



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

# Newsletter

## August 2022



We have been closed for a few weeks doing much needed work on our handicap ramp. Unfortunately, the supports were to the point of complete disrepair and needed to be demolished. Our volunteers, headed by board members Mark Novitski, George Zalucki and Roslyn Gula, have worked tirelessly to carefully save the composite material, but the warping, from it resting on the ground, leaves us with no options. Our local Lowe's has offered materials and Mike Greenwell's construction company will be reviewing the replacement project. Mike has a relationship with Lowe's. Thanks

to former Estero Mayor Bill Ribble for this connection. We will keep you all posted on this project.

We were the host, a couple of weeks ago, to the other local historical societies around the area for coffee and croissants. It was a wonderful time to exchange ideas and make a bond. We will be meeting occasionally going forward. Thank you to docent Peg Bennington, and board member Roslyn Gula for arranging the gathering.

Lastly, please put November 16th on your calendar. We are bringing back the Turkey Dinner (only at noon) at Country Creek. We know this has been missed with COVID and all. We'll get more information to you about the event soon

We appreciate you and your support,

**Gail Langner**  
**EHS Board President**



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# THANK YOU!

- Thank you former Mayor Bill Ribble for his understanding of the importance of our efforts in rebuilding the ramp to the deck and helping us find a contractor to work with.

- A very special thank you to all of our very hardworking and dedicated volunteers, your hard work and dedication is so very much appreciated.

- Thank you to the Bonita Historical Historical Society for their very generous grant in the amount of \$1,200

- Thank you to our local Lowes store for their very generous donation for all our needed materials!

- Thanks to the Estero Community Park Maintenance Staff for removing the rotted deck boards and other debris from the ramp to the deck repair.

- A very special thank you to the Bay Water Boat Club for their generous grant to the Estero Historical Society in the amount of \$1,000!

- Thank you to the Estero Forever Foundation for their very generous \$3,000 donation.



## SAVE THE DATE! November 16th

Please save the date of November 16th on your calendars! We are bringing back our Turkey Dinner (only at noon) at Country Creek. We know this has been a greatly missed EHS tradition. We'll get more information to you about this event in the coming weeks so be on the lookout!

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



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



For more information or To join visit:

[www.esterohistoricalsociety.com/membership](http://www.esterohistoricalsociety.com/membership)



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## Eagle Scout project to build a "2 Holer" Outhouse

Eagle Scout candidate Lincoln Conner Monroe has proposed to build a historic two-hole outhouse for his Eagle Scout Service Project. Conner's project will be the construction of a Lifesize, two-hole replica outhouse in the early 1900s style. It will be built with a combination of reclaimed pallet wood and pressure-treated lumber. The outhouse will include half doors, which are not historically accurate but will allow visitors to view the interior of the outhouse while prohibiting entry. This model will accompany an already constructed schoolhouse in the same style. This

schoolhouse is historically accurate and contains a variety of museum quality artifacts. This schoolhouse, in conjunction with the outhouse, allows for a more complete experience. The Outhouse will be anchored to concrete columns, 12' off the ground with termite shields. The columns will be bolted to the pressure-treated 4x4s and 4x6s. Reclaimed pallet wood will be used for the siding, floor, etc with an aluminum roof. Once completed the outhouse will be finished with whitewashing on the exterior and sealed. The location will be approximately 10 feet off the NW corner of the deck nearest the Schoolhouse.

The Estero Historical Society runs tours of the schoolhouse for children demonstrating what education was like in the early 20th century. This project will enrich that experience and provide important context to their education today. To truly understand history, it is best to come as close to experiencing it as possible.

The last signatures were secured in July 2022 and the proposal will be submitted to the BSA District Advancement Chair for approval. Construction is expected to start in September 2022 and be completed before Thanksgiving 2022.



### *Did You Know?*

**1894 — Cyrus Teed leads the Koreshan Unity to their "New Jerusalem" in Estero.** Damkohler gave Teed all of his 300 acres, where the Koreshans built a bakery, printing house, the "World College of Life," a general store, concrete works and a power plant. The community was at its peak in 1903–1908 with more than 250 residents. Membership declined following Teed's death in 1908.



*Cyrus Teed with the Koreshan exhibit at 1901's Pan American Exposition in New York.*





# Our EHS reading of the Declaration of Independence On July 2nd Was A Huge Success!!

## Traditional Independence Day Celebration at Estero Historical Society

The EHS hosted the 2022 reading of the Declaration of Independence which was held on Saturday, July 2, at the Estero Historical Society Museum. The reading has become a EHS tradition, and local historian Jacob Winge, dressed in authentic 18th-century period costume and read the declaration. Gary Israel sang the National Anthem, and the Estero Fire Rescue team raised a giant flag. Watermelon was served picnic-style for all attendees following the ceremony.



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## Pardon Our Dust - Construction Zone



### PLEASE MAKE NOTE:

*Unfortunately it is necessary to do extensive repairs on both of our buildings, so we find we will need to close for the month of August. If we see the repairs do not take the entire month, we'll be certain to let you know we have reopened. If you have not seen our buildings, exhibits or gift shop, please try to drop in as soon as we have reopened.. Keeping up buildings built in 1906 is forever ongoing.*

The work started on the Estero Historical Society Deck and Ramp repair in early July. There is significantly more damage than we suspected, which means more costs than originally estimated!

The EHS Board is very excited to let you know that we have received several donations to help cover the costs for our construction needs.



We have received a \$1,200 commitment from the Bonita Historical Team, a \$3,000 grant from the Estero Forever Foundation and a very generous donation from Lowes for all our materials.

We have also received a \$1,000 grant from the Baywater Boat Club Fund, a fund of Collaboratory, located in Ft. Myers, that will help in this major deck and ramp repair.



## Surprise Visitor!

During one of our construction work days, our workers were greeted by a very unexpected and colorful guest! A Scarlet King Snake or Scarlet Milksnake. Remember, all snakes are not bad and they all serve a purpose. The Scarlet King Snake is usually 14 to 20 inches in total length with alternating red, black, and yellow stripes. Often these snakes are confused for the venomous Coral Snake. If you encounter one of these fellows, always remember the old rhyme that we learned as children; ***Red Touches Black, Safe For Jack, Red Touches Yellow, Kills A Fellow.***





# Travel Lens



Jennifer

Aug 4, 2022 • 10 min read

## 15 Best Things To Do in Estero, FL

**Congratulations to the Estero Historical Society! Did you know that we are now listed in the Travel Lens as one of the 15 best things to do in Estero, FL.? Best of all, we were listed as #2 out of 15!!**

**To see the complete article visit:**

<https://www.travellens.co/best-things-to-do-in-estero-fl/>



### Estero Forever partners with the Village

**Working together for the community**

The Estero Forever Foundation has entered into a partnership agreement with the Village of Estero to benefit our community.

This partnership involves utilizing a recently acquired Village asset to raise funds for the Estero Forever Foundation and our mission of Forever Building a Stronger Community.

The Golf Coast Driving Range property located at 9000 Williams Road was purchased by the Village of Estero to be re-developed for the benefit of the community.

**To see the complete article visit:**

<https://www.esteroforeverfoundation.org/news>



### *August EHS Board Meeting:*

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

**Volunteers DO NOT  
necessarily  
have the time;  
They Have The HEART**



## Out & About



### ***Upcoming Happenings in the Estero Park and Center:***

*9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd., Estero FL 33928*

### **Estero Park and Recreation Center:**

**Please Visit**

**<https://www.leegov.com/parks/Pages/FacilitySP.aspx?UrlSuffix=estero>**

### ***Clear the Shelters runs August 1 – 31 to help find loving homes for pets***



The eighth annual Clear The Shelters campaign to help shelters and rescues across the nation with their critical work of finding loving homes for the animals under their care, and inviting communities to donate funds to support their work,” said Valari Staab, Chairman of NBC Universal Local. “Clear The Shelters is a community-driven effort that counts on the support of so many, including our employees, shelter partners, our affiliate stations and our national sponsors, and thanks to them the campaign has become an important event.”

For more information on Clear The Shelters, including participating animal shelters and rescues, along with details on local events, visit [ClearTheShelters.com](http://ClearTheShelters.com) and the Spanish-language site [DesocuparlosAlbergues.com](http://DesocuparlosAlbergues.com).

**Estero**  
Life Magazine

**For detailed information on these and other events in our area please visit:**

**<https://esterolifemagazine.com/events/list/>**

- Bird Patrol Nature Walk - August 6th 8am to 9am
- Edison & Ford Winter Estates Piano Performances
  - August 10th 9:30am to 10:30am
- Pet Adoption Day at Miromar Outlets
- Garden Talk: Mangolicious - August 13th at 10am
- Kindness Club - August 15th 3:30pm to 4:30pm
- Gulf Coast Symphony: Symphonic Rocks - August 20th at 7:30pm
- Edison & Ford Winter Estates Piano Performances
  - August 24th 9:30am to 10:30am





**For detailed information on these and other events please visit:**

[\*https://www.bonitaesteromagazine.com/calendar\*](https://www.bonitaesteromagazine.com/calendar)

- Meditative Yoga & Yoga Nidra - Weekly on Tuesdays
  - Time: 3:30pm (Through Dec 27th)
- Step Into History Presentations - Weekly on Tuesday & Thursday - 11am - 12:00pm (through 9/6/2022)
- Guided Walk Thursdays at Crew Flint Pen Strand
  - Weekly on Thursday 9:00am - 11:30 (Through 9/29/2022)
- Koreshan State Park Farmer's Market - Weekly on Sunday's
  - 8:00am - 1:00pm (through 12/18/2022)
- Dierks Bentley "Beers On Me Tour" - August 18th 7pm
  - Hertz Arena
- Battle of the Wines! France Vs. Italy - August 25th
  - 5:30pm at Vichino's Cafe & Wine Bar



**For detailed information on these and other events please visit:**

[\*https://business.esterochamber.org/communication/viewemail/2896\*](https://business.esterochamber.org/communication/viewemail/2896)

- Food for Thought Focusing on Local Non-Profit Organizations
- Live After Five with Florida Everblades
- Breakfast Club at Florida Blue
- Member Orientation Luncheon
- Annual Golf Tournament 2022 at West Bay Club
- Food for Thought with SCORE - Challenges Small Businesses Face
- Leadership Estero
- Breakfast Club November
- Alive After Five - Frauds, Scams and Identity Theft

## FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

### Art Gallery Exhibitions

**For up-to-date event information please visit:**  
**FGCU.EDU/ARTGALLERIES**

### Art & Design Special Events

**For up-to-date event information please visit:**  
**FGCU.EDU/ARTEVENTS**

### Music / Nisita Concert Series and Music Special Events

**For up-to-date event information please visit:**  
**FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS**

### Student Ensemble Concert Series

**For up-to-date event information please visit:**  
**FGCU.EDU/CONCERTS**

### Theatre Performances

**For up-to-date event information please visit: FGCU.EDU/THEATRELAB**



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## Become a Proud Business Sponsor!

If your company would like to become a business sponsor of the Estero Historical Society, come by the cottage located at 9285 Corkscrew Palms Blvd. Estero, FL 33928 on Saturdays between 1pm to 3:30pm, email [esterohistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:esterohistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

or join online at:

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



## 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](mailto:EsteroHistoricalSociety@gmail.com)

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### Greater Estero Chamber Magazine

This is a must have for local events, businesses and information, grab your copy today at one of the locations listed below:

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Estero Historical Society Cottage

Wallgreens  
Lab Corp,  
Total Wine  
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