



Cape Coral Historical Society

Preserving Our City's History



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MUSEUM INTRODUCES PICTORIAL HISTORY OF CAPE CORAL

Local writer and history author Chris Wadsworth will introduce his newly published work *Images of America: Cape Coral*. This pictorial history book uses more than 200 archival photos to explore the settlement, development and growth of the City of Cape Coral. The book was co-authored by Anne Cull, curator of the Cape Coral Historical Museum, and written in conjunction with the Cape Coral Historical Society.

Chris Wadsworth is originally from Madison, Wisconsin where he studied French and Russian at the University of Wisconsin. After several years wandering the globe, Chris settled on a career in journalism. He earned a Master's degree from the University of Miami and started working local television news. After a decade as a TV reporter, anchor and executive producer, Chris changed gears, becoming a newspaper columnist and a freelance magazine writer. Chris is married to a local newspaper editor and has three young sons. The family lives in Fort Myers.

You will be able to get your copy of this wonderful book during the book signing after the meeting, please do not miss this great start to the new season, and bring family and friends to enjoy. No admission fee and no reservations required.

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday
October 13 2009 2:30 pm
Cultural Park Theater
528 Cultural Park Blvd.
Presents:

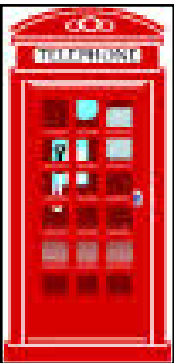
LOCAL AUTHOR
CHRIS WADSWORTH'S
IMAGES OF AMERICA: CAPE CORAL

SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM DAY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 26, 10:00 a.m to 4:00 pm, to celebrate Smithsonian Magazine's 5th Annual Museum Day. Please stop by the Museum to see our displays, visit with your fellow members and friends. What a great way to kick off the season and enjoy the unique history of Cape Coral.



CURATOR CULL'S CORNER



We have had a very productive summer even though the museum was closed during July and August. We had time to catch up on accessions and displays. A major project, headed by Carolyn Zenoniani with help from Susanne Miranda, Alice Hunt and Barb Hostetler has been completed. We now have our archives indexed according to category and topic so we can easily find answers to the many research questions we field year around. Thank you to these ladies who did a fine job in making access to our records so much easier.

With great anticipation I am looking forward to our new season. We have super programs planned and once again I welcome back our wonderful family of volunteers so we can make this year the best ever. Please call me at 772-7037 to schedule your volunteer time.

Anne



IT WAS THE MONTH OF

October, 1958 when the worst six miles of Harney Point Rd., now Del Prado, had been rebuilt but not yet paved. This was the first task Leonard Rosen gave Civil Engineer Tom Weber who immediately ordered \$250,000. of earth-moving equipment & a crew that averaged 150 workers. The original narrow bumpy lane extended nearly 9 miles south of Pondella Rd & ended abruptly 1/4 mile from now Cape Coral Parkway.

CHECK IT OUT!!

We are happy to announce that we have received a marvelous collection of over 200 Military Books generously donated to the museum by Charles Tillson. The books have been accessioned and cataloged by Pat Emerson, Roger Dunning, Carolyn Zenoniani and Suzanne Miranda.

The topics are many, covering most of the wars, operations in World War II, weaponry, strategy, and personalities to name a few. They will be available to our members only on a lending basis and will also be a great research tool.





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DID YOU KNOW..... the plaque, now at the entrance of the Rosen Building at the Museum, and Leonard Street that runs between Miramar and Cape Coral Parkway were the only things that recognized the Rosen Brothers for establishing Cape Coral until 2009. This year the City's Park and Recreation Department named a park after the Rosens. It is located at the southern end of 24th Avenue. The Museum's Kelly Building has a display showing all the other parks in the city. Four Freedoms Park was the 1st one. Come find out how they arrived at that name.



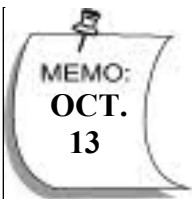
CONDOLENCES



This has been a sad year for the Cape Coral Historical Society. The passing of our dear past president and board member, Rev. Dr. John R. Hunt was so devastating to us. John served on the board for many years as well as being a great spiritual leader to many. Our deepest sympathy to Alice Hunt a special volunteer we all love.

On July 10, our very valuable volunteer Joan Bush passed away after a short illness. Joan was a talented creative lady who gave much to the museum especially in our native plant demonstration garden as well as to the community in general. Condolences to her husband Warren who has worked side by side with Joan in all of this community service.

Sorry also to have to report two other long time members, Earle Tolles and Joe Stonis made their transition. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families, they all will be sadly missed.



Mark Your Calendar.....

**SEE YOU AT OUR
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

September 26 - [National Museum Day](#)
November 10 - [Author Robert Macomber](#)
December 8- **Christmas Program**



Please remember to shop at the Museum Gift shop. We have available many unique items such as books on local history, Burrowing Owl T-Shirts and mugs, Cape Coral "WATERFRONT WONDERLAND"

license plates, Cape Coral coffee mugs, jewelry, some children's items, DVDs and etc. One addition will be the new book "IMAGES OF AMERICA : CAPE CORAL", sign up for your copy soon.



DON'T THROW IT AWAY!

Remember the Historical Society if you have anything of historical value about Cape Coral. **All donations are greatly appreciated**

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