

*The 1904 Estero Creek Schoolhouse  
as it looks today.*

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## *President's Message*

Dear Members:

Because of the hard work of past and present members of the Estero Historical Society, 2016 promises to be a year of accomplishment and recognition, culminating in the dedication of the Estero Schoolhouse Restoration Project taking place on March 5th at 11:00 a.m.

Our newly elected board members are: Charles Dauray, Beverly MacNellis, Bob Boudreau, Pamela Fernandez, Marlene Fernandez, Eileen Galvin, Sis Newberry, Maryann Weenen, and Ken Wisen. We pledge to continue to preserve the exciting history of our community, now the Village of Estero, Incorporated.

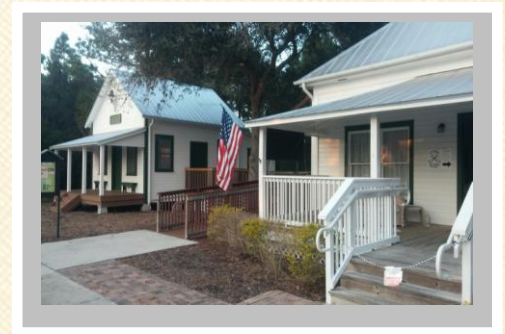
We have some interesting and exciting events scheduled in the coming months, and hope you are able to join us. One of the events of 2016, we will host our Annual Tea on April 23rd. In the past, this has been a favorite event for our locals and visitors. Please visit our website for a listing of events on our calendar.

We ask for your help in increasing our visibility, activities, and membership. Your suggestions and advice are important to the sustainability of the Estero Historical Society. We look forward to hearing from you and your attendance at our events planned for this season and the remainder of the year.

Warm regards,

Charles Dauray  
President

*Historic Buildings  
Our Cottage and  
Schoolhouse after  
complete  
restoration*



## ESTERO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## SAVE THE DATES!!

- **February 8<sup>th</sup>** - A very special Valentine's Day Celebration. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Cottage. Enjoy afternoon tea and hear *"An Estero Love Story"* by Ruth Mason. If you have any antique Valentine's Day cards or old greeting cards, please bring them to share.
- **February 13<sup>th</sup>** - Pioneer Lecture Series at 7:00 p.m. at our Cottage. Featured Family – Fernandez, Soto and Luetlich. Advanced Reservations required – 239-272-1911.
- **February 27<sup>th</sup>** - Pioneer Lecture Series at 7:00 p.m. at our Cottage. Featured Family – Flowerree. Advanced Reservations required – 239-272-1911.
- **March 14<sup>th</sup>** - Membership Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Cottage. *"Early Homes in Estero"* including the Boomer Estate.
- **March 12<sup>th</sup>** – Fundraiser Luncheon at Shangri-La (Bonita Springs). Tickets \$45 members/\$50 non-members. Reservations call Carolyn at 239-949-1518. Guest Speaker: Dr. Pamela Gerali.
- **April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Pioneer Picnic at Noon at the Cottage.
- **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – EHS Annual Tea at Shadow Wood Country Club. Tickets \$45pp (Tables are also available) Theme: *"Birds of a Feather, Stay Together"*. Call Bev MacNellis at 239-498-0678 or email her at [beverlyann@comcast.net](mailto:beverlyann@comcast.net) for tickets and reservations.



*Antique Valentine's Day Card's which will be on display at our February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have any you would like to contribute bring them with you!*

## Recipe Corner

### Cabbage Soup (Sopa Rapoulho)

What you need:

- ½ pound of dry Lima Beans
- Salt Pork
- 2 pounds quartered Cabbage
- ¾ cup Rice
- 2 chopped Onions

Soak the beans overnight in water, cover well. Next morning, drain the beans and add fresh water and salt pork. Boil the beans until tender, adding more water when necessary. Add the rest of the ingredients. Boil over low heat in covered pot until rice and cabbage are done. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve with cornbread.

This recipe was brought over from Portugal by Evelyn's Grandma Fernandez. This recipe, and many others like it can be found in *"Classic Recipes and Memories of An Estero Legend – Evelyn Horne"*. Cookbook may be purchased at our Cottage for \$10.

If you would like to contribute a recipe, please email it to me at [EsteroHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:EsteroHistoricalSociety@gmail.com).

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2016

Officers:

Charles Dauray – President, Beverly MacNellis – Vice President, Bob Boudreau – Treasurer, Pamela Fernandez – Secretary

Directors at Large:

Marlene Fernandez, Eileen Galvin, Sis Newberry, Maryann Weenen and Ken Wisen



## 1904 Schoolhouse Grand Opening March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

We have all waited for this moment for so long and it is finally here. One of our most important events in history is the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for this beautifully restored 1904 Estero Creek Schoolhouse. It has already been furnished by a committee headed up by Diane Wisen. On March 5<sup>th</sup> we will begin giving tours of the one-room Schoolhouse and the Cottage. We will all be joined by Estero Mayor Nick Batos, as well as our Guest Speaker, Dr. Jeff McCullers. It should be a wonderful time of celebration!

**Date: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**

**Where: 1904 Estero Creek Schoolhouse**

Refreshments will be served

## EHS Annual Tea ~ An Estero Tradition ~

We are thrilled to have our Annual Tea scheduled this year for **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at Shadow Wood Country Club. This is a time to gather your closest friends, dress up in beautiful attire, reserve an entire table and decorate it! This year the theme is *"Birds of a Feather, Stay Together"*. Tickets are \$45 pp and tables are available for purchase as well. For reservations, contact:

Beverly MacNellis

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### A LOOK AT HOW WE BEGAN...



It's original location on  
Highlands Ave.



Loaded up and heading for the  
Estero Community Park.



Schoolhouse and Cottage sitting in their new spot  
which will be their permanent home so that  
restoration may begin on both historic buildings.

**WE HAVE COMMITTEES...  
NOW WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!  
WE NEED YOU!!**

**MORE INFO TO COME AND SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP.**



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## AuthenticiTea at Shangri-La

Enjoy a lovely luncheon in this historic setting. Honoring the *"Many Hats We Wear"* and Dr. Pamela Gerali's (Guest Speaker) is bringing her amazing collection of vintage hats and you can wear one!

Make your reservation today!

Call the Carolyn Fisher at 239-949-1518

Date: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Where: Shangri-la Springs

27750 Old US 41, Bonita Springs, FL 34135



*Dr. Pamela Gerali, our Guest Speaker at Shangri-la*