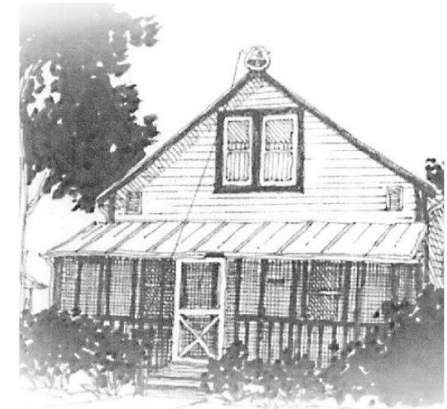




To educate and inspire the community by preserving
and sharing the rich history of Estero

Newsletter

March 2022



Hello and Happy March,

I'd like to share our excitement about past and upcoming events. In February at our Speaker Series entitled Yesterday and Today, featured speaker historian Jacob Winge, presented to over 100 people on "The Calusa – People of the Estuary." On March 1st we will host the Greater Estero Chamber of Commerce at The Breakfast Club on our veranda, and invite the attendees to tour the cottage, gift shop and schoolhouse.

The interior of the cottage has been lovingly rearranged – come and see what's new – so warm and welcoming! March 5th we will be participating in The Village of Estero's Anniversary Celebration at the Estero Recreation Center. We will once again be joining in on the Community Yard Sale on March 26th. This is a fundraising opportunity for us, so come on by. (We'll take your donations as well, if you have closets to clean.) And lastly, check out the information below about our upcoming Speaker on March 12th held at Country Creek – invite your friends and neighbors to join you. Remember to register on our website www.EsteroHistoricalSociety.com

We appreciate you and your support,

Gail Langner
EHS Board President

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1. Sign in to [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.
3. Select Estero Historical Society as your organization to support.
4. When you shop, start from the [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) page and your purchase will automatically benefit EHS!

Thank You



- Our sincere thanks to Adam & Denise Waszkowski for the donation of their beautiful family baby carriage, we are so excited to have this on display at the EHS cottage.

George Zalucki, Thank YOU, for taking time out of your busy schedule to personally work on our latest donation of the beautiful baby carriage which now will go on display for everyone to enjoy.



- We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our high school and FGCU volunteers who continue to help us!

Antique Assessment Fair

Save The Dates!

**Friday
April 22nd
2:00pm - 7:00pm**



&

**Sunday
April 24th
4:00pm - 7:00pm**

Save The Dates!

**Get your treasures
professionally evaluated by
Gannon's Antiques & Art**

9285 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero FL 33928
(239) 272-1911

Pre-Registration Required -
www.EsteroHistoricalSociety.com
\$15 per item - limit three items per person

COVID Guidelines Observed

Yesterday and Today Free Speaker Series

Saturday March 12, 2022 - 9:30 am

A Personal Journey Through Southwest Florida History



Guest Speaker

Scott Simmons

Pal Beach Editor and
Antiques & Collectibles
Columnist, Florida
Weekly

Most Florida residents have come to the state in the last twenty years and have no idea what southwest Florida was like 70 or even 50 years ago. This is your chance to learn how our cities evolved into the busy, popular tourist destinations they are today. Scott is an antiques specialist who will bring items from his own personal collection to help illustrate some of the creative achievements that helped to generate interest in the arts and crafts of Florida.

Kindly RSVP on our website so we can register your reservation.

Cost: \$10

**Location: Country Creek Clubhouse,
21180 Country Creek Drive, Estero**

COVID Guidelines Observed



Pirates in Paradise



**Saturday
April 9, 2022 9:30 am**

Guest Speaker Jacob Winge



Arr, me matey! Save the date for this informative and fun event as Jacob educates us all on the pirates that roamed our waterways back in the day! Please RSVP on our website so we can register your reservation.

Cost: \$10

**Location: Country Creek Clubhouse
21180 Country Creek Drive, Estero**

COVID Guidelines Observed

What An Amazing Turnout!!



**Guest Speaker
Jacob Winge**

Wow, what an amazing turnout for our January History Of The Calusa speaker series with guest speaker Jacob Winge. We had 109 register for the event, 64 of which attended! We had another 55 walk-ins which put our attendance total at 119 plus our volunteers. There were a number of donations received and additional sales captured at the cottage gift shop after the event. The EHS Board would like to thank you and congratulations to everyone that participated and attended to help make this a huge success.

Thank You





Community Yard Sale

March 26th

7:30 am to 12:30 pm

We will be holding our annual spring community yard sale at the EHS Cottage to help raise funds for 2022. If you have any quality items gathering dust around the house and would like to donate them for this cause, you can drop them off at the ESH Cottage on Saturdays between 1:00 pm and 4:00pm. Come out and shop with us on March 26th, all are welcome, one persons trash is another persons treasure!



2022 Estero Essay Contest

THREE \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

CASH PRIZES for 4th and 7th GRADE STUDENTS



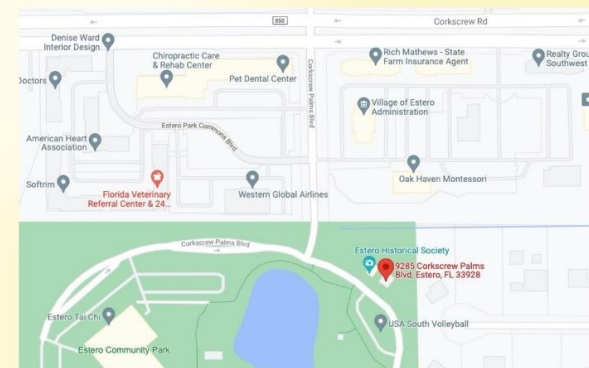
EHS, with the Estero Chamber of Commerce and the Estero Council of Community Leaders (ECCL), is co-sponsoring an Essay Contest for Estero High School Seniors and 4th and 7th grade Estero students. Three \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to High School Seniors and Cash Prizes will be given to the 4th 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

Gift Shop and Tours

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

Private Tours of the schoolhouse and cottage are by appointment for up to six people. Please email peg.ehs10@gmail.com to schedule your tour today. A requested donation of \$10 per person please. You can





Baby Carriage On Display

An Estero family, Adam & Denise Waszkowski, recently donated an antique baby carriage (Cira 1900), to the Estero Historical Society. It was Denise Hilkene Waszkowski's Fathers, Grandfathers and Great Uncle's carriage when they were infants in Cumberland (just east of Indianapolis) , Indiana. The date of the carriage when used is consistent with the time period of the Society's Hall-Hanson-Collier house affectionately known as the "cottage". This donation will be cherished and displayed for all to view. Thank you Adam and Denise for this amazing donation.



Traveling Exhibit

Our replicas of boats that traveled our 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!

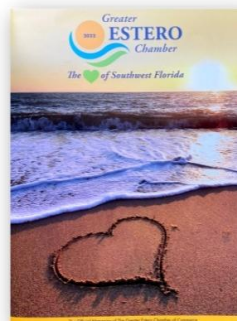
Our Needles and Pins exhibit has been extended! This beautiful exhibit features the work of quilters, seamstresses, needle pointers, cross stitchers, crocheters and other fabric and thread crafters, plus historic Wedding Gown and christening pieces. This is a must see during the month of January on Saturdays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



Did You Know?



1513 — Ponce de León leads the first known European expedition to the land he named "La Florida" likely passing through Estero. Legend has it he sought the Fountain of Youth. When he returned eight years later, he attempted to establish a Spanish colony. Not only did the Calusa Indians resist, they shot Ponce de Leon with a poisoned arrow. He died from his wounds soon after returning to Cuba in 1521.



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 Wine
Estero Library

Out & About

Upcoming Happenings in the Estero Park and Center

9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero FL 33928



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.

March 26: Yard Sale and Health & Wellness Event. Yard sale is 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Health & Wellness event is 9 am to Noon.

April 2: Estero Fest 2022 - Featuring The Ben Allen Band & DJ Tom's Traeling Tunes! General Admission is free, VIP Seating is \$50 (bring chairs). Food Trucks & Local Business/Food Vendors, Kids Zone, Face Painting, Bounce House, and 50/50 raffle. TIME: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm



March 5: Southwest Florida Reading Festival. A fun-packed day of discovery and creativity with family activities and celebrity authors sharing the inside scoop on their latest books. TIME: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Ft. Myers Regional Library Campus, 2450 1st St., Ft. Myers FL. 239-533-4600 or readiest.org

March 5-6: Bonita Springs National Art Festival. At Riverside Park in downtown Bonita is a juried fine arts and fine crafts event that attracts national and international artists. . TIME: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm 239-495-8989 or ArtCenterBonita.org

March 9: Food For Thought - There's a lot happening in Estero at the present time, right? Well, go to this luncheon to find out more information. The speaker is Steve Sarkozy, Village of Estero Manager. Sponsored by the Greater Estero Chamber. the Fee/Admission is \$30 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. TIME: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at Spring Run Golf Club. 9501 Spring Run BLVD., Estero FL 34135. Register at <http://www.esterochamber.org>.

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

March 29: Roving Experience on Beginning Butterflies at Koreshan State Park. An Advanced Florida Master Naturalist will be in the park to share information on butterflies of Koreshan State Park and Southwest Florida. Topics will touch on differences between moths and butterflies, butterfly development, plants that support butterflies, netting techniques, and more. The session is informal and attendees may come and go to suit their schedules....TIME: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

March 31: Estero Forever Foundation - Gala at Grandezza. A special evening to celebrate what makes Estero the best place to live, work, play and visit in SW Florida. TIME: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. For tickets visit: www.esteroforeverfoundation.com



Art Gallery Exhibitions

FGCU Wasmer Art Gallery +Artlab: Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

January 28 - March 3: *Travis Somerville: Burden Of Consequences.* Social injustice and the economic and political structures that perpetuate oppression, racism in America, the refugee crisis and the current global political environment, are all issues that have been subjects in Travis Somerville's work. He often uses stereotypical and confrontational racial imagery for its nostalgic familiarity, asking the viewer to confront their internal feelings about racism and class struggle. Somerville grew up in the Southern United States in the tumultuous 1960's and 70's surrounded by the Southern gentility that harbored underlying racism and hostility. These social dualities, contradictions and hypocrisies are exposed in his work paintings, drawings, sculptures and installations. FGCU Campus: Visit FGCU.EDU/ARTGALLERIES for up-to-date event information.

March 4 - April 7: *Pat Collins; Action, Reaction, Interaction.* Pat Collins looks for public art opportunities to create projects involving viewer participation, to expand the visibility of art in the community. Combining the carnivalesque with social commentary, Collins works with stencils, silhouettes and cutouts of varying materials. She layers and juxtaposes these elements to activate the space as a stage for a cast of characters and symbols. The challenges of communication in daily life and the emotions they trigger fill the landscape of images. FGCU Campus: Visit FGCU.EDU/ARTGALLERIES for up-to-date event information.

March 25- April 7: *24th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition / Wasmer Art Gallery.* Students working in sculpture, drawing, digital media, printmaking, painting and ceramics submit their finest works for this annual juried exhibition. Up to 70 works of art, demonstrating students' accomplishments and experiments, will be featured. The jurors for the exhibition are area arts professionals. FGCU Campus: Visit FGCU.EDU/ARTGALLERIES for up-to-date event information.

Music / Nisita Concert Series and Music Special Events

FGCU U. Tobe Recital Hall (in the Music Building unless otherwise noted)

Tickets can be purchased online at FGCU.edu/concerts and are \$10 for general admission or \$7 for students

March 17: *Happy 100th Birthday Piazzolla!* Jodi Desalvo, Piano and Thomas Cimarusti, Accordion/Bandoneon. Come enjoy an evening of tango music as members from the Bower School of Music faculty, including Thomas Cimarusti, and guest artists, including Jodi DeSalvo, celebrate the 100th birthday of legendary tango composer, Astor Piazzolla. The program will feature various works from Piazzolla's prolific catalogue of works, including songs, solo pieces, and chamber pieces that feature the bandoneon, accordion, violin, piano, and a special surprise direct from Argentina. The night promises to transport you to the dance halls of Buenos Aires and the sensual sounds that so characterize the music. Time: 7:30pm

Student Ensemble Concert Series

All concerts are free and open to the public

(Please refer to the website for the most up-to-date information regarding dates, times, locations, occupancy and safety protocols)

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March 3: *Student Ensemble Concert Series / Wind Orchestra* - Lehigh Senior High School, 901 Gunnery Rd., Lehigh Acres. TIME: 7:30 pm.

March 26: *An Evening Of Mozart - An Opera Workshop Performance.* U. Tobe Recital Hall Music Building, FGCU Campus. TIME: 7:30 pm.

March 27: *An Evening Of Mozart - An Opera Workshop Performance.* U. Tobe Recital Hall Music Building, FGCU Campus. TIME: 3:00 pm.

March 31: *Student Ensemble Concert Series / String Chamber Ensembles* - U. Tobe Recital Hall Music Building, FGCU Campus. TIME: 7:30 pm.

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



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**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 or someone you
know would like to volunteer, please
email us at:

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Become a EHS Member Today!

If you are not currently an Estero Historical Society member, we would love for you to join our organization to help us educate and inspire the community by preserving and sharing the rich history of Estero not only with our members but our entire community. An Annual Membership is from January to December. Your dues to renew for the following year would be due each December 31st for each following year, allowing you to take advantage of a full year membership and to vote at our annual meeting held every January. To join visit:

www.esterohistoricalsociety.com/membership