



To educate and inspire the community by preserving
and sharing the rich history of Estero

Newsletter

February 2022



2022 Annual Meeting

Our 2022 annual meeting was held on January 21st and it was a beautiful day on the EHS deck between the cottage and the schoolhouse. We had a good attendance this year where the board presented the 2022 budget, spoke about the amazing number of 678 volunteers donating over 2,856 hours of time and over 745 visitors to the cottage and schoolhouse over the past year. Longterm goals for the next several years were also presented and discussed.

The following candidates were also voted upon and elected to serve on our board:

Mark Novitski
Roslyn Bula
George Zalucki
Nancy Brodbeck

Thank you to all that attended! We are looking to continue our endeavors of keeping the history of Estero alive and communicating that to others in our our in 2022!



Meet The 2022 EHS Board of Directors



Back Row (L to R): Nancy Brodbeck, George Zalucki, Gail Langner (President), Chloe Maros, Roslyn Gula, Mark Novitski
Front Row (L to R): Kristen Stuller, Bo Head
Not Pictured: Gail Schultz



- We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our high school and FGCU volunteers who continue to help us!
- Thank you to our newest board members elected at our 2022 board meeting for donating your time to energy for the next 2-years!

Yesterday and Today Free Speaker Series

Saturday

February 12, 2022 9:30 am

History Of The Calusa



Guest Speaker - Jacob Winge

Continental Breakfast Served! The event is free, but please RSVP on our website so we can register your reservation.

**Estero Park & Recreation Center
9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd.**

COVID Guidelines Observed

Saturday

March 12, 2022 9:30 am

Modern Southwest Florida History



**Guest Speaker
Scott Simmons**

Florida Weekly columnist Scott Simmons will cover the last seventy-five years of Southwest Florida development.

The event is free, but please RSVP on our website so we can register your reservation.

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Traveling Exhibit

Our replicas of boats that traveled out local waters carrying people and merchandise will be on loan for this exhibit at the South County Regional Library in Estero. This exhibit will start on February 1, 2022. If you are in the area be sure to check this it out.



Needles and Pins Exhibit Has Been Extended!

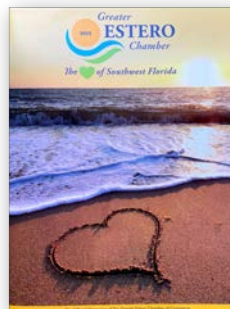
Ourt Needles and Pins exhibit has been extended! This beautiful exhibit features the work of quilters, seamstresses, needle pointers, cross stitchers, crocheters and other fabric and thread crafters, plus historic Wedding Gown and christening pieces. This is a must see during the month of January on Saturdays between 1pm and 3:30pm. We have new exhibits in the works, more to come soon!



Gift Shop and Tours

The gift shop is open to the public:
Saturdays 1:00-4:00pm

Private Tours by appointment for up to six people can be scheduled by emailing peg.ehs10@gmail.com. Requested donation of \$10 per person. Pay online or pay at the door.



Do you have your copy of the new 2022 Greater Estero Chamber magazine yet? This is a must have for local events, businesses and information, grab your copy today at one of the locations listed below:

Miromar Outlets
Marathon Gas Stations
Estero Recreation Center
Lake Michigan Credit Union
Estero Historical society Cottage

Wallgreens
Lab Corp,
Total Wind
Estero Library

2022 Estero Essay Contest

THREE \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

CASH PRIZES for 4th and 7th GRADE STUDENTS

EHS, with the Estero Chamber of Commerce and the Estero Council of Community Leaders (ECCL), is co-sponsoring an Essay Contest for Estero High School Seniors and 4th and 7th grade Estero students. Three \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to High School Seniors and Cash Prizes will be given to the 4th and 7th grade students. Essays will be judged by criteria that have been shared with students and school leaders. Submissions are due March 18, 2022 to designated educators at the respective schools.

If you or someone you know would like to assist with judging or awards, please email the us at:
EsteroHistoricalSociety@gmail.com

Out & About

Upcoming Happenings in the Estero Park and Center



- Feb. 19 - Movie in the Park
 - Disney's Encanto. The movie will start at 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16, Feb. 23, Mar. 2, Mar. 9 - Quit Smoking 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 26 - Yard Sale Spots go on sale at 7 a.m. \$5 per spot.
- Feb. 28 - Summer Camp Registration opens at 7 a.m.
 - Participant(s) wishing to register MUST have an updated/valid facility membership. Please call the center to find out the status of your membership.

February 4-5: Koreshan Ghost Walk Tours - You will stroll past restored buildings from a bygone era and watch these and other reenactors perform scenes from their lives before, during, and after the Koreshans settled in Southwest Florida. Ghost Walk 2022 showtimes are 6:45, 7:00, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45 and 8:00 PM on February 4 and 5 (rain date: February 6, time[s] TBD). Tickets are \$25.00, non-refundable. Performances sell out quickly! Visit www.friendsofkoreshan.org to purchase tickets.

February 12: Yesterday and Today free speaker series Hhosted by the Estero Historical Society. History of the Calusa with guest speaker Jacob Winge. This event will start at 9am and go until noon at the Estero Park & Recreation Center at 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd. A continental breakfast will be served. Please register for this event at www.esterohistoricalsociety.com.

February 12-13: The 16th Annual Coconut Point Art Festival takes place from 10am to 5pm at Coconunt Point Mall. Fee admission. Browse the fine art and enjoy music and more at this nationally top-rated event. 239-992-9966; ArtFestival.com/festivals/coconunt-point-art-festival-0.

February 18: Estero Historical Society monthly board meeting: Our next EHS Board meeting will be held on Friday February 18th at noon. This meeting will be held at the Country Creek Clubhouse at 21180 Country Creek Drive, Estero.

February 23: Greater Estero Chamber / Food For Thought - E-Commerce in 2022 Panel Discussion. Wednesday Feb 23rd, from 12:00 to 1:30pm at the Spring Run Golf Club loacated at 9501 Spring Run Blvd., Bonita Springs FL. \$30 for members and \$35 for non members. Ed Moore with Red Sneakers and Jayson Quist with Lake Michigan Credit Union will be on the panel. Go to www.esterochamber.org for more information.

February 24- March 6: The annual Southwest Florida & Lee County Fair, includes exhibitits, entertainment and lots of fun for all ages. At theFairgrounds at the lee Civic Center: 11831 Bayshore Rd N. Ft Myers FL. www.swflcfair.com

February 26: Gulfshore Opera will perform a fun, new concept of The Bat's Revenge at 7 p.m., Saturday, February 26, at the Estero High School. This delightful production will be sung in English and take place in the Golden Age of Hollywood.



February 5: Frank Almond, Violin & Michael Baron, piano: A Violin's Life, chronicles the history and lineage of his current violin, the 1715 Lipiński Stradivarius. The instrument has direct ties to Giuseppe Tartini, Edvard Grieg, Johannes Brahms, and Robert and Clara Schumann. A concert not to be missed. Time - 7:30pm / Visit FGCU.EDU/Concerts to purchase tickets.

February 27: Ray Little, Horn: Ryan Little, Principal Horn of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and Instructor at the Bower School of Music joins pianist Michael Baron in a recital of rare gems from the horn repertoire. Time - 3:00pm / Visit FGCU.EDU/Concerts to purchase tickets.

February 13: Santiago Rodriguez, Piano: Santiago Rodriguez has been called "a phenomenal pianist" (The New York Times) and "among the finest pianists in the world" (The Baltimore Sun). His international career was launched in 1981 when he won the Silver Medal at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Time - 3:00pm / Visit FGCU.EDU/Concerts to purchase tickets.

February 20: Symphony Orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra is a 60 to 70-piece full ensemble performing standard symphonic repertoire. Time - 3:00pm U. Tobe Recital Hall, Music Building, FGCU Campus / Visit FGCU.EDU/Concerts to purchase tickets.

February 18 - 27: Theatre - On Baile's Stand. Yeats' poetic play uses ancient Celtic myths and traditional lore to explore all the meanings of passion, familial bonds, political ambition, and the futile drive to control nature. FGCU Campus / Visit FGCU.EDU/theatrelab for update information, times and to purchase tickets. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$7 for students.

March 1: The Estero Historical Society will be hosting the Great Estero Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club on Tuesday March 1st from 8am to 9:30am. Join us to start your day with some conversation, coffee and culture. Admission will be \$10 for Chamber members and \$5 for non-members. This will be held on the deck at the EHS cottage located at 9285 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero FL..



March 5: Village of Estero's 75th Anniversary Celebration! Featuring southwest Florida's premier entertainers Billy Dean and Dawn. This is a free outdoor concert from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Estero Community Park. There will be kids activities, food vendors, speakers, giveaways and music. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs or blankets and no pets please.

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or join online at:

<https://esterohistoricalsociety.com/product/membership/>



Do you have extra time on your hands?

The Estero Historical Society can use YOU! We need volunteers to help with events and special projects. We would be honored to have you. If you can volunteer, please email us at EsteroHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.

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