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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2012

MAR. 5—7:00 PM
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
SPEAKER:
CURTIS KLUG:
“ANCIENT POLLEN”

ELECTION OF
OFFICERS

THERE ARE
OPENINGS ON THE
BOARD. IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED, WE
NEED A SECRETARY
AND ALSO A
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
PERSON!

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IF YOU ARE
WILLING TO SERVE.

2012 MEMBERSHIPS
DUE — PLEASE RENEW
AND SUPPORT MOTI!

NOTICE: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING **FISHERS OF MEN LUTHERAN CHURCH** **MARCH 5 2012—7:00 P.M.** **CURTIS KLUG**

Please join us on Monday, March 5, for an exciting program on the recent discovery of Eocene pollen underlying Pine Island, presented by Curtis Klug. Dr. Klug is a geologist, and was formerly with Cardno Entrix, the company that oversaw the drilling of the 919 meter well for the Greater Pine Island Water Association, in which the pollen was discovered. Dr. Klug is co-author with Dr. David Jarzen, formerly of the Florida Museum of Natural History, in this study of the pollen that has led to a new understanding of the State of Florida's geologic history, showing emergent land existed in the State 10-15 million years older than previously believed. In the epoch called the Eocene, when hoofed carnivores dashed across North America and four-legged whales swam the Atlantic, flowers apparently bloomed in

Southwest Florida on at least one island in the location of our own Pine Island.

Dr. King will discuss the process and the impact of the discovery on previous beliefs regarding the existence of animal and plant life and sea level changes of Pine Island. Please mark your calendars for this most interesting and unique presentation.

ANNUAL RHYTHM & **RUMMAGE EVENT**

MOTI's Rhythm and Rummage Sale was a HUGE success --- we took in more than \$1800 in our biggest one-day sale ever! The drawing for the \$100 cash was won by Sharon George and Michael Widman. It turns out that Sharon George is one lucky lady --- she also won the drawing in 2011!! Naomi has

been talking with her and we are hoping she will come on board as a volunteer.

Congratulations, Sharon and Michael!

MOTI ELECTION

Election of officers will take place at the March meeting. The slate of officers is listed below. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor, provided the nominees have been contacted and have agreed to serve. We need a Secretary and a Membership Chair Person.

President—S. Traylor
Vice Pres.—N. Brewer
Secretary—
Treasurer—B. Mahaffey

Returning Committee Chairs:
Maintenance—P. Rooney
Curator—C. Murphey
Speakers—B. Muldoon
Publicity—L. Sarda

SPOTLIGHT



**MOTI'S MUSIC MAN,
ISLAND FRANK**

If you have been to a MOTI Open House or Fund Raiser in the past 12 years, you have seen and heard our very own talented musician, "Island Frank." Frank (Tuma) has been playing his own unique style of island music for more than 30 years. We are very fortunate to have him in our MOTI family to lend his up-beat and happy sounds to our events. Frank also teaches Tai Chi here on the island, so is a man of many talents. Thank you, Frank, for being so supportive of MOTI.

ART APPRECIATION

MOTI is fortunate in housing a collection of art and crafts by local people. Among the many beautiful crafted items are carved wooden bowls by Ed Frack. Ed has been known in the region for his fine wood work for many, many years. Frack's bowls have become collectibles.

Another contributor is potter, Dorothy Nelson. Dot's colorful pots and pitchers add cheer to any table. Kyle McKinnon of E-toe's Baskets has several one-of-a-kind baskets at MOTI. Kyle has been legally blind since birth, yet he crafts beautiful pieces. Lynne Smith fuses glass. She has glass cheese boards made from old bottles. Liza Mahl also works with clay. Her stoneware is handcrafted and finely fashioned. Peter Sottong makes Calusa artifacts. MOTI proudly houses some of his masks.

Paintings by Dot Birmingham can be found at MOTI too. She has some lovely miniatures, ideal for even the smallest cottage. Honey Seidler's detailed drawings cover subjects ranging from mermaids to horses, and they are wonderful to look at. NanSea has pen and ink drawings at the museum, showing local scenes.



We greatly appreciate the contributions of these individuals both to the art scene of the island and to the benefit of the museum. Their works are for sale at the gift shop.

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