

The Estero Historical Society

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~ Vintage Collections ~

This year we began adding "Vintage Greeting Cards" to our collection. Member, Eileen Lutz, is heading up this Committee. Eileen donated her own collection of Vintage Cards from Valentine's Day. If you have any **embossed greeting cards** from long ago, that you would like to donate or share, please get in touch with Eileen at 239-272-1911 or by email: EsteroHistoricalSociety@gmail.com

A Message from your Editor

It's hard to believe another year has gone by and this is the last newsletter of 2016. I have had the pleasure of doing the newsletters for EHS for almost 2 years now and I have enjoyed every minute of it. When I think of history and the preservation of pictures and information about the past, I think of Genealogy. Beginning in January, I will be including articles written on Genealogy for Beginners and some a bit more Advanced. I have made a wonderful contact through the Lee County Genealogical Society, Bryan Mulcahy. Bryan has written several articles and has given me permission to share them in our newsletters. From what I have read, they are fantastic and full of information, especially if you are trying to research your family tree. I am very excited and I hope you all enjoy the articles as well.

Pamela Fernandez, EHS Newsletter Editor

~ Marlene's Corner ~

Recycle! If you have any empty jars from the Chutney or Jam, feel free to bring it back to the Cottage. We will recycle it!

If you have any old pictures of Estero, we would love to add them to our collection. We constantly have new picture displays being rotated in order to share with our visitors. If the pictures are labeled even better! That's how history is preserved!

A Letter from Our President...

Dear Friends,

As this year comes to a close, I wanted to take a few moments to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of the Estero Historical Society. It has truly been a privilege to serve as President alongside the Board Members and individuals who give so much time and effort in carrying on with our Mission of the Society.

I would like to take a few moments to reflect on some of the wonderful programs we have had this year. In March, we celebrated the Grand Opening of the 1904 Estero Creek Schoolhouse, our Pioneer Picnic and Annual EHS Tea in April, Reading of the Declaration of Independence in July and my very own 100th birthday celebration in September!! And never forget, our Annual Christmas Luncheon in December.

Together, we started a new "Volunteer Program" in July 2016 which gives recognition to our Volunteers for the time they give to the Society. Without our Volunteers we would not be so successful.

An exciting event coming up in 2017, called "Step Back into Time 100 Years Ago" together with Fine Mark Bank (Coconut Point) there will be a glorious display of WWI posters. There will be a reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on February 15, 2017 for everyone to come and enjoy them. More Information will be provided as we get closer.

Our Annual EHS Tea, will be on April 3, 2017 with the theme being Mad Hatter~Alice in Wonderland. Imagine the possibilities! You could win two free tickets by thinking of a winning theme for our Tea in 2018.

A big THANK YOU, to all of our Volunteers who make attending these events so enjoyable and THANK YOU to all of our members and friends for your continued support. Looking forward to another terrific year!

Yours Truly,

Charles Dauray

WWI POSTERS



Opening
Reception
Feb. 15
5:30-7:30

FINE MARK
NATIONAL BANK & TRUST



Feb. 15-23, 2017
During bank hours
FINE MARK BANK

A poster for the "Mad Hatters Tea" event. It features a teapot and the text: "Mad Hatters", "Estero Historical Society Presents", "The Mad Hatter Tea", "April 3, 2017", "Shadow Wood CC", "11 AM - 2 PM", "Information & Tickets: Beverly MacNellis", "239-498-0678", and "BevMacNellis@gmail.com". There is also a small "tea time" banner and a "845 PP" stamp.

Did you know...Our entire Calendar of Events Schedule is listed on our website. To go directly to the page click below
<http://esterohistoricalsociety.com/events/>

It was a Koreshan Halloween!!
Enjoy some photos from our fun filled day
complete with a hay ride!



Diane and Ken Wisen and Beverly
MacNellis all dressed up



Charles Dauray
EHS President



HAY RIDE!!!!

Our November Meeting, in honor of Veteran's Day, our Guest
Speakers: Major General Dozier and Gene Montenieri.



Marlene Fernandez, Major Gen.
Dozier, and Carolyn Fischer



Estero JROTC members Alan Villegas,
Victor Medina, Vanessa Sandoval, with
Sr. Army Instructor John Bleiler



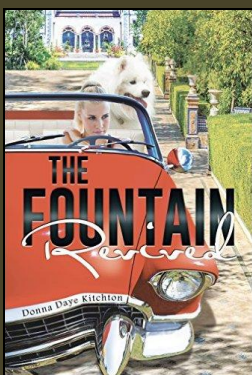
Gene Montenieri



Athena Kelley



Major General Dozier and EHS President, Charles Dauray



[The Fountain Revived](#) is a brilliant novel of mystery and history merged together when in 1891 a young girl disappears mysteriously and is never heard from again. Abigail Stone just graduated from college when she and her dog, Willow, are moving to St. Augustine, Florida, where she will be employed at the Blue Water Clinic. She's rented a small home from a feisty sixty-eight-year-old lady who lives next door. Shortly after Willow and Abigail move in, Willow starts to investigate and finds a letter that's over one hundred years old. Abigail engages her landlord in the reading of the letter, and from there, they enter into a maze of danger, risk, and intrigue that begins when Henry Flagler and his second wife, Ida, were the talk of the town.

The Fountain revived is written by one of our members, Donna Daye Kitchton. To read an excerpt from her book just click on the book title in blue above to be taken directly to her website.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If you would like to become a member or renew your current membership, please return this application along with your check by stopping by our Cottage or you may mail it to us at EHS, P.O.B., Estero, FL 33929

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Types of Membership Available:

_____ Individual \$35.00

_____ Family \$50.00

_____ Business \$100.00

_____ Donation to building fund \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

OUR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, mark "Yes" and someone from our membership committee will be in touch with you to let you know how you can help.

_____ Yes _____ No

~ What's Happening Around Estero ~

December 3 – "Light Up Estero" - 5:30 p.m. Santa, Giveaways, Punch & Cookies and Live Entertainment. Bring a canned food item to benefit Interfaith Charities. US 41 and Lords Way, next to the Estero United Methodist Church.

December 13 – South County Regional Library – 2:00 P.M. "The Battles of Alexander the Great" – Bringing the Past to Life: Presented by Steven Valdespino, M.A. [Registration Required](#)

Theater at South County Regional Library

January 10 – Florida Repertory Theater Presents: "House of Blue Leaves" at 2:00 p.m. Watch the preview of what happens in the lives of the family of a middle-aged zookeeper, Artie Shaughnessy in Queens, NY. [Registration Required](#)

January 31 – "Daring to Dream" at 2:00 p.m. Janina Birtolo dramatizes the life and last flight of Amelia Earhart. [Registration Required](#)

Click on the bold "[Registration Required](#)" to go right to website or call the Library at 479-4636 to register over the phone.



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