

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bart Tracy, President

Welcome, Friends of the Englewood Archives, and thank you for your ongoing involvement and support. Our third year has been busy, with a continued focus on raising public awareness and fundraising for equipment. You may have seen articles in local publications or caught our volunteers at events.



Carol Leonard accepts a check from Sydney "Buffy" Buffum at Manasota Beach Club's 55th Anniversary

As you'll see in articles below, community members have stepped up to help us **fund essential archival equipment**. And our **Speakers Bureau** has been letting the community know about the Archives and the **need for volunteers** to help both in the Archives and with Friends' activities.

Charlotte County Libraries & History staff continue to organize the Archives, with Division Manager **Lanette Hart**, Historical Coordinator **Crystal Diff**, & Archivist **Lynn Harrell**. We were sorry to hear of County Historian **Jacqueline Brown's** retirement & would like to recognize her interest and involvement in

ensuring that Englewood's history is preserved. We will miss her, but look forward to working with her eventual replacement.

The Friends still need your help to achieve our mission. So, please read on to learn more about us and to find out how you – and *your* friends – can help with our mission.

THANKS TO OUR DONORS

As you may recall, last year, thanks to the S.E.M. Family Foundation, we donated a **specialty refrigerator** that helps **preserve delicate old photos, film, audio tapes and documents**, like this circa 1950 photo of the Englewood bridge and bait house.



(Credit: The Diana Harris Collection)

This year, our major donation is an **archival-grade, large-format scanner**, thanks to contributions from many community friends – but especially from the Dignam family's **Key Agency Charitable Fund** which helped us reach our goal. The scanner copies **documents, photos, slides and negatives** which then may be put online for public viewing.

We'd also like to **thank other donors of note**, including Carol Leonard, Diana Harris, the Rotary Club of Englewood, Alfred III and Karen Current, and John and Joan Flowers.

Mission of the FOEA

Helping to preserve the history of the greater Englewood, Florida area (South Venice through El Jobean, including the Cape Haze Peninsula).

Vision

The greater Englewood, Florida area community will use the Archives as a central repository for Englewood's public records and historical documents, which will permanently preserve our rich cultural heritage for future generations.

Purpose and Goals

To support the Englewood Archives through fundraising, education, raising public awareness and establishing broad operating policies for the Archives.

What Archives Do

Archives preserve history by carefully documenting and storing old letters, family documents, photographs, maps, newspapers, diaries, manuscripts, and other records.

The facilities that house the Archives are temperature controlled and built to withstand fire and catastrophic weather events. Donated documents can be scanned and available online.



Herb Stevens, Carol Leonard, David Dignam, Lanette Hart (Manager, Libraries & History Division, Charlotte Co.), Diana Harris and Bart Tracy show off the new scanner at the Archives.

SPONSORS MARCH 2015 - MARCH, 2016

We'd like to acknowledge and thank all our members, but particularly our **Member Sponsors**:

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LUNCHEON TEA BENEFIT

In February, the Lemon Bay Woman's Club and the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society joined us at the Tringali Center to put on a luncheon, complete with raffles, delicious food & live music by Gottfried Creek, who were sponsored by the Old Florida Outdoor Center on Dearborn Street.



Scot Shively delivers a door prize to Donna Stogsdill.

It was so much fun that we're going to do it again next year! Watch for announcements and more news. ***If your non-profit group would like to participate, please contact us for more information.***

ASK FOR SPEAKERS

Several of our Board members have been giving **presentations about the Archives** and the Friends organization, with or without PowerPoint. If you'd like a presentation for your group or organizations, we'd be happy to visit. Just ask us!

HOW TO CONTACT US

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Englewood, FL 34224-0233**

Phone: **941-870-8105** (*donated by VoiceNation*)

Website: www.friendsofEA.org

HOW CAN I HELP?

- **Become a Member** or renew your annual membership
- Become a **Sponsoring Partner** or Sustaining Member
- **Sponsor an item** on the Needs List
- **Volunteer** at the Archives
- Volunteer to **help the Friends** with membership, events, fundraising & communications
- **Ask for a speaker** for your club or event



Joe Blais, Carol Leonard and Herb Stephens at the December 2015 Winter Fine Arts Festival, Olde Englewood Village Association Booth (Photo by Diane White)

HOW TO DONATE ITEMS

The Charlotte County Libraries and History Division supports and staffs the Englewood Archives. Visit charlottecountyfl.com/historical to see collections online, which over time will include more Englewood historical documents. **To donate documents & photos or volunteer** at the Archives, contact the Charlotte County Historical Center at **941-629-PAST (7278)**.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS LIST

If you can help, the Archives still needs equipment:

- Digital camera
- Vertical file cabinet for maps

To sponsor equipment or supplies, please email info@friendsofEA.org for details.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

We have just the thing, whether you want to **help the Friends' organization**, or **help in the Archives with hands-on processing** of archival materials, or both. The Historical Center is happy to train volunteers – call **941-629-PAST (7278)**. Please note that Charlotte County policy requires volunteers assisting in the Archives to provide information for a background check.



Many thanks to volunteers such as Linda Roberts and new member Judith Timyan (pictured), who volunteers on Thursdays, helping to archive collections.

LEARN MORE! ATTEND A MEETING

The Friends Board meets four times a year, from noon to 2:00 PM (feel free to bring your lunch), although committees and work groups meet more often.

- **July 13, 2016, Noon, at Elsie Quirk Library**
- Wed October 12, 2016, Englewood Charlotte Library
- Wed December 14, 2016, Elsie Quirk Library

We invite anyone interested in helping preserve history to attend any of our meetings!

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

One of the major goals of the Friends and the County's Historical Center staff is community outreach and education. Accordingly we hope to have more programs on the Archives and other area preservation efforts such as the one below.



Crystal Diff, the Historical Coordinator for Charlotte County's Historical Center gives a presentation about Archives.

Watch for more presentations in the future!

MORE OUTREACH



Lenny & Carol Loken visit with Friends Director Joe Blais participating in National Fire Prevention Week event at the Englewood Home Depot. The display contained historic photos of the Englewood Volunteer Fire Dept.

The Friends also participated in the Winter Fine Arts Festival and have presented to or connected with numerous groups such as Rotary Clubs, the Englewood Fire Department, the Englewood Water District, the Lemon Bay Woman's Club, the Native Plant Society, the Englewood Area Historical Museum, and others. With other local historical groups, we're also members of the History & Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County.

2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sarasota County has given a well-deserved promotion to **Jennifer Perry**, and we bid her a **fond farewell** and **thank her** for all her contributions to the Englewood community. Now, we'd like to **welcome Shelly Lampp Babington**. Shelly has deep roots in the community through both the Lampp & Babington families.



Photo by John F. Bass, IV

From left to right: Joe Blais (C), Director; Carol Leonard (C), Secretary; Herb Stephens (C), Treasurer; Shelly Lampp Babington (S), Director; Nathan "Bart" Tracy (S), President; Anne Merrill (S), Vice President; Diana Harris (C), Director (C) = Charlotte County; (S) = Sarasota County

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please join the Friends of the Englewood Archives to help preserve our unique history for our residents, visitors and future generations

- \$250.00 and up – Sponsoring Partner
- \$100 per year – Sustaining member
- \$15.00 – Annual Membership
- _____ Any Other Donation

- Please contact me. I am Interested in (please circle one or all): volunteering, event planning and/or assisting in the Englewood Archives.

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OR, ***use PayPal*** at our website, ***www.friendsofea.org***.

Why support FOEA?

Your participation helps our Archives to:

- Preserve and protect irreplaceable historical records
- Provide public access to historical records
- Protect our cultural heritage which enhances our community
- Preserve your family documents related to Englewood
- Sustain and enrich our community through economic development, workforce opportunities and quality of life

Some benefits of membership in the Friends are:

- Engaging in group volunteer activities
- Learning about the preservation process
- Accessing speakers for your local organization or homeowners association
- Assisting in presentations to local organizations
- Participating in educational heritage seminars

Your contributions are tax deductible

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