



Bonnet House Museum & Gardens announces its 2016/2017 Season

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, July 12, 2016 – The Bonnet House Museum & Gardens' 2016/2017 season is highlighted with a variety of exciting programs, events, workshops and classes. This season is filled with art, calligraphy and drawing workshops; birding, plant identification and orchid care classes as well as our annual Concert Under the Stars series, Orchid, Garden & Gourmet Food Festival and Cruisin' Down the New River program. Become a member for only \$55 and receive significant discounts on classes, workshops and special events as well as free admission to Bonnet House year round.

The season schedule is as follows:

Birding Classes, Individual Classes, Sundays, September 18, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Hawks Galore), October 23, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Ascend to Better Birding I), November 6, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Ascend to Better Birding II), Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Bird Behavior), January 8, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Birding by Habitat), February 12, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Birding by Ear), Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Birding by Season), Saturday, April 8, 9am-12:30pm – Green Cay/Wakadahatchee field trip. Join birder extraordinaire, Paddy Cunningham on the historic Bonnet House estate. To register visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House Members \$20, non-members \$25.

Cruisin' Down the River, November 12, 5:00pm.

Join us for a cruise down the New River on the Carrie B paddlewheel boat and hear about the history of Fort Lauderdale. \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. Ticket price includes two glasses of wine. For more information, please visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [\(954\) 653-1554](tel:954-653-1554).

Orchid, Garden & Gourmet Food Festival, December 3 & 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Featuring the 10th Annual Orchid and Exotic Plant Sale. Orchids, Exotics, Tropicals, Herbs, Fruit Trees, Garden Art, Gourmet Food, Libations, Gardening Lectures, Cooking Demos, Orchid Displays, Farmer's Market and Much More!! To purchase tickets visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2614](tel:954-703-2614). Cost: Bonnet House Members \$12, non-members \$15.

Watercolor in the Gardens, Two, six-week sessions-Wednesdays, 9:30am-12:30pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm; January 11 – February 15 or March 1 – April 5. Join fine artist and watercolorist, Karen Eskesen in the historic Bonnet House gardens. Workshop includes traditional techniques of realism in watercolor and line drawing and time to paint in the gardens. To register visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House members \$120, non-members \$150.

2-day Orchid Painting Watercolor Workshop – Friday & Saturday, January 20 & 21, 10:00am – 4:00pm. To register visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost for two day session – Members \$180, Non-members \$200.

Acrylic in the Gardens, Two, six-week sessions-Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. or 1 p.m.–4 p.m. January 12 – February 16 or March 2 – April 6. Join Fine Artist Nia Nakis in the historic Bonnet House gardens. Workshop includes basic principles of acrylic painting and time to paint in the gardens. To register visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House Members \$120, non-members \$150.

Lecture Series, Mondays, 10:00am. January 9 – Before Bonnet House: An Archaeological Overview of the first 4000 years. February 13 – "Big Boss" – The Story of Hugh Taylor Birch, March 13 – Bonnet House CPR: Recent Conservation, Preservation, Restoration Projects. To register visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House Members Free, non-members \$5.

Calligraphy with Tony Pastucci, Two, five-week sessions-Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. January 10 – February 7 or February 28 – April 4, Join artist, Tony Pastucci, on the historic Bonnet House estate. Workshop includes basic principles of calligraphy. To register visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House Members \$100, non-members \$125.

Concerts Under the Stars, January 19, February 16, March 16 & April 6, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
The finest young talent in South Florida will be performing at Bonnet House's Young Artist Music Series this winter. Concerts under the stars on the beautiful Bonnet House estate include wine, cookies and coffee in the ticket price. The evening's activities take place in and around the house with the concert taking place on the veranda beneath the moon and stars. To purchase tickets visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2614](tel:954-703-2614). Tickets start at \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Series tickets are also available.

Orchid Care Classes, Individual classes-Saturdays, February 11 (Orchid Basics) 10am – 12pm or 1:30pm – 3:30pm, February 18 (Orchid Repotting & Mounting) 10am – 12pm, and February 25 (Diagnosing Pests & Diseases) 10am – 12pm. Join Bonnet House Orchid Curator, Sandy Jones, in the historic Bonnet House Island Theater. To register visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House Members \$30, Non-members \$35.

Entirely Entertaining, February 27, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. An elegant luncheon with uniquely individualized table designs presented by our Bonnet House Alliance. To register or for more information email brianbonnet@comcast.net or call [\(954\) 703-2613](tel:954-703-2613).

Impressions: A Juried Art Exhibit, March 2, 6 p.m. Lavish Opening Reception. Impressions is an annual juried art competition with fine food, fine wines and fine friends amid the Old Florida charm of Bonnet House. To submit your artwork, register or for more information visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2614](tel:954-703-2614).

Flora & Fauna Classes, Individual Classes, Sundays, April 30, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. - What is that plant?, May 21, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. - Gardening for butterflies and birds. To register visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House Members \$20, non-members \$25

Pastel Painting Workshop, Two day Session-Thursday & Friday, April 6 & 7, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Join Barbara Dix on the historic Bonnet House estate. To register visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House Members \$180, non-members \$200.

About Bonnet House: The mission of Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is to steward the legacy of the Bartlett and Birch families by preserving their historic estate and providing programming that nurtures creative expression, delights the senses, educates, and honors the natural environment.

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Bonnet House Museum & Gardens -- 900 North Birch Road, Fort Lauderdale 33304
Open for tours Tuesday - Sunday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
www.bonnethouse.org