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

Newsletter

April 2022

Happy April,

What a fun-filled month March was with opportunities to speak about our society to hundreds of people at the Estero 7th Anniversary Celebration and the Estero Forever Foundation Gala. We are thrilled to have a wonderful synergy with the Village of Estero, ECCL, Chamber of Commerce and Estero Forever Foundation. Working together and supporting each other is what makes our Estero area so successful. We are proud to play a part. The Breakfast Club for the Greater Estero Chamber was a huge success, as was the Community Yard Sale. Thanks for all who volunteered and donated items for us to sell. I don't know if I have ever mentioned, but it takes approximately $25,000 annually to maintain, protect and insure our historic buildings, so doing fundraising events like the Yard Sale are vital. We were pleased with the outpouring of people, and donations, from our last Speaker Series in March, as well. And we are looking forward to having local Historian Jacob Winge back with us again on April 9th at 9:00 am. His topic is Pirates in Paradise. How interesting! The cost is only $10, which includes a continental breakfast at Country Creek. Please register ASAP at EsteroHistoricalSociety.com and feel free to tell your friends.

We appreciate you and your support,

Gail Langner
EHS Board President

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Antique Assessment Fair

Have your treasures professionaly evaluated by Gannon's Antiques & Art

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

&

Sunday
April 24th
4:30pm - 7:00pm

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

Are you an Estero Historical Society Member?

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 Memberhip 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. We offer several levels in-which to join:

Traditional Tea Events

Mango Chutney Canning

Individual: $35
Family: $60
Lifetime: $1,000
Business: $150

Yearly Essay Contest

Pioneer Picnic

For more information or To join visit:

www.esterohistoricalsociety.com/membership

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Yesterday and Today Free Speaker Series

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

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Saturday
June 11th
9:30 am to 11:00 am

Save the date for another exciting and informative presentation by Jacob Winge. Jacob will bring to life the Celtic & Scottish Influence in Florida. *Targe were medieval shields

Cost: $10 (Continental Breakfast Served)
Location: Country Creek Clubhouse
21180 Country Creek Drive, Estero

COVID Guidelines Observed

Thank You

- A very special thank you to Riley Hazel, our FGCU Jr, journalism major, has created an Instagram account for EHS (Estero History) and she also does an amazing job on our Facebook page.

- Thank you to Mr. Scott Simmons for his amazing presentation on Personal Journey Through Southwest Florida History for our March Speaker Series. Great Work!

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

April EHS Board Meeting:

The next EHS Board meeting will be held on Friday April 15th at noon. This month we will be meeting at the Country Creek Clubhouselocated located at 21180 Country Creek Drive, Estero. TIME: 12:00 noon to 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

PAST EVENT NEWS & UPDATES

March Yard Sale

Wow, our March yard sale was a huge success with profits exceeding $800! EHS donated all books, DVDs, CDs, tapes etc. left after the sale to Friends of the Library. We also gifted a Video Tripod donated to us for the sale to Bonita Video. A big thank you to all who donated items and congratulations to those that found their new treasures. THANK YOU to all who volunteered their time to help make this sale a huge success.

(L to R): George Zalucki, Nancy Brodbeck, Gail Langner (Gail Schultz not shown)

Village of Estero's 75th Anniversary Celebration!

The Estero 75th anniversary event on March 5th was very successful. Our presence, along with the other NPO's was well received by the community, with lots of engagement that spread over to the cottage and school house, resulting in an abundance of tours!

Front Row (L to R): City Councilwoman Joanne Ribble, Scott Simmons, Gail Langner, Roslyn Gula. Back Row (L to R): Former Mayor Bill Ribble, George Zalucki

A Personal Journey Through Southwest Florida History Presented by Scott Simmons

On behalf of everyone at the Estero Historical Society, THANK YOU Scott Simmons for a wonderful presentation. Everyone really enjoyed hearing about his personal journey through Southwest Florida history. Scott really brought it all to life with the wonderful photos and the real collectibles that people were able to see close-up. There was over 57 attendees and we had numerous donations and we even picked up two new volunteers.

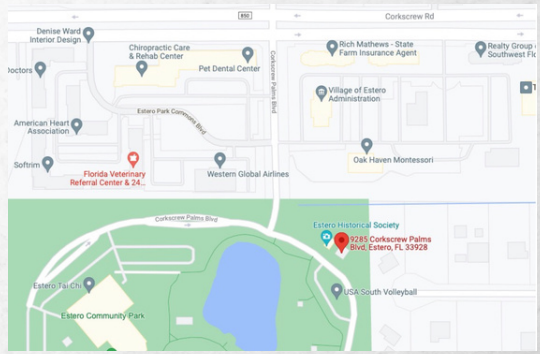
Greater ESTERO Chamber of Commerce
The ♥ of Southwest Florida

The Breakfast Club

On March 1st the Estero Historical Society hosted the Breakfast Club with The Greater Estero Chamber of Commerce on the EHS veranda. This was a great networking opportunity for EHS and was just another way to get the EHS in front of some of our business colleagues. Awesome work everyone!

TOURING ESTERO HISTORY

Travel back in time. Visit Estero's One-Room Schoolhouse and Historic Cottage Museum. Open to public Saturdays 1pm-4pm. Private journeys thru early Estero available Tuesdays & Thursdays by appointment only. Maximum 6 persons. $10 person. Children under 16 free. Email peg.ehs10@gmail.com to make arrangements.



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CIVIC & COMMERCE

Join Us for the 2022 Miniature Golf Open

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Saturday, May 7th
Shotgun Start 10:00 am
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Miniature Golf & Lunch

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MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCED TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EAST NAPLES STUDENTS

East Naples Civic & Commerce is proud to announce their first Mini Golf Tournament at Coral Cay Adventure Golf, 2205 Tamiami Trail East. Presented by sponsor Audi Naples, the landmark event aims to raise funds to support ENC&C 's annual scholarships to Lely High School and Lorenzo Walker Technical School, East Naples two high schools. ENC&C has been presenting scholarships for over two decades and aims to grow the awards. "We have bold goals to grow our annual awards up to $10,000 and beyond" said Jacob Winge, President of ENC&C and a product of Collier County Public Schools.

The event will be held Saturday May 7th. Shotgun start at 10am. Golf for a team of four includes lunch catered by BAMZ and is $100 per team. Registration is online at www.encivicandcommerce.org . Sponsorship information is also available by contacting info@eastnaplescivic.com and includes opportunities for hole sponsors at $75 which already include Tuscany Villa of Naples, Western Bike, and Comfort Keepers of SWFL among others. Prizes will be award among Best Score, Best Team Name, Best Hole in One and more!

Support EHS While You Shop!

Your everyday Amazon purchases can benefit the Estero Historical Society with no additional cost to you. Smile.Amazon.com lets you choose EHS as your charity, and Amazon donates a portion of each sale to us. Here's how to get started.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

1. Sign in to 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 page and your purchase will automatically benefit EHS!

Out & About

Upcoming Happenings in the Estero Park and Center:

9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero FL 33928

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

Estero Art League: September to May / The league offers classes, open painting workshops and shows during season and meets for open painting on Monday mornings from September to May at the estero Community Center. 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero FL 33928. 239-729-1738 or www.esteroartleague.com

- Mar. 26 - Yard Sale and Health & Wellness Event
  - Yard Sale 7:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
  - Health & Wellness 9 a.m.- Noon.
- Apr. 2 - Taste of Estero
- Apr. 6 - Apr. 27 - Quit Tobacco with Group Quit
- Apr. 16 - Estero EGGstravaganza - Registration will begin on March 16.
- Apr. 20 - Hazardous Waste Collection - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Apr. 23 - GiGi's Playhouse 5K
- Apr. 30 - Miles for Melanoma
- May 21 - Disc Golf Tournament

April 1 & 2 / Hertz Arena: Florida Everblades vs Idaho Steelheads (Friday 4/1 at 7:30 pm and Saturday 4/2 at 7:00 pm). For tickets visit www.HertzArena.com

April 7: "DRIVE OUT HUNGER" AND 30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND LIVE AUCTION. Interfaith Charities of South Lee hosts its annual fundraising dinner and live auction at The Club at Grandezza on Thursday, April 7th. This event is a vital part of the organization's efforts to raise funds needed to stock the food pantry and address the rising needs of families in Estero and San Carlos Park. The cost for the dinner is $125 per person, which includes a delicious plated dinner and two drinks. **TIME: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm / The Club at Grandezza, 11481 Grande Oak Blvd, Estero.** For more information call 239-267-0895 or email bonnie@icslee.org

April 12: Greator Estero Chamber - Food for Thought, Drum to Your Own B.E.A.T.: Featuring guest speaker Karen Shepherd. Karen will be sharing on how to Drum To Your Own Heart B.E.A.T: Beliefs, Emotions, Actions, and Thoughts. (Improving Self-Awareness -taking control of what you can with your B-E-A-T, valuing diversity and inclusion with a strategic action plan. TIME: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. LOCATION: Spring Run Country Club. FEE: $30 for members and $35 for non-members.

April 12 - 17: Ft. Myers Mighty Mussels / Hammond Stadium: The Mighty Mussels vs Jupiter. Times: 4/12 - 4/16 7:00 pm and 4/17 1:00 pm. For tickets visit www.https://www.milb.com/fort-myers

April 13: Pet Adoption Day at Miromar Outlets. Are you looking to give a sweet pet his or her FURever home? On the second Wednesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Lee County Domestic Animal Services hosts a meet-and-greet with adorable adoptable pets. Visit the Lee County Sheriff's Community Outreach Center (suite 190) in the Miromar Outlets and feel the joy that adoption brings! TIME: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Call 239-533-7387 or email petadoptions@leegov.com for more details.

April 14: Stars on Ice / Hertz Arena: Stars on Ice wants to put you front and center to see the best of the U.S. Figure Skating team straight from the 2022 Winter Games in Beijing, China! The 2022 Stars on Ice tour will showcase the top medal contenders including reigning World and U.S. National Champion Nathan Chen, U.S. Champions Alysa Liu, Jason Brown, Madison Hubbell & Zachary Donohue and Madison Chock & Evan Bates, World Medalist Vincent Zhou, plus Olympic medalist Mirai Nagasu and more! Time 7:00 pm / Tickets $30 to $150 (Parking $25}. For tickets visit www.HertzArena.com

April 15: Estero Historical Society Board Meeting: This months board meeting will be held at Country Creek Clubhouse located at 21180 Country Creek Drive, Estero. TIME: 12:00 noon

April 15 & 16 / Hertz Arena: Florida Everblades vs Atlanta Gladiators (Friday 4/15 at 7:30 pm and Saturday 4/6 at 7:00 pm). For tickets visit www.HertzArena.com

April 21 - May 1: The Bridges of Madison County / Theatre Zone. Francesca Johnson, a beautiful Italian woman who married an American soldier to flee war-ravaged Italy, looks forward to a rare four days alone on her Iowa farm when her family heads to the 1965 State Fair. When a ruggedly handsome, National Geographic photographer Robert Kincaid pulls into her driveway seeking directions, what happens in those four days may very well alter the course of Francesca's life. STARRING LARRY ALEXANDER AS ROBERT KINCAID. DATES: 7:30p.m. on April 21-24, 28-30, May 1 and 2:00p.m. on April 23, 24, May 1. 888-966-3352 or www.theatre.zone / 13275 Livingston Rd., Naples FL 34109

April 26 - May 1: Ft. Myers Mighty Mussels / Hammond Stadium: The Mighty Mussels vs Clearwater. Times: 4/26 - 4/30 7:00 pm. and 5/1 1:00 pm. For tickets visit www.https://www.milb.com/fort-myers

April 28: Women's Self-Defense Program by Lee County Sheriff's Office: This will be a two-hour active participation class covering basic self defense techniques and self-awareness strategies (females only, 13 and over). Contact: pam@esterochamber.org for more information.

April 30: The Original Harlem Globetrotters / Hertz Arena: Time 1:00 pm / Tickets $23 to $1110 (Parking $15}. For tickets visit www.HertzArena.com

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

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.

March 22 - May 6: Senior Projects, Spring 2022. At the end of their studies, art majors are required to develop and present a coherent body of self-generated work. This exhibition combines their knowledge of techniques and concepts while drawing on research of historical and contemporary artists. Each senior art major in the exhibition designs and creates a unique installation that combines their technical skills and conceptual vision. Artist Talk: Thursday, April 21, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. 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

April 3: BEETHOVEN CHAMPAGNE SIGNATURE CONCERT. In celebration of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday, the Myra & Van Williams Distinguished Professor in Music, Pianist Michael Baron joins musicians from the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra Glenn Basham, Concertmaster; Adam Satinsky, Principal Cello and Paul Votapek, Principal Clarinet to explore chamber music works of the immortal Beethoven in deeply moving performances. TIME: 3:00 pm and will be followed by a champagne reception. RSVPs are required. Information and reservations at: FGCU.edu/concerts/champagne

May 1: Maxim Lando, Piano - 18-year-old American pianist Maxim Lando makes his third bi-annual appearance on the Nisita Series where he has consistently sold out and wowed his audiences with his brilliant performances. Recent accomplishments include winning the 2020 Young Artist Award and the Young Artists International Auditions. Mr. Lando has performed with major orchestras of the world including symphonies of Pittsburgh, Toronto, Vancouver and Hawaii, Russia's Mariinsky Theater Orchestra, St. Petersburg Symphony, Russian National Orchestra, Bolshoi Symphony, Moscow Philharmonic, Kazakh State Philharmonic, Israel Philharmonic, and China's NCPA Orchestra. U. Tobe Recital Hamm, Music Building, FGCU Campus. TIME: 3:00 pm. Visit FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS for up-to-date concert information.

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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April 6: Percussion Chamber Ensembles - U. Tobe Recital Hamm, Music Building, FGCU Campus. TIME: 7:30 pm. Visit FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS for up-to-date concert information.

April 7: Wind Orchestra - U. Tobe Recital Hamm, Music Building, FGCU Campus. TIME: 7:30 pm. Visit FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS for up-to-date concert information.

April 12: Wind Chamber Ensembles - U. Tobe Recital Hamm, Music Building, FGCU Campus. TIME: 7:30 pm. Visit FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS for up-to-date concert information.

April 19: Symphonic Band - U. Tobe Recital Hamm, Music Building, FGCU Campus. TIME: 7:30 pm. Visit FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS for up-to-date concert information.

April 22: University Choir & Women's Chorale - Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Rd., Naples. TIME: 7:30 pm. (Frree and open to the public). Visit FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS for up-to-date concert information.

April 23: Symphony Orchestra - U. Tobe Recital Hamm, Music Building, FGCU Campus. TIME: 7:30 pm. Visit FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS for up-to-date concert information.

April 24: Jazz Ensemble - U. Tobe Recital Hamm, Music Building, FGCU Campus. TIME: 3:00 pm. Visit FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS for up-to-date concert information.

April 25: Piano Ensemble - U. Tobe Recital Hamm, Music Building, FGCU Campus. TIME: 7:30 pm. Visit FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS for up-to-date concert information.

April 28: Chamber Choir - Bower Chapel, 130 Moorings Park Drive, Naples. TIME: 4:00 pm. (Frree and open to the public). Visit FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS for up-to-date concert information.

Theatre Performances
All performances take place in theTheatreLab in the Arts Complex.
Tickets can be purchased online a FGCU.edu/theatrelab and are $10 for the general public or $7 for students.
(Please refer to the website for the most up-to-date information regarding dates, times, locations, occupancy and safety protocols)
FGCU.EDU/THEATRELAB

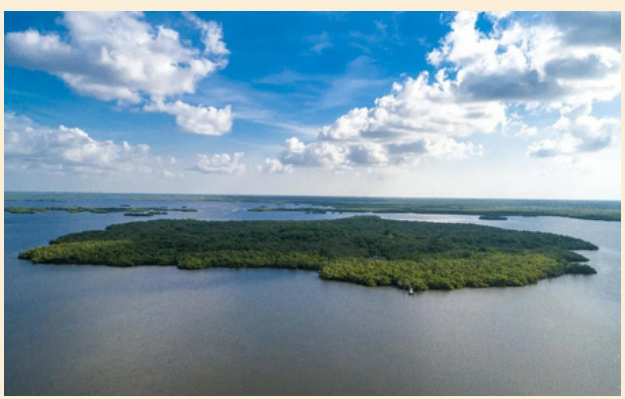
April 22 - May 1: ***STORIES OF SPOON RIVER*** - Theatre Performances / TheatreLab in the Arts Complex FGUS Campus. Every town has its secrets, but what happens when the souls of departed residents return to reveal them? In 1915, Edgar Lee Masters published a collection of free-verse first-person autobiographical epitaph poems expressing the lives, the grievances, and the manner of death of over two-hundred fictional residents of an imaginary town called Spoon River.Join FGCU's Creating New Theatre class for their devised work Stories of Spoon River based on and including poems from Masters' Spoon River Anthology. April 22, 23, 29, & 30 TIME: 7:30 pm. April 24 & 30 & May 1 TIME: 2:00 pm.Tickets are$10 general public and $7 for students. for up-to-date theatre information and purchase tickets visit: FGCU.EDU/THEATRELAB.COM

Traveling Exhibits

Our beautiful replicas of boats that traveled our local waters carrying people and merchandise which was on display at the South County Regional Library ended Monday 3/28 and will be replaced by a new exhibit on May 1st.

Exhibits At The EHS Cottage

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 for our schoolhouse and cottage, stay tuned for updates to come!***



Did You Know?

1600 — Mound Key was formed in Estero Bay, made entirely of fish bones and shells discarded by the Calusa mixed with clay. The Calusa also used shells for tools, utensils, jewelry and ornaments for their shrines. Later, pirates used Mound Key to attack passing ships and hide from the American Navy. Legends of pirate lore, Jose Gaspar – the namesake of Gasparilla Island — Juan Gomez and Black Augustus, hid in the bay.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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: EsteroHistoricalSociety@gmail.com

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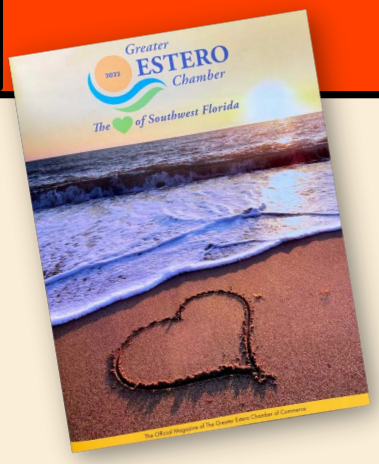

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Lake Michigan Credit Union
Estero Historical Society Cottage
Wallgreens
Lab Corp,
Total Wine
Estero Library

ESTERO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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