

February 2010



## Egmont Key Alliance 2010 Calendar

### JANUARY

23 Work Day

### FEBRUARY

1 Board meeting

20 Workday

### MARCH

1 Board meeting

20 Work Day

### APRIL

5 Board meeting

13 General meeting  
& Pot luck

17 Work Day

\*\* Bird Stewards

### MAY

3 Board meeting

15 Work Day

\*\* Bird Stewards

### JUNE

7 Board meeting

19 Work Day

\*\* Bird Stewards

### JULY

5 Board meeting

13 General meeting  
& Pot luck

17 Work Day

\*\* Bird Stewards

### AUGUST

2 Board meeting

21 Work Day

### SEPTEMBER

7 Board meeting

18 Work Day

### OCTOBER

1 Overnight trip  
Majorie Rawlings  
State Park

2 Paynes Praire  
State Park

3 Devils Mill Hopper  
State Park

4 Board meeting

12 General meeting  
& Pot luck

16 Work Day

### NOVEMBER

1 Board meeting

13 Discover The  
Island

14 Discover The  
Island

20 Christmas lights

on lighthouse  
followed by  
Christmas lighting  
& pot luck dinner

## President's Corner

By Richard Johnson

A new year has begun for the Egmont Key Alliance and Egmont Key State Park. We're going to have a lot going on this year, and that started with the Alliance's annual meeting Tuesday, January 12, with 53 members attending. This is our biggest membership event of the year, recapping the past year and looking ahead, not to mention a fine dinner provided by the Treasure Island Yacht and Tennis Club. Two members of the board of directors are leaving the board this year, Wendy Anastasiou and Chris Cargo, with lots of thanks for their years of service. Welcome to two new members, Michael Sorah and Nancy Whitford, who are joining the board. We also have a new vice president, Charlie Canerday. Jim Spangler, past president and vice president for many years will continue as our primary representative to the Agency for Bay Management and as our point person for beach erosion. Other board members were reelected or are in the middle of their two year terms. I'm looking forward to working with the new and continuing board members this year.



*The Alliance's annual meeting at the Treasure Island Yacht and Tennis Club was attended by 53 members on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

Just a reminder, board meetings are held monthly and are open to all members. We'll be sending out email reminders for the board meetings along with the reminders for all of our other activities. I'd encourage anyone interested to attend. The meetings are always interesting.

Coming up on Saturday, March 6, is the Florida Park Service District 4 Fourth Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day at Hillsborough River State Park. It will be a full day featuring lots of interesting activities, lunch, and the opportunity to meet and spend time with members of other Citizen Support Organizations from around this part of the state. RSVP to Park Manager Tom Watson by February 6th. More details are covered further on in the newsletter.

*(continued)*

Quite a few member renewals are due in January. If it is time to renew, you can now do it online at our web site [www.egmontkey.info](http://www.egmontkey.info). Thanks to Treasurer, Phil Sorenson for making PayPal work for us. Membership dues are a significant part of how the Alliance is able to support the Park.

This is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year for the Florida Park Service. You can read all about it at <http://www.floridastateparks.org/history>. There will be a lot going on at State Parks this year. Our first scheduled event for the year is Florida Lighthouse Day in April. There will be several Coastal Cleanups during the year, with the major one in September. We are working with Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful on this project. We hope to continue the sea turtle project this year, but funding for the project remains a question.

Alliance workdays are normally scheduled for the third Saturday of the month. Sometimes weather requires a change; that's already happened for January. We hope to see many of you on the island for our workdays and other events during the year. Look for email reminders of all of these activities and more. I'm sure there will be other special events featuring the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mark your calendars now – our annual special event, Discover the Island is tentatively scheduled for November 13th and 14th. Planning and organizing is going to start a little earlier this year, and we plan to make this year's event bigger and better than last. I'll see you on the island.



*Florida State Parks  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sign at Egmont Key*

## Egmont Key Wildlife

### FWC Requests You Report, But Do Not Touch, Distressed Sea Turtles

Amid chilling temperatures during Florida's recent cold snap, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) responded to reports of thousands of stunned sea turtles floating listlessly in the water or washing onto shore over the past week. Cold-stunned turtles may appear to be dead, but often they are still alive. The FWC urges people to report distressed or dead turtles to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) as soon as possible.



The FWC also pointed out it is illegal to possess a sea turtle or any part of the sea turtle, dead or alive. "Sea turtles are protected under the Endangered Species Act," said Robbin Trindell, FWC sea turtle biologist. "Therefore, it is illegal to disturb them or to possess them."

The FWC, with its partners, worked together to pick up turtles disabled by the cold and transported them to staging areas and rehabilitation facilities where they could recover. As water temperatures rise, officials are releasing the animals back into the ocean.

"If a sea turtle is seen swimming back out to sea, it probably will be able to survive without human intervention," Trindell said. "But those that are floating or washing ashore should be reported immediately to the hotline at 888-404-3922." For additional information about sea turtles or fish and wildlife research, visit [MyFWC.com/SeaTurtle](http://MyFWC.com/SeaTurtle) or <http://research.MyFWC.com>. To view this press release online visit [http://myfwc.com/NEWSROOM/10/statewide/News\\_10\\_X\\_SeaTurtlesCold2.htm](http://myfwc.com/NEWSROOM/10/statewide/News_10_X_SeaTurtlesCold2.htm).

## Manager's Message

*By Pete Krulder - Park Manager*

As I sit here, composing this message 2009 is quickly drawing to a close and what an interesting year it was. For a while we looked like we would have severe budget cuts and most importantly Egmont Key would be turned back over to the federal government and no longer operated as a State Park. Our budgets were not cut too deeply, we did not lose any positions within the parks, and we are still going strong at Egmont Key. It was through the efforts of all the people who contacted their legislators as parts of organized groups and as individuals that we were able to avoid park closures and very severe budget cuts.

We were saddened by the departure of Park Ranger Boyd Logan, who headed out west to work in the mountains. Boyd did a great job during his short stay at Egmont Key. As with every goodbye, there comes a hello. We were very fortunate to have Park Ranger Ken Hartsing transfer to us from Bahia Honda. Ken brings over 25 years of experience with him to the job.

Our counter parts at US Fish and Wildlife also had some major changes. Jim Krauss the refuge manager departed and we lost Richie Meyers who was USFWS's man on the ground when it came to the day-to-day dealings with Egmont Key. Michael Lusk has taken Jim's position and we are still waiting to here about Richie's replacement.

Last but definitely not least, I cannot say enough about what a great job everyone did for Discover Egmont Key. We had a ton of visitors who walked away with a great experience; a beautiful day in the outdoors and to top it all off the Egmont Key Alliance made a good amount of money to help support the park.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of Tom and his staff and for all of the dedicated service contributed by Egmont Key Alliance members to help preserve one of Florida's great treasures.

To all of you, I wish you peace and prosperity in 2010.

## Island Notes

*Tom Watson - Assistant Park Manager*

We have begun a challenging New Year and new decade for Egmont Key after so much has been accomplished these past ten years. How lucky the island is that almost all of the Egmont Key Alliance members will still be active for this next decade, as they were in the last ten years. We are also fortunate that new membership continues to increase to aid with the future support of the care and preservation of this very important resource.

The enthusiasm from the Florida Park Service and the Egmont Key Alliance members has not gone unnoticed by others. Their many efforts and accomplishments on the island have led to the support of other resource minded individuals, government agencies and other volunteer groups such as the State of Florida and the Department of the Interior, Egmont Key has been blessed with assistance from local and county governments, the Army Corp of Engineers, U S Coast Guard, U S Army, U S Navy, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, faculty and students from Eckerd College, Rough Riders, private citizens, U S Fish and Wildlife and their volunteer friends group. Also all of the local and national Audubon members have been so helpful. We sincerely appreciate everyone who helps with the cultural and natural resources at Egmont Key. I am looking forward to everyone's continued interest and assistance in the protection of Egmont Key.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful New Year.


## Key Events


Florida Park Service  
District 4  
cordially invites you to the

# 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, March 6, 2010  
9 am to 3 pm  
Hillsborough River State Park, Thonotosassa, FL

**RSVP to Tom Watson by February 6th**

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Cane Pole Fishing, Outing to Fort Foster, Classic Outdoor Games,  
Understanding Our Past - CCC Legacy, Canoeing the Hillsborough River  
Hike Our Trails, Door Prize Drawing, Campfire Gathering, Tram Rides in the Park  
(Bring your favorite instrument and lawn chair)

Tom Watson 727-893-2627, Fax 727-893-1292 or email [tom.watson@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:tom.watson@dep.state.fl.us)  
I will collect the information and pass it on to district.

## Flag Pole Ceremony

By Nancy Whitford



Joe Keleher plays the bugle at the new flag pole dedication ceremony.

On a windy day, November 7, 2009 a new flag pole arrived on Egmont Key and was installed by the Rough Riders. We now have a beautiful addition to the light tower compound. Thank you Rough Riders!

On November 21, 2009 we proudly dedicated the new flag pole. After few words and a patriotic bugle solo by Joe Keleher of "To the Colors" the new flags were flying.



A new dedication plaque is to come in the future along with another ceremony.

## Key Events

### Egmont Key Alliance 2010 Overnight Outing

Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Alliance members and their guests are welcome.  
If you are not yet a member, send in your membership application and join us for this fun weekend!  
Come for the entire weekend or for a day trip.

#### **FRIDAY October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**noon** Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings State Park  
<http://www.floridastateparks.org/MarjorieKinnanRawlings/>  
Cross Creek, off County Road 325  
**2 pm** Register at the Herlong Mansion Inn  
**3- 4 pm** Meet on the grounds of Herlong Mansion  
**7 pm** Supper at restaurant to be announced

#### **SATURDAY October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**am** Breakfast at Herlong Mansion  
**noon** Paynes Prairie State Park  
<http://www.floridastateparks.org/paynesprairie>  
Micanopy guided tour by Joyce King,  
well known National Audubon member  
**5:30 pm** Get together at Herlong Mansion  
**7 pm** Supper at restaurant to be announced

#### **SUNDAY October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**am** Breakfast at Herlong Mansion  
**noon** Devil's Millhopper State Park Gainesville  
<http://www.floridastateparks.org/devilsmilhopper/>  
Guided Tour. Butterfly Garden or other  
University possibilities to follow.  
Travel home after activities

If interested, email:  
[janicajohnson@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:janicajohnson@tampabay.rr.com)  
or leave message at 727 344-1135

To book your own lodging at  
Herlong Mansion Inn, Micanopy, FL  
go to <http://www.herlong.com/>

## 2009

### Discover the Island

It was an amazing weekend! Amazing weather, amazing crowds and most importantly AMAZING VOLUNTEERS! Each and every volunteer went above and beyond normal effort and gave so much to represent the very best of Egmont Key State Park hospitality.

Wow, you were all so great dealing with the rush of unexpected numbers of guests. Some volunteers went without restroom and lunch breaks to provide good services and good will to the visitors. The tremendously enthusiastic response from our guests reflect your hard work.

Both Jane and I salute you and thank you for your support and dedication on Egmont Key Alliance, the Park and the island.

Most Sincerely,  
Barbara & Jane



Discover the Island 2009





## Volunteer Ventures

### GO Team Verde

By Barbara Schmidt

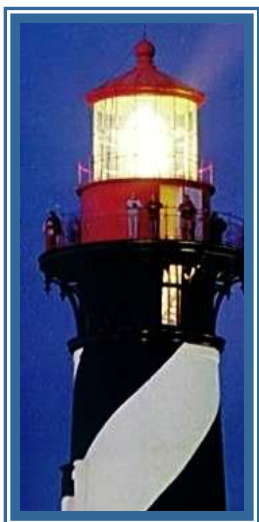
The wind was so bad Saturday, November 7, 2009, we did not think the ferry would run, but we knew the **GO Verde** group was scheduled to go to the island. John and I told Tom and Nancy we would go to the pier and give a heads up if and when they showed up and after we talked to Captain Jeff to see if he could run the boat. There had to be at least 10 paying passengers to go. Well, there were enough paying passengers and we all went to Egmont Key. Nancy and Tom met us with several golf carts and the volunteers were divided up into groups. One group picked up trash on the beach. John took one group to Battery McIntosh and I took another group to Battery Mellon. The beach cleaners met with the battery cleaners at Battery Mellon, finished cleaning there and then moved to Battery McIntosh. After the work was done all met for lunch, then viewed the museum and had a quick tour and history lesson about Egmont Key. The group returned to the mainland on the 2:30 pm ferry.

It was a win win situation. GO Verde wrote EKA this note (below) and it sounds like they enjoyed coming to Egmont Key as much as we enjoyed having them come.

*TWENTY of us from GO VERDE had a WONDERFUL day at Egmont today. We were shown a lot of gratitude (including a free ferry ride over/back). We enjoyed sunshine, breezes, learned new things about the island's history, saw gopher turtles and actually did a lot of work. Trash was picked up to the tune of 35 pounds. We cleaned up two gun batteries - lots of sweeping, knocking down mud wasp casings, and dumping accumulated sand.*



Thanks to: Corrine St. Jean, Ken St. Jean, Laurie Ruhnke, Laurie Clement, Phyllis Rideout, Sharon Adair, Dennis Adair, Sheryl Wine, Cindy Howell, Vici Brown, Eileen Gibbons, Maria Hanser, Ruth Hurnevich, Penny Schlenker, Bill Schlenker, Sandy Gelmini, Donna Scott, Ann Hancy, Ellen Howells, Penny Zaccaria,



### Educating the Next Generation

By Kathy Keleher

Congratulations to Ms. Cathy Lemus's 6th grade class of Stewart Middle Magnet School who will have the honor of being featured at the 2010 Florida State Fair where they will have a booth to showcase their presentation on Florida lighthouses. Ms. Lemus mailed hand-written letters from each of her students to Florida Lighthouse Association President Stan Farnham requesting many types of information on lighthouses including histories and pictures. He in turn sent the class literature, brochure, articles and memos and requested that several other maritime and lighthouse organizations, including EKA, do the same. Mr. Farnham feels strongly about supporting awareness in our youth of our maritime heritage. He feels that we need to get young people involved and educated and the best way to do so is exactly the way this innovative teacher did - to get the children involved in projects a positive outcomes and rewards. It is this type of education that will help the next generation remain committed to restoring, preserving and protecting these beautiful historic structures.

## Egmont Key Business

If you have any ideas or suggestions you would like to see in future issues the *Key Notes* newsletter, be sure to contact

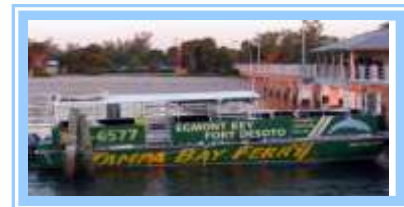
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Your suggestions and ideas will help to make *Key Notes* a success!

View our past *Egmont Key Alliance* newsletters at:

[http://www.orgsites.com/fl/egmontkeyalliance/\\_pagg2.php3](http://www.orgsites.com/fl/egmontkeyalliance/_pagg2.php3)

A very big, thank you to Hubbard's Marina and the Egmont Key Ferry for providing transportation to the Egmont Key Alliance volunteers



### Egmont Key Alliance General Meetings

April 13<sup>th</sup> is the Alliance meeting at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Offices. Dinner at 6:30pm, followed by meeting at 7:00pm. The meal will be pot luck and the theme will be announced via e-mail. Everyone is welcome. Drinks, cups, plates, etc. will be provided. Let Amy Bradley know what you are bringing. [als639@juno.com](mailto:als639@juno.com)

Come and renew your membership.

Your membership dollars assure the continued care of our great little Island, and allows help our dedicated all-volunteer group to continue its mission

7:00 pm General meeting begins

7:30 pm Guest Speaker

8:30 pm Adjournment

Meetings are held at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

Address: 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd. Suite 100  
Pinellas Park, Florida 33782.

For directions go to:

[http://www.tbrpc.org/about\\_us/dirctions.shtml](http://www.tbrpc.org/about_us/dirctions.shtml)

### Board Members

Richard Johnson .....President

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Michael Sorah

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Doug Bradley

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Jim Spangler

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Mark Hubbard

Richard Sanchez

Visit our web site <http://www.egmontkey.info>

If you are not receiving Alliance emails, and would like to be added, email Doug Bradley at [info@egmontkey.info](mailto:info@egmontkey.info)

You will receive reminders for our monthly meetings and workdays as well as information about our outings and calendar updates.

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Thanks to the volunteers of the Egmont Key Alliance, many of the historic structures on this island have been preserved, acres of exotic vegetation removed, bird and sea turtle nesting areas protected. and the beaches and trails cleaned for the enjoyment of visitors. And this is only part of what we have been able to accomplish." Alliance members receive *Egmont Key Notes*, a quarterly newsletter, bi-monthly meeting notices and invitations to special events. Membership starts at \$25. Mail to P.O. Box 66238, St. Pete Beach 33736. For additional information, go to [www.Egmontkey.info](http://www.Egmontkey.info). If you are already a member please take a moment to fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter and send it in to the address on the application. **Your support enables us to continue to "restore, preserve, and protect" Egmont Key.** Remember, because the Egmont Key Alliance is a not-for-profit organization your contribution is tax deductible. **Give today!**

## Boating-Safety Education Requirement Change for 2010

Boating-safety education requirements change in Florida began January 1, 2010. Boat operators who were born on or after January 1, 1988, must pass an approved boating-safety course and possess photographic identification and a boating-safety education identification card issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to legally operate a boat with a motor of 10 horsepower or more.

"We want to encourage everyone, regardless of when they were born, to take an approved boating-safety education course, because all of us can learn something new, even if we have been boating all our lives," said Captain Carol Keyser of FWC's boating and waterways section. "For some, it is now required to take the course."

There are a few exceptions. For instance, a person born on or after January 1, 1988, who operates a boat within 90 days after purchasing it, does not need a boating-safety education identification card if a bill of sale, which meets the requirements of Florida law, is on board. After the 90-day period ends, the boat operator needs to meet the educational requirements. Those who possess a current United States Coast Guard license also are exempt.

For course information and educational requirements, visit [MyFWC.com/Boating](http://www.myfwc.com/recreation/boat_index.htm).  
[http://www.myfwc.com/recreation/boat\\_index.htm](http://www.myfwc.com/recreation/boat_index.htm)

For inquiries, contact FWC's Division of Law Enforcement at 850-488-5600, or e-mail questions to the FWC at [bobbercard@myfwc.com](mailto:bobbercard@myfwc.com).

## Good News! Reciprocal Discount Agreements Arranged

*By Richard Sanchez*

The Alliance has completed two reciprocal discount agreements, one with the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) and the other with the Tampa Bay History Center (TBHC). The agreement with MOSI gets discounted membership to the museum. Visit their website, <http://mosi.org/memberbenefits.html> to view the benefits of membership to this great attraction. They have a lot of things going on at MOSI. The Backwoods Project is similar to our work on the island. There is a new traveling exhibit, "DaVinci" opening on the 15th of February. MOSI has the only domed IMAX Theater in the southeast and a great interactive exhibit, "Kids In Charge" for the little ones.

The Tampa Bay History Center agreement provides discounted *admission* to this attraction. An Individual Membership with the EKA will get a discounted individual admission to TBHC and a Family Membership in EKA will get a discounted admission for the same family members at the TBHC. I visited the museum prior to contacting them about a partnership and it is an excellent history source for the bay area and has a great tie-in to what we are doing on Egmont Key. Go to their website at <http://tampabayhistorycenter.org/> to see what they currently have on exhibit.

In addition, the History Center will give a one time guided tour and deeply discounted admission for the EKA members. I will have a date and time later in January and will get it out to Egmont Key Alliance members.



## Egmont Key Word Search

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 Historical Ruins  
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 Sea Shells  
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## History is Hiding Beneath Gulf Sands

By Terry Tomalin, *St. Petersburg Times Outdoors Editor*

Published January 11, 2005

Special thanks to the *St. Petersburg Times* for allowing EKA to reprint this interesting article

EGMONT KEY - Chad Carney studied his depth recorder and noticed a slight relief in the bottom contour.

"That could be it," he said. "But it looks like it is pretty well covered up."

The wreck, resting 15 feet below the surface a few hundred yards off one of the busiest shipping channels in the United States, has been periodically covered and uncovered by passing storms since it sank on a cold January day nearly 140 years ago.

The U.S.S. *Narcissus*, an armed tugboat that fought in the Civil War's most famous naval engagement, the Battle of Mobile Bay, was on its way to New York to be decommissioned on Jan. 3, 1866, when it struck a sandbar about 1 1/2 miles off Egmont Key.

"She got hit by one of those bad winter storms that we get this time of year," explained Mike Barnette, author of *Shipwrecks of the Sunshine State*. "The crew tried to keep it together, but then the cold seawater hit the boiler."

"The ship exploded and all 29 souls were lost," Barnette continued. "At the time, it was one of the worst single disasters in U.S. naval history."

Barnette, a founding member of the Association of Underwater Explorers, went to the wreck site on a sunny December morning in hopes of diving the 82-foot tugboat. He had hoped the series of summer tropical storms might have uncovered the tug's engine, the wreck's most prominent landmark.

"The last time anybody was on this site was in 1997," he said. "But a couple of years later, it had been completely sanded in."

Carney, an avid spear fisherman and frequent diving partner of Barnette, prides himself on his knowledge of local wrecks. "But I would be willing to say that most people have no idea that this exists right off the Ship's Channel," he said.

As Carney and Barnette circled the rise in the sand that they thought marked the *Narcissus*, a fisherman heading offshore veered off course and came right up to their boat, hoping to get a new fishing spot for their GPS.

"You see what I mean," Carney said. "They have no idea what we are looking for."

<b>Name:</b>	<b>USS Narcissus</b>
<b>Launched:</b>	<b>July 1863</b>
<b>Acquired:</b>	<b>September 23, 1863</b>
<b>Commissioned:</b>	<b>February 2, 1864</b>
<b>Fate:</b>	<b>Sank, January 4, 1866</b>

### General characteristics

<b>Type:</b>	<b>Steam gunboat</b>
<b>Displacement:</b>	<b>101 long tons (103 t)</b>
<b>Length:</b>	<b>81 ft 6 in (24.84 m)</b>
<b>Beam:</b>	<b>18 ft 9 in (5.72 m)</b>
<b>Draft:</b>	<b>6 ft (1.8 m)</b>
<b>Depth of hold:</b>	<b>8 ft (2.4 m)</b>
<b>Propulsion:</b>	<b>Steam engine</b>
<b>Speed:</b>	<b>14 kn (16 mph; 26 km/h)</b>
<b>Complement:</b>	<b>19 officers and enlisted</b>
<b>Armament:</b>	<b>1 × 20-pounder Parrott rifle, 1 × heavy 12-pounder</b>



# Egmont Key Alliance, Inc.

## Membership Application

I'd like to join       I'd like to renew

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (please print clearly!) \_\_\_\_\_

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## A Sad Goodbye to Roberta Moore Cole

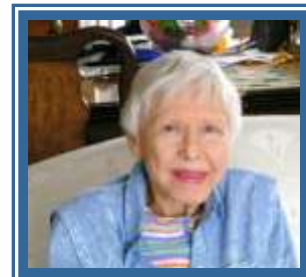
By Barbara Schmidt

Roberta was born August 26, 1910, the only child of Roberta and Charles Moore. She died October 20, 2009.

Roberta was the only individual from the third generation that ever lived on Egmont Key. Mrs. Cole was Egmont Key's biggest public relation booster. For many, years Roberta was guest speaker all around the area enthraling listeners with stories of her life on the island and the work of her father, Charlie Moore, a civilian engineer and her grandfather Captain Charles Moore.

Mr. Charlie Moore, supervised the building of the gun batteries and other fortifications on Egmont Key and Ft. DeSoto. Charlie over saw constructions on both forts for 24 years until the closing of Fort Dade. Charlie was the son of the longest and perhaps most famous light keeper Egmont Key ever had, Captain Charles Moore. Captain Charles Moore's love of taking pictures left an everlasting pictorial history of Egmont Key and the building of Fort Dade. Captain Moore was light keeper on the island for 31 years and was on the island up to the time he died of cancer.

Many historians around the bay area were friends of Roberta and her life as relating to Egmont Key has been in many area newspapers. Her last wishes were to have her ashes scattered on the island.



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