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HISTORICAL VILLAGE TO HOST MAYER DESCENDANT AT FIRST TWILIGHT TALK OF THE SEASON

December 20, 2014 – The Sanibel Historical Village will hold its first Twilight Talk of the season at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, at the Old Schoolhouse on the village grounds. The speaker will be Ty Symroski, grandson of Ross and Daisy Mayer, builders of Shore Haven, Morning Glories, and the Caretakers' Cottage that now reside in the village. Symroski spent part of his childhood living in Morning Glories at its original Bird Lane location right on San Carlos Bay.



Ty Symroski, descendant of the Mayer family, will speak at the Historical Village January 7

Symroski's topic will include what it was like to be a boy on Sanibel and the many ways to get in trouble!

Symroski was an Air Force child, living in many places around the world before returning to Sanibel for the remainder of his boyhood. He later received degrees from the University of Michigan and the University of North Carolina, with a master's in regional planning.

From there, Symroski worked in the Sanibel Planning Department from 1977 to 1980, very formative years for the city after the adoption of the Sanibel Plan. He went on to become the city planner for Key West for eight years. Seeking adventure, he learned to sail in San Carlos Bay and eventually realized his life's dream when he was a navigator on a schooner from Borneo to Hawaii working with just a sextant and "a good watch," as he puts it.

Symroski and his wife Jan currently live on Sanibel in a 90-year-old house that he moved to Mayer family land in 1978. He is working at Tarpon Bay Explorers as a naturalist; Jan is working at the city's recreation center.

Reservations are required, as space is limited. Call museum manager Emilie Alfino at the museum, 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 Mike Billheimer on February 12, Flint & Doyle (the company that moved Shore Haven to the village) on March 4, and Jim Pickens on April 8. Call the village for more information.

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.