



THE MIHS NEWS

Fall, 2012

Marco Island Historical Society
Established May 17, 1994

New Exhibit Opens October 2



Muffy Clark Gill stands with her Batik/Painting

In 1990, Muffy Clark Gill became interested in Florida's historic Seminole and Miccosukee tribes, specifically from the period dating from the 1890's to the 1990's. She researched and collected historical documents, photographs, newspaper clippings, postcards, and oral histories of the life and work of these early Florida settlers.

Informed by this accumulated wealth of intriguing historic data, and specifically the stories behind the imagers, Muffy Clark Gill began the "Florida Indian Tribes" series of paintings, exploring easy ways to give

the viewer a fresh historical perspective of an Indian tribe which continues to inhabit and impact south Florida, preserving and interpreting in a new way, an important part of its local history.

"The 20th Century Seminole Experience: Painting from the Florida Indian Tribes Series" opens at the MIHS Museum, October 2, 2012 and runs to December 27, 2012.

Lisa Massimo, Museum Manager

**Museum Hours:
Tuesday - Saturday
9-4**

Marco Moment: In 1923, Tommie Barfield appeared before legislators on May 8 to speak on behalf of Bill 305 to create Collier County. She is credited with passage of the bill.

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Our summer has been very busy - we continue to work behind the scenes to add "life" casts to our Calusa exhibit, and finalize plans for the Gallery.

You should see a new and improved website soon. Our archeological dig has uncovered many interesting artifacts, and plans for next year's programs are nearly complete.

All of these things would not be possible without the outstanding dedication from our volunteers, but there is much work to be done and our list of volunteers is not growing as fast as our needs. That is why I am using this opportunity to ask each and every one of you to think about how you can help us succeed. I know there is a wealth of talent among you and the time commitment would not be too burdensome.

Here is what we need:

Additional Members - please share our mission with friends and family and ask them to become a member. Membership is important for us to bring informative and enjoyable programs to you our members and our community.

Archeological Dig Support

Administrative Support

Board Members

Children's Program Committee Members

Data Entry Personnel

Docents

Hospitality

On-line Store Coordinator

Photographers

Proof reader for MIHS Cookbook

Public Relations Committee Members

Set-up Committee for RHA

Special Event Committee

Store Associates

Society Ambassadors

More information for each of these volunteer positions is available. If you can help for even 1 or 2 hours a week, please send me an e-mail at: themih@aol.com and let me know how you would like to help.

You could even do some of these jobs at home!
Kathy Misaco



Bob DeGross and Keith Pershing, August, 2012
Speakers: "The Tamiami Trail" and the Restoration of our Model T Ford Truck



Keith Pershing accepting recognition certificate

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Gene Erjavec at work!

HELP WANTED!!

The work on our Archeological dig continues. We will need a large group of volunteers at the end of October and beginning of November. We hope the contractors will let us know about 2 weeks prior to when we can begin the next part of the "dig".

We will need many volunteers willing to work in the field actually sifting through the dirt looking for artifacts. Please send an e-mail to themih@aol.com or call MIHS at 389-6447 if you are willing to work in the field and are available the end of October through the beginning of November.

Thank you, Gene and Joe



"The Tamiami Trail" exhibit presented by the Miami Art Quilters, July, 2012

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News from the Rose History Auditorium

We've got a busy season ahead with wedding receptions, anniversaries, plays by the Island Theater Company, (formerly Island Players), and lots of great MIHS and Museum events. Please view our calendar at www.themihs.org for a complete listing. If you have a special occasion to celebrate or belong to a club or organization, why not consider utilizing our beautifully appointed multi-purpose venue. We offer special rates for multiple use rentals or educational events. So, please, give me a call. We would love to host your event at the Rose History Auditorium.

Lori Wagon 239-784-6541

Sample Cover from Vintage Marco Island placemat:



Sample View of the tabbed divider pages with Historical Photos



Coming Soon to Museum Gift Store

Our "recipe collection: is under way and we want to thank everyone who has contributed to make this a very special, not "run of the mill" recipe book. Thanks to our membership, our Island Chefs who have submitted gourmet delights "a la Marco", and the committee who are diligently at work on it.

Chair, Mel Sottong, has been compiling all the entries and her efforts are monumental to say the least.

Nancy Garrison has worked her magic with graphic design and searched out all manner of amazing images, including the cover which is an old placemat of Marco. Craig Woodward ices the cake with his search for old "cracker" recipes, authentic photographs, and the historical background to go along with them. So, the combined total of all these efforts, is going to be...well, a treasure of great eats and history in the making.

Be Sure to Visit Us
at Our Website:
themih.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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October 2, 2012 - Ron McCarty, "The Legacy of John Ringling, Ca'D Zan, and His Passion for Art".

October 12, 2012 - Field Trip, Ringling Circus Museum, Ca'd Zan, Home of John and Mable Ringling, and Their Art Museum, International Art Exhibit at Ringling Estate.

November 6, 2012 - Janina Birtola, "Ida Tarbell, Author/Journalist. A leading 'Muckraker' who brought the Standard Oil Company to task."

December 4, 2012 - Annual Christmas Celebration, Bistro Soleil, 11:30 am - 1 PM

January 8, 2013 - Rick Smith, "A Land Remembered"

February 4, 2013 - 10:30 am, Debbie and Marty Roddy, "Tigertail Muck About" with lecture, lunch and tour of Tigertail

February 5, 2013 - Dr. J. Michael Francis, "La Florida Before Jamestown"

March 5, 2013 - Carlton Ward, "Exploring the Florida Wildlife Corridor"

Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Rose History Auditorium, unless noted, and are open to the public.

Watch for EXCITING details.

"VIVA LA MARCO"

In conjunction with the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Florida, we will be holding a cocktail party extravaganza on Saturday, March 2, 2013 that is sure to be a sell out event. Be sure to save this date on your calendar. Live entertainment, Florida style hor d'oeuvres from our island chefs and much more to be announced. We'll keep you posted!



Visitors at opening of "Everglades Photography" by Don McDonald. September, 2012

New Website!!!!

We will be debuting our new website sometime this season and with it comes many opportunities to showcase our Museum Gift Store and Rose History Auditorium. It also will extend the importance of the legacy and work of the MIHS and our amazing Museum. One such opportunity is an "on line" store which will further enhance our offerings. We are in need of someone to manage this venture. If you are interested, please email me at LoriMihs1@aol.com or call 389-6447.

Please Help Finish the Mural!



It is a sad day on Marco when you look at the beautiful museum mural and see the empty space in the middle of it. That is the space for 112 tiles yet to be sold. We sold 608 tiles since 2009 but we haven't been able to say, "We are done!"

As soon as we are done, all of the names of people who have purchased a tile or received a tile as a gift will be listed on a plaque next to the mural. That is when you can bring your friends and family (especially the grandkids) to the museum and say, "See your name on that plaque-you helped build this museum!"

Each tile costs \$100 and you can purchase as many as you would like. Please fill out the form below and purchase a tile today. Thank you.

YES! I want to help complete the
Marco Island Historical Museum Mural!

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of tiles: _____ Total amount due: \$ _____

If this tile is a gift, include recipient's name and address here: _____

Make checks payable to MIHS.

Mail to PO Box 2282 Marco Island, FL 34146 or drop it off at the store.

Welcome.....
and Thank you to our NEW MEMBERS

Michael and Geraldine Richards
Joyce Pastore
Curtis and Diane Bostick
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John and Dianne Kernan
Kathy Patynski
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News From the Museum Volunteers

June, July, and August we had nearly 2000 visitors. They come because of the unique style of our buildings, to learn more about the mound Indians "the Calusa", to view the great "Miami Art Quilts", and the Don McDonald Everglades photography. We've had visitors from as far away as Dubai and 30 guests from Shell Point Village in Ft. Myers. We had 3 new volunteers in August and 10 more in September thanks to Kathy Miracco's email "blast". AMAZING!! Soon we'll need 2 volunteers each 3 hours. Just come in and check the calendar for days that fit into your schedule. You will need some training. Let me know when you can come in!

I would like to send a special thank you to the following Docents who generously gave of their time during the summer months. You are truly appreciated!
Susan Block, Karen Brieger, John Briggs, Bette Davison, Harold Gaertner, Sharon Irwin, Polly Lally, Bill Lange, Connie Maurice, Elaine Michaelis, Helmut and Hildie Nickel, Marion Nicolay, Joyce Pastore, Bob Prestly, Kate Radtke, Pat Raney, Louise Russell, Joan Scherer, and Debbie Silvestri

Thank you! Thank you, to our very special group of volunteers.
Louise Russell 394-1960



MIHS VISITS UNIQUE "CORAL CASTLE"

On Friday, July 13th, a lucky day for us, a group of 26 from the MIHS, gathered together to tour a scientific phenomena known as the "Coral Castle" in Homestead, Florida.

We wanted to explore and try to understand how a man, 5 feet tall, weighing 100 pounds, could lift tons of coral out of the ground, single handedly without power tools or electricity, and create an open floor plan home.

The tiny man with the dark piercing, knowing eyes, Edward filled with an overwhelming hopeful love for his "sweet sixteen", who rejected him, built a coral castle home as a tribute that they could have shared.

Gee, some men just by flowers! How could he move, carve, and create furniture for every room and a nine-ton gate so perfectly balanced it swings open with the touch of a finger? The futuristic lounge boy, comfortable chairs, were placed so that the sun was always at his back for reading. Ed did share with some people that he did know the secret of how the pyramids were built!

The next stop, Shivers BBQ restaurant for lunch. It was a needed relief to sit in air conditioning, fill up with great food, and have fun with the waitresses who were caring and helpful. A must stop!

Then off to RF Orchid farm, a magical, fairy land of gardens with benches to sit and ponder the beauty, green houses filled with hundreds of new species of orchids and a charming gift shop.

We were even served papaya ice tea.

It was a wonderful day filled with new adventures, a new restaurant, and meeting new Marco friends.

Submitted by BJ Henning

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Museum Store News!

Muffy Clark Gill will be exhibiting in our traveling gallery through November and her amazing art work has inspired us with many applications utilizing her images. You will find lots of Unique gift items for the holidays and some you won't be able to resist treating yourself to. Wearable artwork t-shirts, clutch purses, mug/coaster sets, memo pads, tiles, mouse pads...the list goes on and on.

Muffy also did an incredible adaptation of the Key Marco Cat for our 2012 collectible Christmas ornament that will indeed be a keepsake. She also produced tiles and framed artwork of our venerable Cat that are part of her collection for sale in the Museum Gift Store. So, come on in....we have a great selection and team of volunteers ready to assist you!

Speaking of volunteers, the Museum Store door stayed open this summer due to a small group of dedicated and faithful individuals that deserve our sincere and grateful thanks...and a round of applause! Let's hear it for: Claire Baumler, Karen Brieger, Jill Dizio, Nancy Garrison, Patty Hamway, Lorna Harris, Patti Hornsby, Mike Levine, Pat Rutledge, and Mel Sottong.

Also of note are the volunteers that sometimes go unnoticed because they are behind the scenes taking care of business. Sam Miloro comes to mind as he single handedly took care of the Rose History Auditorium set-ups this summer. Good exercise, he might say, but we say, Thank You, Sam!

We also have a new coordinator for the RHA set-up crew. Please welcome Pat Rutledge who is now a full time islander along with her husband Ron. She will also be reaching out to the community as an ad hoc "volunteer ambassador", in order to bring in new volunteers to all areas of the MIHS. Welcome aboard, Pat!

June and Bob Bridges kept us going this summer with tasty treats in the RHA and receptions in the Museum. Lots of TLC goes into her presentations of both food and decor. A wonderful duo who give lots of time and energy in making us shine!

Karen Brieger wears many hats plus a big smile. She's a docent, she works in the store, and she wields a mean cork screw during receptions as a bartender - versatility personified and much appreciated.

And finally, I would like to thank Lisa Marciano, our Museum manager, who is always willing and very able to assist us in all areas of our operations. We are fortunate to have her among us!

It's a good feeling to give credit to deserving individuals, so please join me in showing your appreciation to all the above volunteers and the many other that give so much!

Leir Wager

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Notes from the Editor!

Summer is gone....hurricane season is just about over and the best news, "Isaac" missed us! Once again, the Calusa saved us from the ravages of a terrible story. Meanwhile, all has been active and very busy with changing exhibits, making preparations for the upcoming "Season", and planning for the 500th anniversary of Florida. Jump In!! There is never a dull moment for MIHS.

Mary Helen Masters



"Ghost Orchid", photo by Don McDonald



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