

# ESTERO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 2015

A warm welcome to our new members: Mr. & Mrs. Barcus, Mrs. Rathgens, Mr. & Mrs. Saunders.  
As we say goodbye to the following members who are, "Gone But Not Forgotten":  
Judy Beach, Janet Kennedy and Howard 'Bob' Meeker



Mango Chutney is almost gone!

*The last of the vats have been emptied...*

*The remaining supply has been placed on the shelf...*

*Better get some more or wait until next season!*

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WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME PIONEER DESCENDANTS, SOCIETY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO OUR

ANNUAL PIONEER PICNIC ON

APRIL 18 AT NOON TIL 3:00 P.M.

AT THE COTTAGE

If you have ever been to one of our picnics, then you know it is a lot of fun catching up on the stories from back in the day with our pioneer families. When everyone gets together it's like we are one big family. We ask that you bring a covered dish and a dessert of your choosing, table service and beverages (non-alcoholic) for your party. More info will be coming soon...SAVE THE DATE!!



Our Annual Pioneer Picnic of 2014

Where we are located:  
Estero Historical Society  
9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero, FL 33928

Winter Hours: M, W, F, Sa from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Inside the Estero Community Park. Go to stop sign and go left, houses are on the left side, parking available in front of the houses.

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



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## REVEALED ~ NEW SCHOOLHOUSE SIGN

Our 1904 Estero Creek Schoolhouse could not be complete without a beautiful sign, one worthy of the exceptional renovation project that the schoolhouse is currently undergoing. The sign was designed by our very own Ken Wisen. Ken took his idea to a woodcrafter named Gene Gullickson, who brought Ken's drawing to life. The final outcome is this stunning sign painted in our signature green with gold paint to make the lettering stand out even more. Once it is sealed, the sign will be prominently displayed on the exterior of the schoolhouse below the school bell. The schoolhouse is in the home stretch of being completed. We have to finish the interior walls and ceiling as well as the outside assistance ramp. Read below to find how you can help see this project completed...



Under the schoolhouse bell is where the new sign will be located



## Join the 100 - \$400 Club

In order to complete our renovation project on our 1904 Estero Creek Schoolhouse, we need approximately \$40,000. There are three major projects left to complete before we can even start the process of turning the schoolhouse into a museum. This means that if 100 people will donate \$400, we would then have all the funds needed to complete the renovation.

I look forward to you joining the Club with Carla and me!

Handwritten signature of Bob Morris.

Bob Morris, President of EHS



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## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

### ~ EILEEN GALVIN ~

Eileen has been supportive of the Estero Historical Society since Mimi Straub began the Society in 1999. To be sure the vision Mimi had never dies, Eileen is right there making sure there is no stone left unturned. Each year, we have a few events that take place which requires serious organization.



Such events include the Holiday Luncheon, our Nominating Committee for the new Board of Directors each year and organizing our Annual Fundraising Tea. Eileen is currently on our 2015 Board of Directors as a Director at Large. We couldn't do it without her! Her continued dedication is very much appreciated by the Estero Historical Society as well as our members and friends.

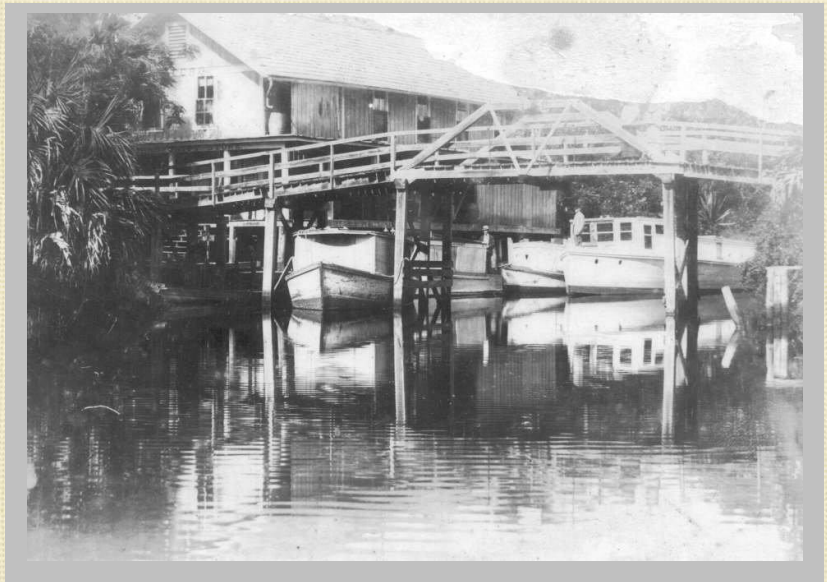


## ONE OF THOSE DAYS

Antonio Fernandez, King and Joe Alveras were here on Saturday, trading for engine repairs. In trying to start up his engine, Joe's overalls caught in the flywheel, and in a second he parted company with them, which left him in not very presentable attire. Luckily, there were more overalls in the store and Joe was soon arrayed in a new pair, but ill luck was still with him. In starting the engine a second time, the tiller rope caught in the flywheel which gave the boat a sudden lurch to one side, throwing a small boy overboard, who fortunately knew how to swim and climbed out unaided.

From the American Eagle – 1912

Below: A picture of boats at the Koreshan Unity Store. This is how the boats may have once looked while trading at the store. Look how the Estero bridge looks in this picture. Photo courtesy of the Koreshan Archives.





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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2015

*Bob Morris, President ~ Jean Pryal, Vice President ~ Pamela Fernandez,  
Secretary ~ Dave Pryal, Treasurer*

*Directors at Large ~ Marlene Fernandez, Sis Newberry, Ken Wisen, Mary  
Ann Weenen and Eileen Galvin*

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*Join us for a  
Meet & Greet!*

*March 19  
at the Cottage from  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

*Come by and meet  
your neighbors*

*Light refreshments  
will be served.*



**Estero Historical Society  
Post Office Box 1314  
Estero, FL 33929**

*Don't miss Nancy Graham,  
Superintendent of Lee County Schools  
March 9, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.  
at the Cottage.  
~Topic of Discussion~  
Addressing current education issues  
including the Common Core and excessive  
testing in secondary education.*

Topic of Discussion is subject to change