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NATIVE SANIBELIAN TO SPEAK AT HISTORICAL VILLAGE

January 21, 2015 - The Sanibel Historical Village will hold another Twilight Talk at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 12, at Shore Haven on the village grounds. The speaker will be Mike Billheimer, whose grandparents settled on Sanibel in the 1940s. Billheimer is the owner of the Lighthouse Café on the east end of Periwinkle Way.



Billheimer's parents started as builders on the island and built a fishing camp on photographer Charlie McCullough's parents' property on Woodring Point. "Mike said his great grandfather probably slept in the bedroom set we have in The Rutland Building in the village," said museum manager Emilie Alfino. He grew up in High Tide Condos on West Gulf Drive.

His talk will span his life on the island, including the changes he has seen. He was born on Sanibel and went to the Sanibel School. "Mike said he would never leave," Alfino said.

Reservations are required, as space is limited. Call the museum at 472-4648, or via email at info@sanibelmuseum.org. The cost is \$5 per ticket; tickets must be picked up and paid for in advance at the museum office.

Remaining Twilight Talks for this season include representatives from Flint & Doyle, the company that moved Shore Haven from Bay Drive to the village, and longtime islander Jim Pickens.

The historical village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. The village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Admission is \$10 for adults 18 and older; those under 18 and members are free. Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings. Admission for entrance to the Museum Store only is free. For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.