



SPRING 2024

**Collier Museum
at Government Center**
3331 Tamiami Trail East
Naples, FL 34112
(239) 252-8476

TEMPORARILY CLOSED
Naples Depot Museum
1051 Fifth Avenue South
Naples, FL 34102
(239) 252-8419

**Marco Island
Historical Museum**
180 South Heathwood Drive
Marco Island, FL 34145
(239) 252-1440

**Immokalee Pioneer Museum
at Roberts Ranch**
1215 Roberts Avenue West
Immokalee, FL 34142
(239) 252-2611

Museum of the Everglades
105 West Broadway
Everglades City, FL 34139
(239) 252-5026

All museums are open
Tuesday – Saturday
9 am – 4 pm

**All Collier County Museums
offer FREE admission.**

For more information,
visit CollierMuseums.com.

Exhibits and events subject to
change.



Greetings from Museums Director:
Amanda Townsend

Hello and welcome to 2024!

The Museums are as excited as ever to share with you a new season of exhibits, lectures, programs, and events — each with a special connection to the history of our communities.

The mission of the Museum Division is to engage residents and visitors in appreciation and understanding of our communities' unique heritage and cultural development.

Notice the apostrophe on the word "communities." It's at the end, indicating the plurality of communities that make up Collier County. That's important to us. The hyper-local stories of each of our locations make our museum system — and our County — unique. That's something to celebrate, and celebrate we do!

The spring season includes most of our signature special events. We know it's a busy time, but we love to capture the presence of all our seasonal residents as well as the visitors escaping the cold north to take advantage of the gorgeous weather and share those special stories of the past. Here are just a few examples:

Miss Lillie's Green Top Social Café was the first Black woman-owned business in Naples. We're gathering stories about Lillie Williams and other Black Americans for the future Black History Baggage Car at the Naples Depot Museum. Attend Jazz on the Lawn at Paradise Coast Sports Complex February 4 to help support that project. For tickets, go to FOCCM.org

Marco Island was home to three pineapple plantations at the turn of the nineteenth century. Taste the sweetness of that at Pineapple Day February 10 at Marco Island Historical Museum.

The hardscrabble life of rounding up cattle was typical in Immokalee until fencing laws were passed in 1938. See the spectacle firsthand at the Immokalee Cattle Drive and Jamboree on March 9 at Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch.

Barron Collier's first land acquisition in the area was the Deep Lake Grapefruit Grove. Kick up your heels at the decidedly un-stuffy Grapefruit Gala at Museum of the Everglades in Everglades City on March 22.

We'd love to see you at any and all of these gatherings, or at any of our Second Tuesday or Third Thursday lectures (at Collier Museum at Government Center and Museum of the Everglades, respectively). But if group settings aren't your thing, there are always exhibits, gardens, and historic properties to explore on your own. Whichever your taste, I hope to ... see you at the Museum!



Ancestral Table

Immokalee Pioneer Museum | October 6th – January 6th

This exhibit will explore why and how food and our food based traditions are history on a plate and serve as a sign of cultural identity, particularly during the holiday season. From *Dia de los Muertos* on November 1st to Three Kings Day on January 6th, we will use food as a vehicle to explore identity in diaspora. We will explore how particular crops like corn are carriers of ancestral memories and creation stories. We can all reconnect to our ancestors, reclaim our identity, and recall heritage through food, which is especially important for the immigrant diaspora that makes up our community and country. This exhibit is an invitation to everyone to dig up old recipes and share them with others as well as explore the similarities and differences in our favorite foods and holiday traditions.



Closing Reception | January 6th | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Ebbets in the Everglades: The Unusual Story of the World-Famous Photographer You Never Heard Of

Museum of the Everglades | September 12th – January 20th

Charles C. Ebbets came to Florida in the early 1920s and quickly established himself as a pre-eminent photojournalist. Ebbets was an avid outdoorsman who had done stunts as an airplane wing-walker, a racecar driver and professional wrestler. He brought that same combination of courage and confidence to his work in South Florida — particularly the Everglades — even becoming the first to cross the not-yet-completed Tamiami Trail by car.

Ebbets made his way deep into the back country of the glades, capturing spectacular shots of rarely seen wildlife and breathtaking landscapes

for the National Park Service, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Associated Press, among others. He also worked closely with the Seminoles, documenting their culture, and befriending tribal leaders.

Ebbets' most famous photograph, "Lunch atop a Skyscraper," is a well-known portrait of construction workers perched precariously on an I-beam above New York City while they dine. The iconic photo, for which he is rarely credited, was chosen as one of TIME magazine's "100 Greatest Images."

Despite his groundbreaking body of work that includes many well-known photographs, *Ebbets in the Everglades* is the first museum exhibit dedicated solely to the work Charles C. Ebbets.

Exhibit Lecture by Ebbets' daughter, Tami Ebbets Hahn | January 18th | 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Closing Reception | January 19th | 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Out of the Sand: The Origins of Golf on Marco Island

Marco Island Historical Museum | November 14th – March 2nd

This exhibit examines more than 50 years of Marco Island golf history through historical images and objects from the Marco Island Historical Society's collection. Starting with the Mackle built Marco Island County Club (known today as the Island County Club), golf has had an interesting and glitzy history featuring major golf professionals, celebrities and at least one president. This fun and interactive exhibit features includes a three-hole "mini-course" and promises to be a hole-in-one for all ages.



Beaches, Creatures and Cowboys

FLORIDA MOVIE POSTERS



Beaches, Creatures, and Cowboys: Florida Movie Posters

Collier Museum at Government Center | December 9th – February 10th

Movie producers have been making films in Florida almost since the dawn of the industry. For a short time in the early twentieth century, Florida even rivaled California as a place for movie making. Even after most studios had gone to the West Coast, many films still included some scenes shot in Florida. Tarzan swung through the Florida jungles, swimming champion turned actress Esther Williams frolicked on the beaches, and The Creature from the Black Lagoon lurked in the state's dark and mysterious springs. This exhibit presents a selection of colorful, eye-catching posters that advertised some of Florida's most famous films from the early 1920s to the

present — part of the Museum of Florida History's permanent collection of Florida movie memorabilia. This exhibit is produced by the Museum of Florida History Traveling Exhibits Program and generously funded by Friends of the Collier County Museums.

Borrowed from Our Children:

Seventy Years of the Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

Immokalee Pioneer Museum | January 16th – April 27th

Seventy years ago, brave voices in our community spoke up to protect ancient trees from the threat of the axe and saw. Thanks to their work, today Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary protects 13,450 acres in Southwest Florida as a haven for plants, animals, and people. The Sanctuary recharges the aquifer, cleans water, and reduces risk of catastrophic wildfire while reducing algal blooms along the coastline.

It was said by John James Audubon that, “a true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children.” This photography exhibit celebrates the past 70 years of conservation and looks ahead to the next 70.



WE ARE STILL HERE: The Continuing Story of the Miccosukee Tribe

Museum of the Everglades | January 23rd – May 11th

Museum of the Everglades and Collier County Museums have collaborated with the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida to create this exhibit exploring their past, present, and future. Following the “Indian Termination Policy” enacted by Congress in 1953, a schism began to emerge between the some of the Miccosukee elders within the Seminole Tribe and its leadership. By 1962, the Miccosukee Tribe was federally recognized as a unique and separate sovereign nation. *WE ARE STILL HERE* explores that story, but also brings forth little-known facts about the Miccosukee Tribe and their continuing accomplishments. The exhibit includes images and artifacts of

shared history, cultural expressions, powerful personalities, and many other facets of this still unfolding story. The important partnership established between Collier County Museums and the Miccosukee Tribe to facilitate the exhibit is itself a new, and decidedly positive, chapter that we are honored to be part of.

Pictured is Betty Osceola as photographed by Lisette Morales.

Exhibit Reception | January 26th | 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Just Beachy: Our Most Enduring Attraction

Collier Museum at Government Center | February 20th – April 20th

A journey in sand through the hourglass of time. A vacation on a Naples beach was once as rustic a lifestyle choice as now it is a sophisticated one. As the area's culture has changed and the skyline has evolved, one thing remains true: the beaches are still a place where sea and sand come together to provide an enchantment to visitors young and old. The charm of our beaches has provided generations with unforgettable memories. This exhibit brings those memories to life with objects and photos from the collections of Collier County Museums and its institutional partners.



Daydreaming by Niki Butcher

Marco Island Historical Museum | March 12th – June 8th

Photographer Niki Butcher hand colors her black and white images. This process encourages a dreamy and nostalgic feel, especially because the images are of an older Florida that sometimes no longer exists as buildings or undeveloped locations. Niki also demonstrates some of the techniques and skills she uses to create her artwork.

Exhibit Reception | March 14th | 4:30 – 6:00 PM



Volunteer with us!

We are looking for friendly faces to join our volunteer team!
We have the following opportunities: greeter, tour guide, help with special events, gardener, grounds maintenance, and education assistant.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator
Karen Connetta for more information.

239-252-8722

or

Karen.Connetta@colliercountyfl.gov



Wilderness Wednesday Lectures

Museum of the Everglades | Wednesdays as Below | 2:00 – 3:00 PM

January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31

February 7, 14, 21, & 28

March 6, 13, 20, & 27

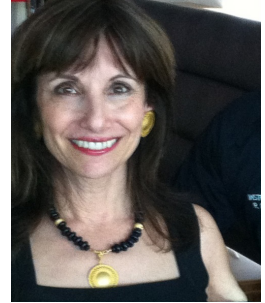
April 3, 10, & 17

Wilderness Wednesday lectures at Museum of the Everglades are a seasonal weekly program of presentations by ranger staff from the Big Cypress National Preserve and occasionally other partner organizations. Topics center around the flora and fauna unique to the Everglades and the biological diversity of the local ecosystem. Topics and presenters to be announced. Please call Museum of the Everglades at 239-252-5026 for more information or refer to CollierMuseums.com/events for updates.

Fabulous Fictional Florida by Caren Neile

Zoom | February 28 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Douglas. Rawlings. Hurston. Hemingway. These are not simply the names of iconic authors; they are the names of iconic Florida authors. This lively program invites the audience to listen to interpretive readings of passages from great Florida books, learn the life stories of their creators, and come to love Florida literature through a lively analysis of what makes these stories come to life.



This is part of the *Zoom In* Series of Florida Talks hosted by the Marco Island Historical Society and sponsored by Florida Humanities Council. To register for the zoom link please go to <https://themihis.info/upcomingzoom-2/>



Florida Women, Advice & Social Change by Kimberly Voss

Zoom | March 14 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Newspaper advice columns started as lovelorn columns during Yellow Journalism as a way of showing that newspapers had a “heart.” These columns typically ran in the women’s section of metropolitan newspapers, many in Florida, and included a mixture of content, from traditional to progressive. Learn how these columns affected Floridian women’s lives and relationships in the 1950s and 1960s in this presentation.

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Jazz on the Lawn

Paradise Coast Sports Complex | February 4 | 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Enjoy live music at the Paradise Coast Sports Complex to support the Black History Baggage Car project. The Second Annual Jazz on the Lawn will feature headlining artist Yaya Diamond & the Dream Chasers, opening artist Decyo McDuffie, and emcee Omgitswicks. Tickets start at \$45 on FOCCM.org and sponsorships are available at info@FOCCM.org.

The Black History Baggage Car at the Naples Depot will tell the stories of Black Americans whose contributions were essential to the development of Collier County in the very same neighborhood that many of Naples’ Black families have called home for over a century. Celebrate the Centennial of Collier County by supporting and preserving this important piece of local history.



SCAN FOR TICKETS

Join Collier Museum at Government Center every second Tuesday for a local history lecture.

Collier Museum at Government Center | 2:00 – 3:00 PM

***Lights! Camera! Everglades!!!* | January 9**

Did you know that county founder Barron Collier envisioned Everglades City as a filming location for major motion pictures and even had a soundstage built there? As a companion lecture to CMGC's current exhibit featuring Florida movie posters, Museum of the Everglades Manager Thomas Lockyear will explore and celebrate the handful of Hollywood films made in and around the original county seat. His talk will include the 1957 classic *Wind Across the Everglades* (the first major movie with an environmental theme), the Joe Pesci/Danny Glover comedy *Gone Fishin'*, David Carradine's moonshiner melodrama *Thunder and Lightning*, and many more. Mr. Lockyear will also share behind the scenes stories and photos collected from local residents who participated in the films, making this program a must for fans of cinematic history and local lore alike.

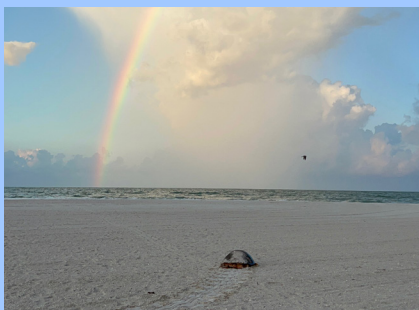


***From Concept to Reality: The Black History Baggage Car* | February 13**

Learn how the Black History Baggage Car project at the Naples Depot Museum got its roots. From a simple idea to full fledge exhibition, hear from Naples Depot Museum Manager Lisa Marciano and Museum Assistant Rebecca Coffman on the process of how they've been gathering content, where they are in the process, what the exhibit may need, and what the exhibit's future will look like.

***Women Who Shaped Collier County* | March 12**

Curator of Education Elaina Gyure will discuss some of the trailblazing women who helped make Collier County what it is today. From social changers to dedicated businesswomen to proud matriarchs, women from all walks of life have played a pivotal role in our communities.



***Sea Turtles!* | April 9**

Join Maura Kraus, Environmental Specialist for Collier County, in a special lecture about sea turtles — air-breathing reptiles that emerge from the sea and deposit their eggs on tropical and subtropical beaches around the world. Collier County has been monitoring and protecting sea turtle nests since 1989. Components involved in protecting sea turtles include monitoring nesting, beach lighting regulations, and salvage of dead and sick or injured sea turtles, as well as a public education and awareness program.

Join Museum of the Everglades every third Thursday for a local history lecture.

Museum of the Everglades | 2:00 – 3:00 PM



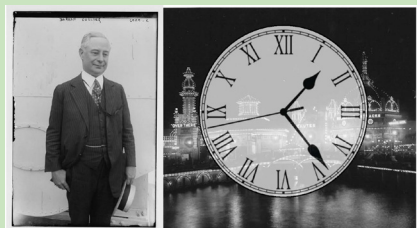
***Charles C. Ebbets: the History & Mystery Behind a Pioneer in American Photography* | January 18**

This companion lecture to the current *Ebbets in the Everglades* exhibit at Museum of the Everglades will provide a unique, behind-the-scenes look at the “world famous photographer you never heard of” and his extraordinary work. Guest speaker Tami Ebbets Hahn, Ebbets’ daughter visiting us from

North Carolina, will share personal stories about her father, his love of Florida, and his amazing life as the exhibit nears its close.

***The Miccosukee: Past, Present, & Future* | February 15**

For this companion presentation to the *WE ARE STILL HERE* exhibit, our guest speaker will be William “Popeye” Osceola, the Secretary of the Miccosukee tribal business council. An accomplished artist and former educator at the Miccosukee School, Mr. Osceola — one of the five heads of the tribal government — will share his insights on tribe’s history and culture as well as his thoughts on the new collaborative exhibit.



***Where Did He Find the Time? — Barron Collier, Visionary Businessman* | March 21**

Best-known in our region as the founder and developer of Collier County, Barron Gift Collier was a prodigious and prolific businessman in every sense of the word. In this (almost) birthday tribute, Museum Manager Thomas Lockyear will celebrate Mr. Collier’s uncanny commercial acumen and

explore some of his lesser-known ventures including bus lines, banks, newspapers, a telephone company, a chain of hotels, and even a steamship line. Also included will be a discussion of Mr. Collier’s development of the Radium Springs Spa and Resort in Georgia and Luna Park Amusement Center at Coney Island, New York.

***Paved With Good Intentions: How the Road Through the Everglades Harmed the Seminole and Miccosukee* | April 18**

While we celebrate the construction of the Tamiami Trail as a “miracle of modern engineering” that connected Florida’s coast and opened Southwest Florida to tourism, we often fail to acknowledge the reality that there were indigenous people living in the lands the road was built through. The Tamiami Trail not only displaced the native population, but it also had devastating and irreparable effects on their culture — socially, economically, and spiritually. In this talk, Museum Manager Thomas Lockyear attempts to tell “the other side of the story” and explores the concept of the Everglades as “stolen land.”





17th 4-H Livestock Show | Immokalee Pioneer Museum

Swine Show | January 18 | 7:00 PM

Steer Show | January 19 | 7:00 PM

Small Animal Show | January 20 | 7:00 PM

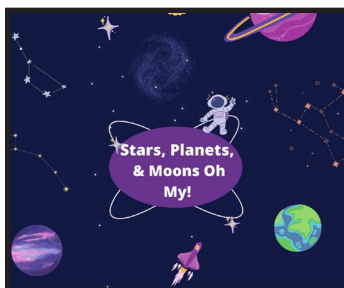
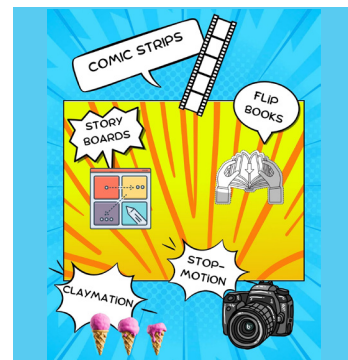
Market Animal Auction | January 20 | 7:00 PM

The Seventeenth Collier County 4-H Livestock Show will be January 18th to 20th! 4-H is a program set up by the USDA to help young people become productive citizens and learn about animal husbandry. Be sure not to miss out!

Animation Creation Family Day

Collier Museum at Government Center | January 20 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

"That's NOT all folks!" Join us as we learn about the fun and mechanics that go into making animation. From stop-motion techniques and flip-books, you'll learn the techniques behind this creative genre and even make your own storyboard. All ages welcome, but best for ages 5-12. Drop in from 10 am to 1 pm. No reservations necessary.



Out of This World Family Day

Collier Museum at Government Center | February 17 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Take a trip "out of this world" and learn about the moon, stars, and galaxies that surround us! Did you know you can understand the moon phases using an Oreo cookie?! What do you eat in outer space?? Explore infinity and beyond!

All ages welcome, but best for ages 5-12. Drop in from 10 am to 1 pm. No reservations necessary.

Calusa Coast Event Series: Family Fun Day

Marco Island Historical Museum | March 16 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Come learn more about the Calusa Indians' technology and ingenuity. We will have axe halving and a tools display. There will be a weir pond demonstration and other crafts and activities will be available. The Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) will also join us.



Archaeology Family Day

Collier Museum at Government Center | March 23 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Archaeology Rocks! Join us as we "dig in" using tools and techniques used to uncover the past in our mock archaeological dig! Learn about the layers of history hidden underneath the ground we walk on!

All ages welcome, but best for ages 5-12. Drop in from 10 am to 1 pm. No reservations necessary.

Easter on the Ranch!

Immokalee Pioneer Museum | March 23 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

How does a cowboy like his eggs on Easter morning? "Ranch style!" Join the fun at Roberts Ranch as this family-friendly event contains a time of fun activities and egg hunts for multiple age ranges! We'll be presenting this event in collaboration with Immokalee Parks and Recreation, and the Immokalee Library.



Sandcastles and Seashells Family Day

Collier Museum at Government Center | April 13 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

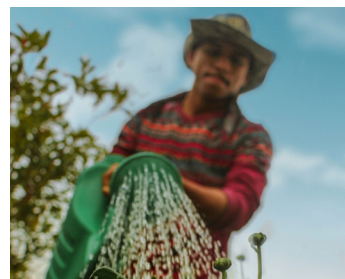
Tying in to our current exhibit *Just Beachy: Our Most Enduring Attraction*, we'll be exploring the coastal environment from sandcastles to seashells! Learn about all the critters that live on the beach from sanderlings to starfish. Make your own beach in a bottle!

All ages welcome, but best for ages 5-12. Drop in from 10 am to 1 pm. No reservations necessary.

Earth Day!

Immokalee Pioneer Museum | April 20 | 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Join us at the Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch to participate in an eco-friendly workshop. Help us plant trees and discover sustainable practices with like-minded individuals. Together let's inspire change and nurture our appreciation for the planet we live on.



Still Looking for More?

Our museums have a variety of activities year round. Enjoy a coloring page, scavenger hunt, or other similar craft to give your child a hands-on connection to the museum's history.

You can also visit CollierMuseums.com/Education/Activities for digital jigsaw puzzles, a crossword, and printable coloring pages based on images from our archives.

Join Curator of Education Elaina Gyure from 10 – 11 am for our preschool program! The program uses STEM (we like to call it SHTeM!) to engage your preschooler in crafts, activities, and story time. Enjoy fun themes and history tailored for the preschool age-group.

This program is ideal for ages 3–5.

RSVP at CollierMuseums.com/Events or 239-252-8242 to ensure there are enough supplies for all participants.

Collier Museum at Government Center | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

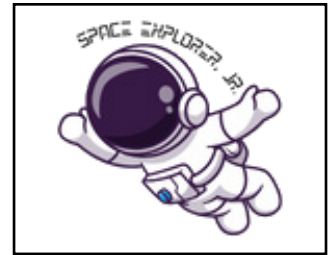


Tremendous Trains | January 17

If your little one can't get enough of trains, then Tremendous Trains is the perfect program for you! Featuring train-themed crafts and STEM-inspired activities that will put your preschooler's creative thinking in motion; it will be rounded out by a train story time and dance party.

Space Explorer, Jr. | February 21

Get ready to blast off and have a blast with your little one as we explore the wonders of our solar system! We will be enjoying a space-themed story time, as well as STEM-inspired activities and out of this world cute crafts.



Anchors Aweigh | March 20

Your little one will earn their sea legs while they learn about different kinds of boats with fun crafts and STEM-based experiments, complete with a boat-themed story time and pirate dance party.

Beachy Keen | April 17

We're celebrating the special exhibit *Just Beachy: Our Most Enduring Attraction* with a beach-themed preschool party! We'll be enjoying a themed story time, taking part in some sand and water sensory play, and learning about the critters who live on our beautiful beaches.





SPRING HOMESCHOOL DAY

Spring Homeschool Day 2024

Immokalee Pioneer Museum | April 23 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

A Land Remembered and *The Yearling*, two of Florida's most beloved literary treasures, describe in vivid detail the struggle to survive in pioneer-era Florida. Immokalee Pioneer Museum is on the historic homesteading property of the Roberts family, early pioneers of Immokalee who had to rely on each other and the small community around them to survive in the rugged landscape of what is now eastern Collier County. During Spring Homeschool Day 2024, your students will be able to learn about the history of pioneer-era Florida through the lens of the classic Florida literary adventures and the real-life pioneers who called Collier County home. Featuring hands-on experiences related to cattle ranching, food production, gardening, and daily chores, there will be something for all ages to enjoy!

While RSVP is not required, it is encouraged to ensure enough supplies for students. Call our Curator of Education at 239-252-8242 or go to CollierMuseums.com/Events.

Important note: This is a drop-in style event! It is not required to arrive at 10AM nor stay for the full 3 hours.

Three times a year, Collier County Museums hosts a day where homeschoolers of all ages will be able to come for free educational programming geared toward their specific age groups. We will have preschool, elementary, and middle/early high school appropriate activities based on that Homeschool Day's theme. With a focus on combining history and STEM (we like to call it SHTM!), Collier County Museums aims to provide your homeschooler with a holistic approach to learning about our region's history. Homeschool Days will cycle through our five museums, so your family has an opportunity to get to know all of them!





History & Heritage Days at Everglades Seafood Festival

Museum of the Everglades | February 3 & 4 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

This year on history and heritage row at Everglades City's Annual Seafood Festival we will focus on our partnership with the local indigenous tribe of Miccosukee Indians. Several artisans from the tribe will provide crafting demonstrations and offer their creations for sale. There will also be cooking demonstrations and an alligator wrestling exhibition in the museum parking lot. Collier County Museums will have an information booth with kids' activities and the museum will be open for visitors to enjoy and explore the new *WE ARE STILL HERE* exhibit in the front gallery and our permanent exhibits (including the 1929 Harley-Davidson motorcycle) in the back.

Pineapple Day

Marco Island Historical Museum | February 10 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Come celebrate Marco Island's early farming history, especially its role in producing pineapples (housing at least three intensive pineapple farms at the turn of the 19th century). We will have crafts, activities, and demonstrations on making a fabulous pineapple themed party — with appetizers, a special drink, and décor. Pineapple tastings along with a slice of pineapple history will be served.



Immokalee Cattle Drive & Jamboree

Immokalee Pioneer Museum | March 9 | 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

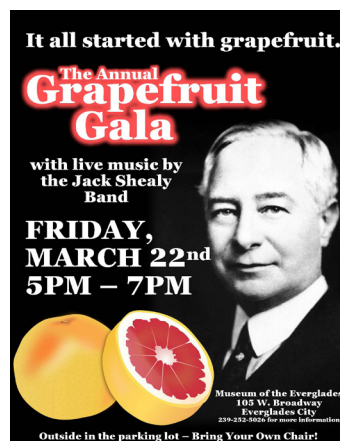
Experience the past come to life at our thrilling Cattle Drive event! Saddle up a chair and trail snacks to witness the 100 head of cattle walk down Main Street Immokalee on State Road 29. This authentic demonstration offers a taste of cowboy life and unforgettable memories. The Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch will have live entertainment, food vendors, and more!

Learn confirmed acts and vendors at CollierMuseums.com/Immokalee-Cattle-Drive-and-Jamboree

The Grapefruit Gala

Museum of the Everglades | March 22 | 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Join us in the parking lot at Museum of the Everglades for our annual whimsical country dance with live music by a bluegrass incarnation of local favorites The Jack Shealy Band. Enjoy tasty finger foods and complimentary wine along with fresh local citrus as we celebrate the birthday of county founder Barron Gift Collier. Collier's 1921 purchase of a grapefruit grove at Deep Lake ultimately shifted the local economy toward tourism and led to the creation of our county. That's why we say, "It all started with grapefruit." Stop by and raise a toast to our founder. No formal attire required at this gala. Just bring a chair and don't forget your dancing shoes.



Tamiami Trail Anniversary Celebration / Museum Birthday Party

Museum of the Everglades | April 27 | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

This combination celebration of the 96th Anniversary of the Completion of the Tamiami Trail and the "birthday" of Museum of the Everglades (opened on the 70th Anniversary of the Trail in 1998) is a fun-filled afternoon with live music, complimentary hot dogs, and the only laundry cart races in the country! Join us early for a complimentary walking tour, sign up and take part in the races, peruse the display of classic cars, or just relax and enjoy the music with a slice of birthday cake! Everyone is welcome at this feel-good family-friendly annual event.