

# Estero Historical Society

~ Our Mission Statement ~

To learn, teach and preserve the history of Estero. By our continuing efforts, we hope to secure a rich historical legacy for future generations and a strong sense of community identity.

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Marlene Fernandez

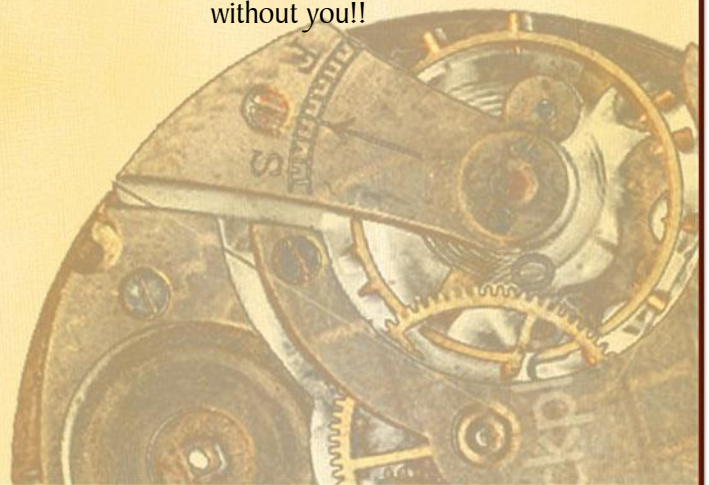
## Member of the Month ~ Marlene Fernandez ~

If you have ever tasted the Mango Chutney or the delicious Mango Jam and Cherry Surinam Jelly, then you know Marlene. Every year, Marlene's dedication to the Society is more than anyone could ask of one person. She has a real love in her heart for the history of Estero and it shows.

Marlene is also responsible for archiving and preserving all of the photos, articles, newsletters, commemorative events and the like for the Society for many, many years. She has been on the Board of Directors as a Secretary for 15 years.

If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting Marlene, you can find this remarkable lady at the Cottage on Monday and Friday as a docent.

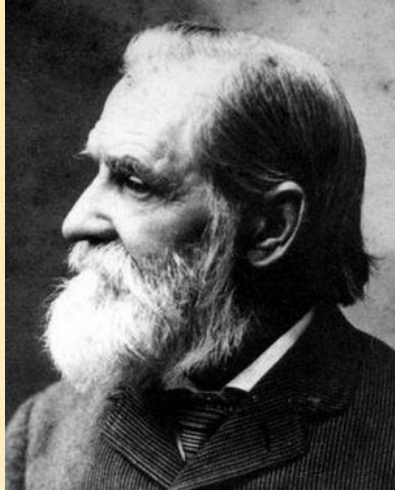
Thank you Marlene, it really couldn't be done without you!!



*Cottage Winter Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday ~ 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

*9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd, Estero, FL 33928. Inside the Estero Community Park.*





Gustave Damkoehler is an example of a historic figure a student may choose to write about.



Edith Trebell's story would make a wonderful essay too.

## THE ESSAY CONTEST HAS OFFICIALLY STARTED!

Estero Chamber and Estero Historical Society form a Joint Venture

The Estero Historical Society and The Estero Chamber of Commerce are coming together to sponsor an ESSAY CONTEST for Middle School and High School students living in ESTERO. The contest kicks off January 1, 2015 and is open to any student living in Estero, including home-schooled and private school students. You may obtain a copy of the guidelines from the Estero Historical Society's website [www.esterohistoricalsociety.com](http://www.esterohistoricalsociety.com) or contacting: [sunnytraveler@comcast.net](mailto:sunnytraveler@comcast.net) or 239-949-1518.

The topic of the contest is to write about a significant historic figure who contributed to the SW Florida community both "then and now". The EHS has been meeting with Three Oaks Middle School and Estero High School staff, as well as other educational resources, to develop the guidelines for the contest, which will offer prizes in two separate categories by age.

Middle School students are asked to write an essay of 250-500 words. High school students may write up to 1,500 words. All should provide the following information: 1) Choose a historically significant character from S.W. Florida 2) Tell why you chose that character 3) Write a short biography about your choice 4) Describe the contributions or significance that person made to the community. 5) List your sources. Your essay must be typed, double-spaced, with a cover page indicating your name, age, school, teacher, and contact number. Students in the public school will be able to enter through your respective schools.

There are cash prizes for the two categories (middle-school and high school grade students). Prizes are provided by the ESTERO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE as follows: first place \$100; second place \$50; third place \$25. Additional prizes of historical biographies will be presented to each school library and to our Estero Library. Formal applications are available after January 1, 2015. An Award Ceremony will be held the end of March. It is the goal of the Society to conduct a similar contest each year. The top 20 Essays may be considered for publication in a Biographical Collection of Essays on Notable S.W. Floridians.

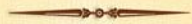
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## SNEAK PEEK!

The 1904 Estero Creek Schoolhouse is coming along beautifully. The floors have now been installed which leaves us with three major projects to complete:



The interior ceilings and walls, as well as the handicap access ramp from the side door of the schoolhouse.



### *Goals for 2015*

- Raise the remaining \$40,000 for the 1904 Schoolhouse renovation project.
- Establish a committee, to research and purchase period furnishings for the Schoolhouse so we may hold "Old Time Classes".
- Bring the Johnson Mound Key artifacts of Calusa and Spanish origin back to Estero.
- Preserve a "Sense of Place" and the Spirit of Old Estero by fostering awareness and appreciation of its historical and natural treasure



Our February Meeting is on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cottage.

Our Guest Speaker will be *Larry Kiker, Lee County Commissioner*, who will be speaking on the Incorporation of Estero and the Cityhood.



*Interior of the schoolhouse with the new floor*



*Larry Kiker – Lee County Commissioner*

### Time to renew your dues for 2015!!

As another year has flown by, it means it is time to pay your annual dues.

You may stop by the Cottage and renew your membership or go to the website and print a renewal form from there.

Be sure to mail the renewal form along with your check to the address on the form.

Since the elections for the 2015 Board of Directors is in January, in order to vote, your dues must be paid in full.

Any questions, call Sis Newberry at 239-992-4431.

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## 2014 BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Morris ~ President, Ken Wisen ~ Vice President, Dave Pryal ~ Treasurer,  
Marlene Fernandez ~ Secretary and Sis Newberry ~ Director at Large

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### *January Monthly Meeting*

*January 12, 2015*

*At the Cottage from*

*2:00 – 3:00 p.m.*

*Guest Speaker: Mei Mei Chan*

*Topic: Leadership*