



# THE MOTI NEWS

FEBRUARY 2015

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

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MOTI will celebrate our 25 year anniversary in April of 2015. We have an exciting presentation scheduled to commemorate this great achievement. **Rick Smith, the son of Patrick Smith, who wrote "A Land Remembered" will present a two-hour media presentation on March 8, at 2:00 p.m., at the Fishers of Men Lutheran Church.** There will be a nominal admission charge of \$5.00. Rick will also have his father's books for sale at the event. We know you do not want to miss this great presentation. If you are interested in advance tickets, please call Sharon at 283-9155 or email us at [info@museumoftheislands.com](mailto:info@museumoftheislands.com).

We are trying to get the word out about MOTI and are looking for ways to get people into the museum. Another item on our agenda for this Winter is an afternoon of Blue Grass music with exciting Stories of Florida. We will send out an email when we get a date

#### **SPEAKER SERIES: From the podium.....**

**February 2, 2015 — 7:00 pm — Membership Meeting — Fishers of Men Lutheran Church.** The featured speaker will be Mr. Robert Wells III, President of Cabbage Key, Inc., the business entity that owns and operates Cabbage Key and Restaurant and the historic Tarpon Lodge on Pine Island.

Mr. Wells will share with us his unique experience of growing up on Cabbage Key, as well as the history and lore of that island and the Tarpon Lodge.

The program is free and the public is invited to attend. For more information about the program, contact Beverly Muldoon at 239-283-0916.

**MUSEUM TOURS...**Please contact **Carolyn Murphey** to arrange a tour of MOTI for individuals or groups. 239.283.6266.

## NOTES FROM PRESIDENT AND CURATOR, VICKIE DUFLO



Well, the season has started off with a blast! We had more than 40 people who attended the Membership Meeting with D.R. Havlin. He is a great storyteller.

The date of the Rhythm and Rummage Sale at the St. James Civic Association, which is always a huge draw., has been scheduled for **February 14, 2015**. Please start gathering up those treasures you no longer want for the Sale!

We have many new displays and new items in the Gift Shop that warrant a look. Stop on in!!

Jerry and Kathi Smith have donated two great pieces to the museum: an old radio and phonograph player. These are gorgeous reminders of times gone by and make a wonderful addition to our collection of memorabilia.

### MEMBERSHIP NOTES



We have about two-score membership renewals, or new memberships, for 2015, including one new Lifetime Member. It is worth noting that the increase in membership dues has resulted in approximately \$200 additional income over what we would have had if we had not raised the dues. However, applications for renewals have been slow in coming, and we encourage our members to renew their memberships soon.

Something to look forward to: At the 25th Anniversary Event on March 8, and probably before, in the gift shop, we shall have baseball caps with the Museum logo for sale for only \$10.00.

### ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS.....



If you can find at least one day a month, please consider joining a great team of volunteers who are determined to keep the lights on and the door open for locals and visitors to enjoy our treasures and learn more about our rich history. You will be rewarded by learning something new while there and by meeting interesting people who cross our threshold.

Call Ced at 283-5050 or 239 850-9850 if you can help

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For information on activities and events, for flyers and registration forms, visit the MOTI website



**LYNN'S NOTES:** We are very sad to announce that Lynn, our SUPER publicist, has resigned from that position. We will miss her lively stories in the Eagle. However, she has promised that she will remain a very vocal supporter of MOTI.

### **RUMMAGE SALE INFO**

Please go through your closets, garages and any storage places where you may be hiding small treasures! Our Rummage Sale is coming up on February 14th, and we need items! Naomi is begging for plants again. We have been given a lot of wonderful things by Luella Bredhold, but please bring us those treasures you no longer want. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, so we need LOTS OF THINGS! You may bring your items to the Civic Center on Friday, February 13th. Also, we will be taking items that are left at the museum on Friday at 9:00 a.m.

We will have the drawing for the 50/50 at noon. Island Frank will be there playing his exciting island music, and of course, the Civic will be offering their BIG BREAKFAST. This is certainly an event you don't want to miss —

**FEBRUARY 14TH, from 8-noon.**

### **SJCCA/MOTI COLLABORATION EVENT**

The February event will be a day trip to the Naples Zoo on February 23. In the event of inclement weather, we will go to the VonLiebig Art Center and downtown Naples. Please see the attached brochure for details of the event. There is also a Registration Form attached.

### **GIFT SHOP NEWS.**

Please remember our Gift Shop when you are looking for books, or when you need a small gift. We have a wonderful selection of small items. We even have Sand Sifters for that trip to the beach! We also have a table that is now dedicated to children's items. So, Grandparents ... we have nice gifts for those grandkids!

We will soon have MOTI caps for sale for only \$10.00.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 2 —  
General Membership  
Meeting— Robert  
Wells, Speaker**

**FEBRUARY 14 —  
MOTI RUMMAGE  
SALE —** Bring your treasures for the sale to the Civic on Feb. 13.!

**FEBRUARY 23—  
Naples Zoo**

**MARCH 8 —  
25th ANNIVERSARY  
EVENT — “A LAND  
REMEMBERED”**

**MARCH — MOTE  
Marine Visit**

MOTI AND SJCCA are working together to provide programs of interest. These activities range from local programs to field trips to places of interest.



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