issue of the "Banner" came out, there we were on the whole front page and two full pages inside.

Most of this newsletter is of pictures from the tea.

We had a full house. We were booked to the fullest. We are looking forward to next years annual tea-lunch. This tea was not advertised. Next years will not be advertised either. The date and theme will come via our E-Blast to our membership list. You can find a membership form on the last page. Print it out and send it in with a check. We need your support.

I will be asking if you would like to host a table when the date, place and theme is announced. Watch for it.

I personally want to thank all of you who came with the right attitude, great spirit, wonderful hats, tables, and lace clothing and money enough to buy out all the raffle tickets!! That will not happen again next year. I have the Historical Board to thank for getting in the swing of things and donating the theme baskets. Shadow Wood could not have been any better to us. Nothing went wrong. No one had a complaint. Am I dreaming??

Thanks to all, Beverly MacNellis, Hostess 2013 Tea-Lunch



On February 13th we had the great pleasure to listen to Mr. Brooks on the Koreshan State Park. Our listeners were many of the old timers of Estero and filled in many questions that Robert Brooks had. He was delighted to hear from them and us from him.

Marlene Fernandez, Robert Brooks and President Bob Morris. Mr. Brooks gets a jar of our famous chutney.

## Who knows more about Koreshan Park than the Park Manager Robert Brooks.



## "First 100 Years"

Schools in Lee County



Dr. Jeff McCullers

Dr. McCullers is the Director of Grants & Program Development at School District of Lee County, Florida. A very knowledgeable person about the history of schools in Lee County.

His book "The First Hundred Years" is about schools and their beginning in Lee County. He was very interesting and all found out new information about our own school house.



Estero Historical Society

Memberships are due  
Jan. 1 of each year.

Have you paid yours?  
Contact Beverly MacNellis  
[beverlyann@comcast.net](mailto:beverlyann@comcast.net)

For more information.

New Member?

See last page for membership form and mailing address.

## A pleasant surprise in the mail



Society members are happy to move the red up a notch.



By Laura Gates.

The Estero Historical Society recently was surprised with a \$10,000 check, enabling them to start moving toward their \$200,000 fundraising goal to restore a 1904 schoolhouse. The gift fittingly came from a former Bonita Springs school teacher, Marguerite "Megan" Hutchins. Hutchins was an active Historical Society member and a local civic activist who was a founding member of Call to Action Southwest Florida (CTA). She died on Jan. 4, 2012.

Society members cheerfully stuck a bright red piece of tape on their goal sign outside the historic schoolhouse.

*Estero Historical Society presents*

# ANTIQUE APPRAISAL FAIRE

featuring  
*Richard Gannon of*

**GANNON'S Antiques & Art**

Saturday, February 23, 2013  
11:00 - 3:00 p.m. a/c

Historic Houses in the  
Estero Community Park • 9200 Corkscrew Palm Drive

**FREE ADMISSION**

Come see our Restoration Projects  
House Tours • Raffles • Door Prizes  
• Games • Lunch Available

Pre-paid Appraisal Reservations by Feb. 16, 2013  
\$15.00 for 2 appraisals  
\$10.00 each appraisal at the door

Checks payable to: Estero Historical Society  
Box 1514 • Estero, FL 33928

For more information:  
sunmytraveler@comcast.net or 239-949-1518



Richard Gannon the appraiser.



# ANTIQUE APPRAISAL FAIRE ANOTHER SUCCESS!



We again had Richard GANNON of GANNON ANTIQUES doing the appraisals — same price: pre-paid 2 for \$15 or \$10 each at the door.

The hours were 11 am - 3pm  
LUNCH - Sis & Marlene headed up the lunch and refreshments. Homemade soups and sandwiches

We had HOUSE TOURS.  
MEMBERSHIP TABLE  
RAFFLES - 50/50 cash;  
and DOOR PRIZES -

Our Chairperson for this event for the second year was Carolyn Fischer.



# LACE



*Estero Historical Society*  
invites you to  
*The 13th Annual*  
**Tea-Luncheon**

*All about*

## LACE

*March 4, 2013, Monday*

*Arrival Time 11:00 a.m.*  
*Viewing of Tables*  
*Group Pictures*  
*Raffle Prizes*  
*50-50 Tickets*

*Lunch Served 12:00 p.m.*  
*Speaker following lunch*

*Shadow Wood Country Club*

*Coconut Road, Estero*

*Located in The Brooks*

22801 Oakwilde Blvd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135



For over 100 Tea-Lunch pictures of hats, dresses and great ladies, visit our web site at:

[www.esterohistoricalsociety.com](http://www.esterohistoricalsociety.com)



# Theresa Schoeber Archaeologist



She held us spell bound for over an hour. This meeting lead to a guided tour with Theresa to Mound Key.

Canadian archaeologist Theresa Schober, was the guest speaker for the March 2013 membership meeting. She spent her childhood visiting ghost towns across the United States and Canada with her father, Frank Schober. She received archaeology and anthropology degrees from the Universities of Calgary and Illinois.



## Tea Luncheon on the Deck

Board member Eileen Galvin invited several ladies from her church, **Our Lady of Light**, to enjoy lunch and learn about the Estero Historical Society On March 8, 2013. It was another perfect day outside and sitting under our new shade sails protected everyone from the sun. The breeze was delightful. The tables were set with our members good tea services and linen napkins to make the lunch special.

Two long time board members, Marlene Fernandez and Sis Newberry were the speakers.

These two ladies are considered the old timers of Estero. They have lived here all their lives. They talked about the history, our buildings, what we do, our homemade Chutney and so much more. It turned into an open question and answer period for some time. It must have been good because we gained many memberships and sold some books on the history and of course our famous chutney.



## Estero Rotary Club's BBQ & Family Fun Fest



We were there! We were selling our chutney, books about old Estero and now our T-Shirts. Thanks to Betty Shandor, Jean Pryal and others for manning the tent on a very windy day. Dave Pryal put up and down the tent, again.



# Membership to the EHS is due Jan. 1 of each year.

Dear Member or Past Member,

Thank you for your support in the past of the Estero Historical Society, Inc. The new year is here and we ask for your annual membership dues. Every dollar is so important to us at this time.

Renovation on the Hall-Collier Home is completed. The deck connecting both buildings and granting the public access to the buildings is also done. We need your support for the renovation of the one room school. It doesn't stop when the buildings are done. We also have to maintain them and pay the utility bills. The finished "Cottage" (Hall-Collier home) has been used for several events and rentals. It is open to the public. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM each week. Chutney and books may be bought at that time.

The mission of the society is to learn, teach and preserve the history of Estero. One way we do this is to have monthly meetings with speakers of interest to our members.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of the month from October to May at 2 PM. They are held on the new deck at the Estero Park. We have just installed Shade sails so the deck is out of the sun.

Our web site ([www.esterohistoricalsociety.com](http://www.esterohistoricalsociety.com)) is undergoing an up date so visit it often for more information about us and to see pictures of our past events.

## Annual Events Included:

**Feb. 11, 2013 General Membership meeting Speaker Robert C. Brooks, Park manager of the Koreshan State Historic Site - 2 PM**

**Feb. 23, 2013 - Antique Appraisal Faire - 11- 3 PM** call Carolyn Fischer at 949-1518

**March 4, 2013 - "LACE" Annual Spring Tea/Lunch- Shadow Wood, Tickets \$35, Chair Beverly MacNellis 498-0678**

**March 11, 2013** General Membership meeting -

**April 20, 2013- Pioneer Picnic** is at the cottage, on our deck. Co-Chairs: Dorothy Horne Evrard and Darlene Horne Johnson. 992-3178

**July 4th - Reading of the Declaration of Independence- Noon - Very popular event.**

**June** - Making of the Chutney and Jam - volunteers always welcome. Marlene Fernandez, Chair.

More activities and fund raising events are in the planning. Please watch for announcements in your email or visit our web site.

We are always looking for help in the society and you will be most welcome so let us know what you would like to do. If you have any further questions please call:

Treasurer Beverly MacNellis 498-0678

Vice President Dave Pryal 239-498-5296

President Bob Morris 992-2855

We hope that you will become a new member or renew your membership. We thank you for your past support of the Society if it was a membership or an event you attended. We could not have gotten where we are without your support at our events and your past memberships.

Beverly MacNellis - Treasurer

## Estero Historical Society

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Due January 1, to get the advantage of the full year.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\* E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

\* Your acceptance of e-mails allows us to keep you up-to-date on events and saves the Society a great deal in mailing costs.

Individual \$20.00  Family \$35.00

Supporter \$50.00  Patron \$500.00

Lifetime \$1,000.00

Business \$50.00  Business Patron \$500.00

Donation to building fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your personal volunteer interests below. In order to function well, the Society NEEDS the help of its members.

Docent-Office: Hall/Collier Home

Care of Hall/Collier Home:

Inside  Yard

Activities at the Hall/Collier Home:  Exhibits

Tea/Lunches  Work Special Events  Picnic

Lectures (Getting speakers, set up, food etc.)

Fundraising Events (Special Tea, Tours, Dance, etc)

Children activities  Mailings  Take Pictures

Phone calling  Office  School Projects

Oral Histories  Product Sales  Publicity

Newsletter  Planning Committee

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

**"ESTERO HISTORICAL SOCIETY"**

**PO BOX 1314, Estero, FL 33929**

A prompt reply will be greatly appreciated. Annual dues are an important revenue source to cover our operating expenses. Many thanks for your membership.

For more information please call Jean Pryal at 239-498-5296  
Visit our web site at <http://www.esterohistoricalsociety.com>

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We are a non-profit organization. Our memberships are tax deductible to the letter of the law.