

Estero Historical Society

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We have a theme & date!

It's the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland!

For What? Our Annual "Tea" Luncheon!

Our winner with the winning suggestion for the theme of next years tea is Pam Fernandez. The EHS board choose this at their last board meeting. Pam will receive two free tickets to the "Tea" being held at **Shadow Wood Country Club on April 3, 2017, Monday.**

Lots of ideas with this theme. Check out the internet for ideas for hats and table decorations. Do have to stick with just the Mad Hatter? No, any character related to him in "Alice in Wonderland" will add to the mix of our "Tea". Check out "Alice in Wonderland" characters and the Mad Hatter on the internet. Suggestion; go to "[clip art mad hatter](#)"

Want to host a table? Contact Beverly MacNellis at bevmacnellis@gmail.com or 239-498-0678. Want to buy just a couple tickets @ \$45 per person, contact her at same phone and email address. Questions? Call same number.



The Boomer Home?

What, Where, When, Who and Why it is important to Estero

In a rare opportunity arranged by Councilwoman Katy Errington with Mrs. Nola Boomer, the Boomer home was open to a select group of members from the Estero Historical Society, the Estero Historic Preservation Citizens Committee and the Village council and manager. Reporter Laura Gates with the Banner and with the permission of Mrs. Nola Boomer ran a front page article in the Banner on Saturday, June 11, 2016. It was the first public's look inside this historical home.

The home is located on the north side of the Estero River across from the Koreshan State Park. It sits on about 25 acres.

Additional Boomer family land was bought by the state's Florida Forever conservation program and Lee County's Conservation 20/20 program, in 2004.

The late George Boomer, Nola's late husband, was the grandson of original Koreshan Unity member Berthaldine "Bertha" Sterling Boomer.

Lucius Boomer, Bertha's oldest son built the house for his mother in 1916.

Both his mother and sister, Bertha May, lived there until the death of his mother Bertha.

Both Bertha and daughter Bertha May are buried on the Koreshan grounds.

After the death of Lucius father in 1897, he went into hotel management and eventually became the president of the famed Waldorf-Astoria.



Bertha May Boomer
1880—1941



Berthaldine "Bertha" Sterling Boomer 1850—1935



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events 2016 Season

Membership Meeting ~ Koffee-Klatch
September 12, 2016 at 2:00 PM at our Cottage
Join us at our first membership meeting of the season to discuss upcoming goals and activities at EHS

Membership Meeting
October 10, 2016 at 2:00 PM at our Cottage
Presentation of Native Plants used by Calusa's

Twelve for Tea
October 20, 2016 at Noon in Mimi's Tea Room
Join us for an intimate Tea for only Twelve Guests,
Tickets \$15 pp
Advanced Reservations Required.
Call Barb Toth 239-498-7937

Check out the new calendar of events on our web site:

More than a full year of events are listed on our web site. Updates will be made and details of the event will also be updated as more information becomes available. Go to esterohistoricalsociety.com and choose

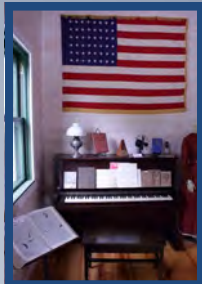
"Events". There are two ways to view them. As a list, which comes up as default or full calendar page. In the upper right corner you will see "View As". Click on it and choose "List" or "Calendar". Check back often for the updates.



4th of July Was A Hot Day But the Declaration of Independence was Read by All!

See all the pictures on our FaceBook page; Estero Historical Society.

Check out our web site also at <http://esterohistoricalsociety.com/>



Pinewoods Elementary Students & Parents go back to school to 1904



On June 6, the Pinewoods Elementary school group called "Uncommon Friends Kids Club" stopped by our historic Cottage for a tour. There were about 25 students, parents and Teachers, Patricia Cicero and Gayle Horton.

A time line presentation on the history of Estero was given in the Cottage. Following that, the group then toured the 1904 newly restored, furnished and opened Estero Creek School. They couldn't wait to try out the desks and asked some very good questions

On June 11, we were visited by the Estero High School track team and they were given a tour and history lesson. We followed the timeline of Estero history of which there is a great deal to tell.

We truly enjoy having these students come by and experience just a little part of history. If you are interested in booking a tour, please give our cottage a call at 239-272-1911.



It's time to make the chutney!



We can always count on the old timers to lend a hand at this time of year, but this year we had new people to add to the list of "Chutney Makers". Top Row: Joe Reynolds, Augi Fischer, Angela Brittenham, Carolyn Fischer, Sylvia Goodspeed, Barb Toth, our Chutney Queen Marlene Fernandez. Seated: Mary Ann Weenen, Dotty Brown & Donna Reynolds.

It's that glorious time of the year again when the Cottage is in full swing with volunteers who are there to lend a hand in the making of our famous Mango Chutney Meat Sauce. The Chutney is similar to A-1 Steak Sauce and can be used on any kind of meat, chicken, or fish. It's a product that ferments and therefore is good for the stomach (probiotic).

On Friday, June 10, Volunteers came to help shell out the tamarind beans to be soaked in vinegar. This is just the first of many processes that it takes to make our product over the next several months.

We welcome volunteers and you can jump in the process anytime. You don't have to be a member to join us. We like meeting new people and we have fun while we work.

Any questions, give us a call at the Cottage [239-272-1911](tel:239-272-1911).



The Estero Historical Society is delighted to have students of all ages join us in making the chutney. Pictured here starting with top row are: Hugh Brittenham, Estero HS; Matthew Ellard, EHS; Arye Beck, EHS; Hope Brittenham, Six Mile Charter Academy; Jonathan Edwards, EHS



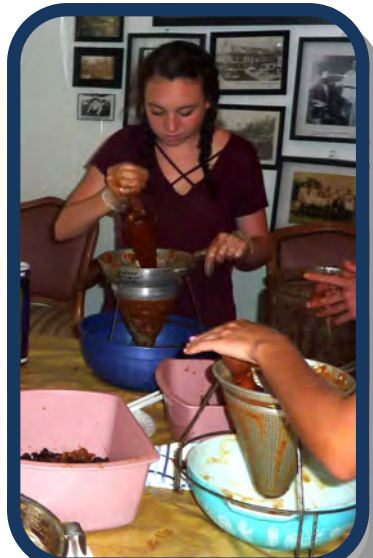
Marlene Fernandez, chair, in blue, has the assembly line going very well.



Dotti Brown & Joe Reynolds



Estero High track students Arye Beck and Evan Williams help make the chutney.



Taylor Morine



Susan Ellard

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Membership Application

_____ Yes, I would like to become a member and/or renew my membership.

Enclosed are my annual dues of \$35.00 for a SINGLE membership: New _____ Renewal _____

Enclosed are my annual dues of \$50.00 for a FAMILY membership: New _____ Renewal _____

Enclosed are my annual dues of \$100.00 for a BUSINESS membership: New _____ Renewal _____

Yes, I would like to become personally involved in helping the Historical Society as a volunteer. Please contact me at the number below as to how I can help.

_____ I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$_____. My check is enclosed.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your support!

We are located inside the Estero Community Park at 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd, Estero, FL 33928.

Please note our mailing address is different from our physical address. Use our Post Office Box address. if you wish to contact us by mail.

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