



COLLIER COUNTY MUSEUM

Guide to VIVA FLORIDA 500

In 2013, Florida commemorates the 500-year anniversary of Ponce de Leon's journey of discovery and the first recorded landing of European explorers on the North American mainland. Although Florida's cultural history dates back more than 12,000 years, to the Native American groups that were its first discoverers, Spain's claim to La Florida in 1513 was a milestone that began a new chapter in our state's unique history. We invite you to explore and experience the rich heritage and cultures of Southwest Florida through a year-long offering of special exhibitions, programs, demonstrations and events at each of the Collier County Museums.



JANUARY

Immokalee Pioneer Museum

January 2 – July 26

Exhibition: Five Centuries of Tradition: Florida Cattle Ranching

Florida has the longest history of cattle ranching of any state in the nation. Learn how cattle first arrived in Florida with Spanish explorers and colonists in the 1500s and discover the cultural and economic importance of ranching to both the state, and those who raise cattle for a living. *Free.*

Marco Island Historical Museum

January 2 – July 26

Exhibition: New World: Lost World

Explore the Native American cultures that existed in Southwest Florida centuries before Columbus made his celebrated voyage to the North American Continent. Exhibits and artifacts examine everyday life in a typical Calusa village and trace the history of this powerful and complex Native American civilization from its hunter-gatherer origins to its eventual disappearance in the late 1700s. *Free.*

Marco Island Historical Museum

January 2 – March 30

Exhibition: Florida's Got the Blues

Celebrate Florida's long musical tradition and learn how a surprising number of notable blues artists got their start right here in Florida. Featured topics include Early Blues, Florida Women and the Blues, Blues Clubs, Depression Blues, Popular Music and Contemporary Blues. A fun and informative exhibit on loan from the Museum of Florida History. There will be an opening reception January 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 642-1440. *Free.*

Naples Depot Museum

January 4 – February 27

Exhibition: "Collier County, Where the Sawgrass Meets the Sky"

Enjoy the historic Naples pier, a memorable sunset over the Gulf of Mexico, local wildlife, and the simple pleasures of living in Naples through the lens of photographer Dennis Axer. There will be a reception to meet the artist on January 12, from 4 – 7 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 262-6525.

Naples Depot Museum

January 7

Book Signing: "My Journey as a Painter" by Paul Arsenault

Local artist Paul Arsenault will be on hand to sign copies and discuss his new book "*My Journey as a Painter*", which details his growth and passion for painting. Copies of his book will be available for purchase. The book signing will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, please call (239) 262-6525.

Museum of the Everglades

January 7 – February 1

Exhibition: "Of Shining Water" by Megan Kissinger

Megan Kissinger is a native of Southwest Florida. Her main interest lies in forms, textures and rhythms of living things. Her paintings illustrate the beauty and the connectedness that she sees in every aspect of the natural universe. There will be a reception January 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades. For more information, please call (239) 695-0008

Collier County Museum

January 8

Event: Viva Florida 500 Opening Ceremony

Proclamations and a special flag presentation to the Collier County Board of County Commissioners with the General Consuls of Spain, France and Great Britain, the three European powers that once claimed and governed Florida.

Collier County Museum
January 8

Event: Viva Florida 500 Dinner

Opening day dinner at the Port Royal Club hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution Big Cypress Chapter. Keynote speakers are the General Consuls of Spain, France and Great Britain, as well as a historical play and costumed reenactors in the role of Ponce de Leon, Jean Ribault, the Calusas and other characters from Florida's colorful past. The event benefits the *Viva Florida 500 Education Project* at the Collier County Museum. *Reservations required.* Call: 239-252-8476.

Collier County Museum
January 9

Program: Ancient Lives: Native American and Spanish Contact Period

Over 13,000 years ago, Florida was twice the size it is today. Hermann Trappman and Elizabeth Neily will take you on a miraculous journey through time to visit those ancient Native Americans and discuss what happened to them as they faced their European Conquerors. The presentation will begin at 2 pm in the lecture hall of the Collier County Museum. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Collier County Museum
January 9– June 28

Exhibition: Obscured by Time: The Magic of Florida

Artist Hermann Trappman offers a glimpse of early Florida, its unique geography, wildlife and native peoples, just prior to and after the first contact with European explorers in 1513. Trappman's work explores the everyday life of Florida's first inhabitants and is based on actual artifacts, fossil remains and other archaeological evidence found in Florida. Exhibit on loan from the Neily Trappman Studio. *Free.*

Collier County Museum
January 16

Guest Lecturer: Paradise for Sale: Florida's Booms and Busts

Once marketed as the happiest place on earth, Florida experienced a brief and dizzying economic boom in the mid-1920s as promoters, real estate developers and con artists became overnight millionaires by creating luxury seaside resorts, elegant country clubs, and imaginary communities in mosquito-ridden swamps. Dr. Nick Wynne, the former executive director of the Florida Historical Society, will explain how bank failures, new federal income tax laws, and a series of destructive hurricanes turned Florida's great boom into a bust that lasted until World War II.

Marco Island Historical Museum

January 19

Guest Lecturer: *Presidents in Florida: How the Presidents Have Shaped Florida and How Florida Has Influenced the Presidents*

U.S. Presidents have played a major role in shaping Florida, whether waging wars, protecting the environment, seeking votes, or just drawing media attention to the state's attractions. UCF Professor of History, Dr. James Clark, examines the role of the President in shaping the development of Florida, and how Florida has become a critical state in the election of our Presidents. Presentation will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 642-1440.

Collier County Museum

January 23

**Program: *Minute Mysteries: Weird and Wonderful Archaeology*
Barron Collier: The Man that Made Collier County**

A self-made millionaire by the age of 26, Barron Collier invested much of his personal fortune into the development of Southwest Florida. Learn more about Collier County's namesake, his life and why he made such an impact in the region. Program will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Marco Island Historical Museum

January 26

Event: *Pirate Day on Marco!*

Marauding pirates were a constant headache for Spanish sea captains during the 1600s, and tall tales of swashbucklers and buried treasure abound in Southwest Florida to this day. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon on the high seas if ye dare. Pirate-themed arts and crafts, a costume contest, face painting, pirate songs, a treasure hunt, and real pirate stories, as told by local authors Jim and Sarah Kaserman, will make this a friendly adventure into Florida's past for the whole family. We start at noon matey and batten down the hatches at 4:00 p.m. *Free.*

FEBRUARY

Naples Depot Museum

February 2

Event: *Night at the Depot*

Experience a one of a kind event as exhibits come alive at the Naples Depot to interact with visitors. Actors from the Historically Speaking Theater Company will portray colorful characters from Collier County's history and come to life right before our visitor's eyes. Characters will include: Naples Depot Station Master, Seminole Indian, surveyor, mechanic portraying Swamp Buggy inventor Ed Frank, Swamp Buggy Queen, early Naples tourists and WWII Airman. All ages are welcome. Refreshments will be served. This event will be held at the Naples Depot Museum from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, please call (239) 262-6525

Museum of the Everglades

February 4 – March 4

Exhibition: **“Unspoiled Florida” by Paul Marcellini**

Since picking up a camera in 2005, Paul Marcellini has won numerous awards for his wildlife photography of the Everglades. Braving mosquitoes, snakes, and alligators, he searches for the unspoiled scenes of Wild Florida. Paul has been very fortunate to see and capture the many wild and beautiful things, translating their own unique beauty to the viewer. His works have been on display at the Miami International Airport, and Everglades National Park. A self-taught naturalist, he is constantly out to educate the public and create awareness for the vital ecosystems of South Florida. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Collier County Museum

February 6

Program: **Minute Mysteries: Weird and Wonderful Archaeology**
Pay No Attention to the Man Behind the Boat! The Archaeology of Booze and Beverages

Before supermarkets and vending machines, how did the residents of southwest Florida get their beverages? How did this all change on January 16, 1919 with the passing of the 21st amendment? Listen to the evidence archaeologists and historians have for the role Florida's maritime heritage played in keeping the good times rolling. Program will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Collier County Museum

February 8

Guest Speaker: **Enchantments: Julian Dimock's Early Photographs of Southwest Florida.**

Between 1904 and 1913, New York financiers Julian Dimock and his father, A. W. Dimock, traveled through southwest Florida taking photographs and writing stories about their adventures. When they were done, Julian Dimock had amassed nearly 2000 photographs of Florida, all on glass negatives. These photographs are an extraordinary record of Seminole Indians and other people amid southwest Florida's unique natural setting. This presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Jerald T. Milanich, emeritus professor at the University of Florida, is a contributing editor for *Archaeology* magazine. He is the author of more than twenty books describing the Indian societies of the Americas and their interactions with Europeans during the colonial and post-colonial periods, including: ***Laboring in the Fields of the Lord—Spanish Missions and Southeastern Indians; Florida's Indians From Ancient Times to the Present; Florida Indians and the Invasion from Europe; and Archaeology of Precolumbian Florida.***

Collier County Museum

February 13

Guest Lecturer: **Weird Florida by Charlie Carlson**

Ah, Florida - sun, surf, sand, South Beach, and senior citizens. That's about it, right? Well, who better to chronicle this state's fabled places, roadside wonders, bizarre beasts, and downright peculiar people

than Charlie Carlson, a tenth-generation Floridian. Mosquito netting in place and notepad in hand, Charlie has waddled through swamps, trekked the lesser-traveled roads, and visited the weirder destinations of our country's only peninsula state. Whether it's the Skunk Ape, the Devil's Chair of Cassadaga, or the She-Man of the Caloosahatchee River, Charlie presents it here for you, our fellow admirers of the weird. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Collier County Museum

February 16

*Program: **Black History Read-In***

A Moroccan guide, Esteban De Dorantes, was one of the first enslaved Africans to explore Florida during the disastrous Narvaez expedition in 1528. Since that time, African Americans have played a significant and vibrant role in Florida's history, culture and development. Join us as we recall their achievements and contributions and celebrate Black History Month with selected readings from famous African American writers, poets, artists, soldiers, inventors and statesmen. Our program begins at 1:00 p.m. *Free.*

Museum of the Everglades

February 19 - 23

*Event: **9th Annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival***

Immerse yourself in South Florida's amazing *River of Grass* with this four-day offering of scientific talks and pioneer stories, photography displays and workshops, nature walks, canoe trips, and guided tours of the Everglades, Ten Thousand Islands, Big Cypress Swamp, Fakahatchee Strand, and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge. Sponsored by our Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, the annual festival honors the remarkable life of environmental pioneer, author and champion of the Everglades, Marjory Stoneman Douglas. *Reservations and fees for opening luncheon and some guided tours.*

Collier County Museum

February 20

*Program: **Minute Mysteries: Weird and Wonderful Archaeology**
We Came, We Saw, We Held a 'Gator: The Archaeology of Tourism in Florida*

Tourism has long been one of Florida's most important industries. What did Floridians do in the past to attract visitors? What memories did visitors choose to make and take with them? Find out what archaeologist can learn about Florida's past through the materials of a vacation state of mind. Program will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Marco Island Historical Museum

February 23

*Program: **New World: Lost World***

Enjoy a full day of discussion and debate on the Calusa Indian civilization and discover how the world they had known for centuries was forever changed in the mid-1500s by contact with the first Spanish explorers and missionaries. Our panel of noted experts includes Dr. Jerald T. Milanich, Curator Emeritus of Archaeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History, Dr. William H. Marquardt, curator of South Florida Archaeology and Ethnography at the Florida Museum of Natural History and Director of the Randell Research Center and Brigitte van den Hove-Smith. *Free, reservations suggested.*

MARCH

Naples Depot Museum

March 1 – April 25

Exhibition: ***Spirit of the Coffee Bean: The Art of Reynier Llanes***

Enjoy the unique style of Cuban-born artist, Reynier Llanes, as he celebrates Southwest Florida's long cultural connection with Cuba and the Caribbean and recalls memories of Cuban life and the pleasant custom of gathering with family and friends to drink steaming cups of Cuban coffee. Unable to obtain watercolors and art supplies in Cuba, Llanes mastered the art of using *coladito*, or espresso coffee, as an essential and aromatic medium to create his work. Meet this innovative and talented young artist on March 1st at our opening reception. *Free.*

Museum of the Everglades

March 5 – 30

Exhibition: ***"Plein Air Fakahatchee"***

The En Plein Air of Fakahatchee is an exhibit of various artists from the Arts at Fakahatchee group. The group meets several times a year; producing a wide range of artistic work. This exhibit is a sampling of past events. They specially select scenic locations, and use a variety of artistic styles to highlight the beauty of Florida's largest state park. There will be a reception to meet the artists on March 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades. For more information, please call (239) 695-0008.

Collier County Museum

March 6

Program: ***Minute Mysteries: Weird and Wonderful Archaeology***
Play to Win: The Archaeology of Gaming and Gambling

The "good ole days" weren't all work and no play! Learn how archaeologists study gaming and gambling to understand social interaction. Who was gaming in southwest Florida and what were they playing? Program will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Collier County Museum

March 9 - 10

Event: ***25th Old Florida Festival***

Time travel back over 10,000 years of South Florida history at one of the largest and most popular living history gatherings in the state. This two-day festival features over 90 historical reenactors, craftworkers, demonstrators, folk musicians and storytellers depicting everyday life on the Southwest Florida frontier, from Calusa and Seminole Indians to World War II. This year's event includes a Spanish fort and garrison, complete with mounted Conquistadors, cannons, a missionary, displays and a Spanish colonial cooking demonstration. Sponsored by the Friends of the Collier County Museum and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. *Admission.*

Collier County Museum

March 13

Lecture/Book Signing: **The Quotable Edison: The Florida Life of Thomas Edison and the Quotable Henry Ford**

Collier County Museum will host Michele Albion, award-winning author of ***The Quotable Edison, The Florida Life of Thomas Edison and The Quotable Henry Ford***. Albion will speak about the work and words of Southwest Florida's most famous winter residents. After the discussion, books will be available for sale and signing.

Albion was curator of the Edison and Ford Winter Estates from 1992 to 1997 and formerly part of the curatorial staff at the United States Holocaust Museum. This program is free and open to the public. Lecture will take place at 2 p.m. in the Collier County Museum's Lecture Hall. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Naples Depot Museum

March 16

Event: **Naples Depot Antique Auto Show**

For all its railroad glory, the Naples Depot is also home to one of the area's largest and most impressive antique auto shows. Considered essential viewing for collectors and classic car buffs, the displays feature over 100 rare and beautifully restored automobiles with examples dating back to the early 1900s. Now in its 25th year, this popular event is hosted by the Naples-Marco Island Region of the Automobile Club of America. *Donation requested.*

Collier County Museum

March 16

Guest Lecturer: **La Guayabera**

Discover the surprising story behind the *guayabera*, the immaculate white, long-sleeved shirt of the Cuban peasant that eventually found its way into the world of international high fashion. Havana-born historian, and Miami-Dade College professor, Hilda Luisa Diaz-Perera, traces the shirt's humble beginnings on the banks of the Yayabo River in Oriente Province, and shows how Hispanics have exerted a subtle but steady influence on American culture. Presentation will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Collier County Museum

March 20

Program: **Minute Mysteries: Weird and Wonderful Archaeology**
The Curious Archaeology of Spanish Explorers in Florida

We've all heard the tales: Leon's ingenious discovery, Naveez's tragic expedition, De Soto's monumental trek towards across the southeast. We have old Spanish documents recounting their feats- but can their stories hold up to the archaeological facts? Come and learn about what previous field work has told us about the first Spanish visitors to Florida and how current, cutting edge archaeology is changing the story. Program will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476

Marco Island Historical Museum

March 22

Guest Lecturer: **"The Florida Dream"**

On the eve of Pearl Harbor, Florida was the least populated state in the American south. Today, it is home to over 19 million residents, a meteoric rise accompanied by revolutions in agriculture, tourism, technology and demographics. Acclaimed state historian and University of South Florida professor, Dr. Gary R. Mormino, considers the reasons why Florida's growth has surged since the end of World War II and explains how sand dunes, salt water, and the seductive prospect of a pleasant retirement in the sunshine have shaped our meaning of the Florida Dream and become a part of our national mythology.

Dr. Gary Mormino is a noted author of several Florida books, including ***Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida***, and ***The Immigrant World of Ybor City: Italians and Their Latin Neighbors in Tampa, 1885-1985***. He is currently a Professor of History at the University of South Florida, St Petersburg. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Collier County Museum

March 23

Lecture: **Mambo!**

Cuban music reflects a zeal for life, movement and color and is an important part of the story of Hispanic Florida today. A gifted expert on the history of Latin music and dance, Barbara Craddock is internationally recognized as the *Grande Dame* of Mambo and was the longtime dance partner of Cuban Pete, the most famous Mambo dancer in the world. Experience the infectious rhythm and rich emotion as this stellar performer, professional choreographer, and Latin dance consultant shares her personal history and love of the Mambo. The presentation will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Collier County Museum

March 28

Guest Lecturer: **Underwater Historian Michael Barnette**

Florida shipwreck expert, author, photographer and founder of the Association of Underwater Explorers, Michael Barnette returns to detail the newly discovered shipwreck, the whaleback steamer *City of Everett*, found 120 nautical miles north of Naples. The SS *City of Everett* was the biggest ship ever built in the Pacific Northwest when it was completed in 1894. It became the first U.S. steamship to circumnavigate the globe and travel the Suez Canal before sinking off the coast of Florida in October of 1923. This presentation will begin at 6 p.m. in the lecture hall of the Collier County Museum.

Michael Barnette is an accomplished diver, author, photographer, and founder of the Association of Underwater Explorers. He has participated in hundreds of dives in Florida waters, identifying over 30 wreck sites. In 2006 he took part in the History Channel's expedition to the *HMHS Britannic*, sister ship to the *Titanic*. Michael's books on Florida shipwrecks include ***Shipwrecks of the Sunshine State: Florida's Submerged History***, and ***Florida's Shipwrecks***. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Collier County Museum

March 30

Lecture/Demonstration: Taste of Latin America

Perhaps nowhere is the impact of Hispanic influence more visible, and delicious, than in food. Join in the cooking demonstrations and taste some delicious samples, all prepared using traditional methods and ingredients of Latinos. The fun begins at 2:00 p.m. *Free.*

APRIL

Museum of the Everglades

April 1 – June 1

Exhibition: “Barron Collier’s Path Through the Everglades – The Tamiami Trail”

Completed in 1928, the Tamiami Trail brought essential services and a new economic vitality to Florida’s last frontier. This exhibit will tell the tale of Barron G. Collier, a pioneering businessman whose vision and personal fortune were closely tied to much of Southwest Florida’s early growth and development. For more information, please call (239) 695-0008.

Marco Island Historical Museum

April 2 – June 27

Exhibition: South Florida: A Villager’s View by Tara O’Neill

The tiny island of Goodland, Florida, has been a special source of inspiration for award-winning oil-painter Tara O’Neill for many years. This exhibition relates her most intimate views, current and historic, of a working fishing village afloat with brilliant flora and a range of feathered-fauna; where old-growth trees dwarf candy-colored cottages, docks serve as driveways, and the backyard is the 10,000 islands. Join us for a free wine and cheese opening reception on April 2 from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Collier County Museum

April 3

Program: Minute Mysteries: Weird and Wonderful Archaeology
Fun for All Ages: The Archaeology of Toys

Children are often wholly absent from historical records. Toys are one great way archaeologists learn about what life was like in the past for even the littlest members of society. Learn about the interesting toys and games children played in southwest Florida’s history. Program will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476

Collier County Museum

April 4

Guest Lecturer: **Manatee Insanity: Inside the War Over Florida's Most Endangered Species**

Included on the very first endangered species list issued in 1967, these docile creatures have stirred curiosity and passions for more than a hundred years. They are Florida's most famous endangered species, as well as its most controversial. Manatees appear on hundreds of license plates, attract hordes of tourists, and expose the uneasy relationships between science and law, and between freedom and responsibility like no other animal. Author Craig Pittman, an award-winning journalist for the St. Petersburg Times, takes us into the decades-long struggle to protect the Florida manatee. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476.

Craig Pittman is a native Floridian, and writer for the *Tampa Bay Times*. He has written several books about Florida and its native habitats, including *The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal, and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid*, and *Manatee Insanity: Inside the War Over Florida's Most Famous Endangered Species*.

Collier County Museum

April 17

Program: **Minute Mysteries: Weird and Wonderful Archaeology As You Are Now, So Once Was I: Decoding Florida's Cemeteries**

Florida's cemeteries are not as quiet as one might think. Instead, these burial places are rich with hidden symbols, public proclamations, and old, sometimes odd, traditions. From public playgrounds to austere resting places to high-tech memory storage, studies of cemeteries can bring to life families, communities, and cultures long after they've left Florida far behind. . Program will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, please call (239) 252-8476

Collier County Museum

April 18

Lecture: **The Seminole Wars: America's Longest Indian Conflict**

The Seminole Wars were the longest, bloodiest, and most costly of all the Indian wars fought by this nation. Local historians, John and Mary Lou Missall, examine not only the wars that were fought between 1817 and 1858, but also the events leading up to them and their place in American history. In particular it sheds new light on the relationship between the wars, the issue of slavery, and the prevailing attitudes toward Native Americans. This presentation will take place at 6:30 p.m. *Free*.

Museum of the Everglades

April 27

Event: **Tamiami Trail 85th Anniversary**

The Tamiami Trail was no ordinary road. Finished in 1928, the narrow strip of highway cut across one of the most inaccessible and remote parts of the country and joined Florida's east and west coasts for the first time in history. Join us in celebrating the 85th anniversary of the completion of Florida's *Appian Way* with a motorcade of antique automobiles, and a full day of educational programs and activities in Everglades City, Collier County's original county seat. Noted Florida author, Jeff Klinkenberg, will be on

hand to discuss his explorations of the Everglades and the importance of the Tamiami Trail. Jeff's column on Florida culture, titled **Real Florida**, appears weekly in the *St. Petersburg Times*.

Collier County Museum

May 8

Event: Commemoration of Collier County's 90th Anniversary

Proclamation by the Collier County Board of County Commissioners marking the creation of Collier County by the Florida State Legislature in 1923 and the County's 90th anniversary.

JUNE

Naples Depot Museum

June 3 – September

Exhibition: The Art of Jessica Osceola

Guest artist and lecturer, Jessica Osceola, blends her contemporary art and sculpture with traditional Native American themes and materials to produce a special exhibition honoring Southwest Florida's Seminole Indian culture. *Free.*

Marco Island Historical Museum

June 29– August 31

Exhibition: Shorebirds of South Florida- Marie Adams

For the last twenty years Marie Adams has served as Fort Myers City Clerk. However since 2007, she spends her off hours capturing Southwest Florida's shorebirds and birds of prey in all seasons and in every light level, from dawn to dark. The photographs depict the lives of these birds in their natural environments, capturing flight and landing, mating rituals, nest building, feeding their young, seasonal plumage and more. None of the photographs have been retouched or taken with a flash. For more information, please call (239) 642-1440.

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Marco Island Historical Museum

September 3 – October 31

Exhibition: Works by Selected Hispanic Artists

Celebrate Southwest Florida's wonderfully rich and diverse cultures during National Hispanic Heritage Month with this specially-gathered collection of works by contemporary Latin artists from Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Puerto Rico. The exhibition opens with a reception for the artists, beginning at 6:00 p.m. *Free.*

Naples Depot Museum

September 28

Event: National Museum Day

Ready for an adventure? Enjoy a special day out with the family at the Naples Depot Museum, as guests of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum Day. Take a guided tour of Naples' first passenger train station, ride a miniature railroad, and join in a full day of lively, educational activities for both adults and children. *Free.*

OCTOBER

Naples Depot Museum

October 1 – December 30

Exhibition: Art by Jerry Vallez

With an historian's eye for detail and accuracy, local artist Jerry Vallez has carefully researched Naples' colorful past to bring long-vanished buildings, landmark events and scenes from the town's earliest days back to life. *Free.*



Collier County Museum

October 1 – December 30

Exhibition: The Mountains of Cuba: Photography by Clyde Butcher

Acclaimed photographer Clyde Butcher has been honored by The Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club, and by the State of Florida with the highest award that can be given to a private citizen, the Artists Hall of Fame. Although best known for his stunning photography and contributions to public awareness of the Florida Everglades, he also maintains a deep and personal commitment to preserving endangered landscapes around the world. An internationally recognized artist and environmentalist, at the invitation of the United Nations, Butcher photographed and recorded the beauty and majesty of Cuba's rain forests, waterfalls, cliffs, and natural landscapes in 2002 for the *Year of the Mountains* conference. *Free.*

NOVEMBER

Marco Island Historical Museum
November 2- December 28

*Exhibition **Hannah Ineson***

The Florida watercolors and oil paintings of Hannah Ineson were in part inspired by the poetic words of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas' 1947 book, *The Everglades, River of Grass*. Excerpts from the book accompany the paintings while on display. Like the text, the paintings are intended to evoke emotions in the viewer. Ineson paints and teaches both in Maine and Florida, and her work reflects a passionate commitment to the natural wild landscape found in these two very different environments.

Naples Depot Museum
November 11

*Event: **USO Show at the Naples Depot***

Florida's military tradition began in the 1670s as a local defense force or *milicia* while under Spanish rule. During World War II, the Naples Depot was converted into a dance hall on Saturday nights to boost the morale of the aircrews stationed at the nearby Naples Army Air Field. In honor of Veterans Day, join us for a nostalgic USO-style show at the Naples Depot, featuring the live music and memories that brought the "greatest generation" onto the dance floor. An opening ceremony and address will pay tribute to veterans from all of America's armed conflicts and begins at 11:30 a.m., immediately following the Veterans Day service in Cambier Park. *Free.*

DECEMBER

COLLIER COUNTY MUSEUM

The Museum's permanent exhibits offer a capsule history of Spain's early exploration of Southwest Florida, as well as an in-depth look at the Calusa Indian culture that thrived here centuries before Columbus sailed for the New World.

NAPLES DEPOT MUSEUM

Set in Naples' first passenger train station, the restored Naples Depot Museum takes visitors back to Florida's railroading heydays of the Roaring Twenties and tells how technology and transportation helped Naples grow from a village of 300 souls to today's glittering Gulf Coast resort.

MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES

First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry for workers building the Tamiami Trail, the museum's exhibits provide visitors with a look at over 2,000 years of human history in Southwest Florida's "River of Grass" and tells the story of those pioneer adventurers who carved out Florida's 62nd county on the edge of America's last frontier.

MARCO ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The museum's permanent exhibits feature a walk through a recreated Calusa Indian village and an extensive display of artifacts, including shell tools, ceremonial items, weapons and household utensils. Important finds from the Hamilton Cushing expedition in 1895-96 are also explained, as well as artifacts recovered from recent archaeological digs on the island.

IMMOKALEE PIONEER MUSEUM AT ROBERTS RANCH

This 15-acre living history museum offers a rare glimpse of daily life on an actual Southwest Florida pioneer homestead from the early 1900s. Displays and nineteen carefully restored original buildings tell the story of the pioneers, farmers and cattle ranchers who struggled to tame a vast wilderness on the edge of the Big Cypress Swamp.