



## *A Brief History of Sanibel Island*

- Why is Sanibel a City?
- When was the lighthouse built?
- What did they do before the Causeway?
- Is Bailey's Store really over 100 years old?
- Who was "Ding" Darling and why is the Refuge named for him?

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Author Marya Repko grew up in Hadlyme, CT, but lived most of her life in Europe as a software engineer. After retirement, she moved to Everglades City, FL, where her first book *A Brief History of the Everglades City Area* has sold thousands of copies. Other brief histories of Deaconess Harriet Bedell, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, the Fakahatchee, and Sanibel have been well-received, as have the children's version of the Everglades and Sanibel books. Marya is President of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, newsletter editor of the Friends of Fakahatchee, and co-editor of *The MULLET RAPPER*.

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