

# ESTERO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Welcome 2016!

It is going to be a wonderful year at EHS!

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A Big 'Thank You' to Diane Wisen and her Schoolhouse Furnishing Committee for a wonderful job in getting period pieces and making sure the schoolhouse stays authentic. A sneak peek at the furnishings thus far.



## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

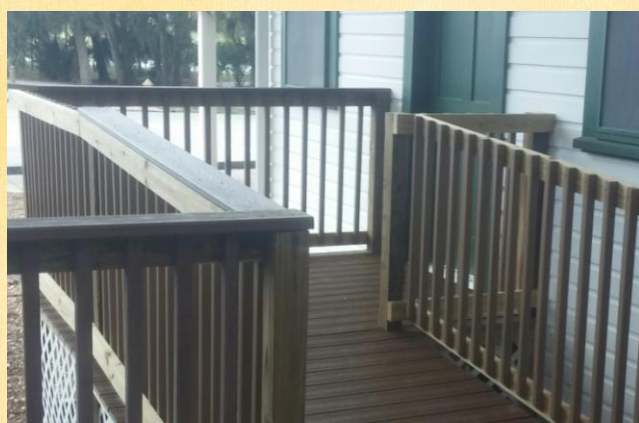
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Must be a "paid" member of 2016 to vote.

The Monthly Membership Meeting will be immediately following at 2:00 p.m. at our Cottage.

## ~ UPDATE ON 1904 SCHOOLHOUSE ~

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Monarch Builders began construction on the ramp leading to the side door of the schoolhouse. This was our final project we needed to finish in order to get our Certificate of Occupancy. EHS we would like to thank all of our members for your continued support. 'Thank You' to those of you who donated funds or your time to see this project through. Teamwork and a lot of sweat and tears is what it took and you were all right there to see this journey through! THANK YOU!!



Finished Ramp to the 1904 Schoolhouse

## *~ 2015 Board of Directors ~*

*Bob Morris, President – Jean Pryal, Vice President – Pamela Fernandez, Secretary – Dave Pryal, Treasurer. Directors: Eileen Galvin, Marlene Fernandez, Sis Newberry, Maryann Weenen and Dr. Ken Wisen.*





*Geri and Stan Malecki making pancakes at the kitchen/bakery at the Koreshan State Park.  
Photo courtesy of Carolyn Fischer*



*Stan recounting tales of life in Estero in the 1800's with Ron Westcott (volunteer coordinator) at Koreshan State Park.  
Photo Courtesy of Carolyn Fischer*

## STAN MALECKI

January Guest Speaker

2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

On January 11, 2016, Stan Malecki will be our guest speaker at 2:00 p.m. Then, on the same day, at 5:00 p.m. he will be cooking an old recipe called "Hoppin John" for everyone to taste. Here is a little insight about our Guest Speaker. Stan loves re-enactments of historical figures. He is known to dress in period clothing and act as Master Koresh (Cyrus Teed). As well as Tobias MacIvey, a fictional character from the book "A Land Remembered". And, his newest character is Antonio Fernandez, a local resident who arrived here in 1899 and lived on Mound Key. Stan dresses as the Portuguese Immigrant and makes *Soupa-Soupa* and as he greets his guests, a group of kayakers who come to experience the delicious cabbage soup and a tour of Mound Key. Stan fills them with all kinds of stories about the Fernandez family and their hardships they endured.

You can find Stan at the Koreshan State Park at the outdoor Kitchen/Bakery on Thursday and Sunday's at 11:00 a.m. making whatever goodie is on the menu using an old restored stove from the mid-1800's. The special treat is Stan tells you stories of the locals as well as the Koreshans while he cooks. More recipes can be found at [StanTheMan.wordpress.com](http://StanTheMan.wordpress.com).

### Hoppin' John

- 6 oz. thick sliced peppered bacon, cut into ¼ inch pieces.
- 1 medium onion chopped into ½ inch cubes
- 1 medium green pepper chopped into ½ inch cubes
- Salt to taste – bacon may have enough salt
- 1 can of seasoned, southern style black eyed peas with liquid
- 2 Cups of cooked rice
- Water or broth

Fry bacon in pan and remove. Saute onion and green pepper in 2T. of bacon drippings. Add 1-2 cups of water (or beef broth) and beans with the liquid. If needed, salt to taste. Bring to a low boil and reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 15 minutes or until vegetables are cooked. Add more broth, if needed. Serve over cooked rice, or incorporate rice into Hoppin' John. Serves 3-4.

*We are going to be starting a "Recipe Corner" in our monthly newsletter. If you would like to contribute an old family recipe, please email it to me at [EsteroHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:EsteroHistoricalSociety@gmail.com) and I will be sure to get your recipe shared in a future newsletter.*



## Valentine's Day Party

February 8, 2016  
2:00 p.m. at the Cottage

*Our February Membership Meeting  
will have something a bit special  
Here is a sneak peek...*

*Exhibit of Antique Greeting Cards including  
early Valentine's Day cards*

*An Estero Love Story by Ruth Mason*

*Afternoon Tea will be served with a very  
special Surprise Guest making an appearance  
to enchant us all...*

*Hope to see you all there for this special  
occasion.*

### Looking for Volunteers:

*Members needed for the following Committees:  
Membership Committee  
Brick Walkway Committee  
Records Review Committee*

*Docents needed for the Cottage and Schoolhouse –  
Training available*

*Outside Maintenance Caretaker of  
Cottage and Schoolhouse*

*Email Pamela at [EsteroHistoricalSociety@gmail.com](mailto:EsteroHistoricalSociety@gmail.com)  
Or call Marlene Fernandez at the Cottage (M or F)  
239-272-1911, leave a message if there is no answer*

### We Need Your Donations!!

The Schoolhouse Furnishing Committee is still looking for the following items to complete our furnishing project:

Flash Cards  
Old Books  
Bookends  
Old Pens  
Coal Bucket  
Pull Down Maps  
Oil Lamps for the Walls and Teacher's Desk  
Ink Wells and Pens  
American Flag – 6 Ft. size  
Enamel Wear Wash Basin and Drink Dipper  
Galvanized Water Pail or similar  
Old Jackets, Hats and Boots  
Jump Ropes  
Old Benches

We are open to suggestions of items that you may have that would be circa 1904. This list has been updated several times as items have been donated or collected.

The best thing would be to contact Diane Wisen directly to discuss with her what you may have at 239-498-5514 or email her photos at:  
[DIANESEMW@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DIANESEMW@GMAIL.COM)

When you donate items, your name will be displayed along with others who have also donated to our schoolhouse furnishings. It's all thanks to the fabulous donations we have received that make this 1904 schoolhouse so authentic.

*We can't wait to show it off to all of you!!*

Estero Historical Society Hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

We are looking for more docent's, if you are interested, please give Marlene Fernandez a call at our Cottage, 239-272-1911.



## **Annual Members Meeting and Board of Directors Elections**

**January 11, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.**

Only Members who have paid their membership in full for 2016 may attend our meeting at 1:00 p.m. Our regularly scheduled Membership Meeting will be at 2:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Stan Maleki

JANUARY 2016

*Save the Date!*

*February 8, 2016*

*A Special Valentine's Day*

*Membership Meeting at 2:00 p.m.*

*at the Cottage*

*Details inside!!*

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