



Bonnet House Museum & Gardens Announces its 2017/2018 Season

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, July 20, 2017 – The Bonnet House Museum & Gardens' 2017/2018 season is highlighted with a variety of exciting programs, events, workshops and classes. This season is filled with art, music, holiday cheer, watercolor, calligraphy and drawing workshops; birding, orchid care classes as well as our annual Concerts Under the Stars series, Orchid Festival and Cruisin' Down the River program. We've also added a holiday extravaganza—Holiday Magic at Bonnet House, a weeklong event with evening tours beginning December 8th. 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, Sunday, August 20, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Ascend to Better Birding I), Sunday, August 27, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Ascend to Better Birding II), Sunday, September 10, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Hawks Galor), Sunday, October 29, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Richardson Park Field Trip), Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Shore Birds Made Easier), Sunday, December 10 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Birding Made Easier), Sunday, January 21, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Ascend to Better Birding I), Sunday, February 11, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Ascend to Better Birding II), Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.- 5 p.m. (Birding By Ear), Sunday, April 8, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Warblers Made Easier). 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.

Orchid Festival, December 2 & 3, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Featuring the 11th Annual Orchid and Exotic Plant Sale. Orchids, Exotics, Tropicals, Herbs, Fruit Trees, Garden Art, Gourmet Food, Libations, Gardening Lectures, Cooking Demos, Orchid Displays 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.

Holiday Magic Kick-off Party: Friday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.; Come celebrate our very first Holiday Magic Soiree at Bonnet House. Enjoy an evening filled with a festival of trees, holiday cheer, sounds of the season, fine food, libations and live carolers. Cost: \$50. Visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2614](tel:954-703-2614) to register.

Holiday Magic Self-Guided Evening Tours: Saturday, December 9 – Thursday, December 14, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; for more information visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2614](tel:954-703-2614). Cost: Bonnet House Members \$15, non-members \$20.

Calligraphy Workshop, (2) five-week sessions-Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Beginners Workshop: January 9 – February 6, Intermediate: February 13 – March 13. Join artist Tony Pastucci on the historic Bonnet House estate. Workshop includes basic and intermediate principles of calligraphy. To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost for Beginners workshop: Bonnet House Members \$100, non-members \$125. Cost for Intermediate workshop: \$110, non-members \$135.

Watercolor in the Gardens, (2) six-week sessions-Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.; January 10 – February 14 or February 28 – April 4. 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 \$140, non-members \$160.

Acrylic in the Gardens, (2) six-week sessions-Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. January 11 – February 15 or March 1 – April 5. 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 \$140, non-members \$160.

Lecture Series, Mondays, 10:00 a.m., January 8 – Digging Into The Past: Tequesta at Bonnet House with Sara Ayers-Rigsby, M.A., RPA Director. February 12 – Abiaka (Sam Jones) in Context with Patsy West. March 12 – Trains & Travel: The Bartletts and 20th Century Limited. April 9 – Planting for Life: How to make your backyard into your bird feeder with Ann Wiley. To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House Members Free, non-members \$5.

Concerts Under the Stars, January 18, February 15, March 15 & April 5, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 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.

Basket Weaving I, Saturday, January 27, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Florida Basket - Create an artistic basket from natural materials found locally. The day will include an intro to basketry video and a walk on the property to identify the materials used. This class is an intro to local natural materials for all level weavers. To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House Members \$105, Non-members \$120.

Basket Weaving II, Thursday, February 22, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Open Weave Kitchen Collection – Create 1-3 unique designs from colorful reed. The baskets can be used as decoration or functionally to hold garlic, bread, etc. This day will include an intro to basketry video. Beginner level. To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House Members \$150, Non-members \$165.

Orchid Care Classes, Individual classes-Saturdays, February 10: Orchid Basics, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., February 17: Orchid Repotting & Mounting, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and February 24: Diagnosing Pests & Diseases, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Join Bonnet House Orchid Curators 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.

Introduction to the Old Masters Techniques - Monday, Wednesday & Friday, March 5, 7, 9, 12, 14 & 16 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Students work with the raw materials – the pigments and binders (glues that attach pigments to a canvas support) as they learn the techniques of underpainting, layering and glazing. To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost: Bonnet House Members \$600, Non-members \$650.

Two-day Orchid Painting Watercolor Workshop – Friday & Saturday, February 23 & 24, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m.; To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org add space or call [954-703-2606](tel:954-703-2606). Cost for two-day session – Members \$180, Non-members \$200.

Entirely Entertaining, February 26, 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).

Making New Impressions, Juried Art Competition and Auction, March 8, 6 p.m. Join us in supporting the preservation of Bonnet House with art, music, cocktails and moonlight on the magnificent Bonnet House Estate. Enjoy interactive food stations with unique alcohol pairings, full bar, music, exotic floral arrangements and art from various perspectives both traditional and avant garde. For more information, visit www.bonnethouse.org/impressions or call [954-703-2614](tel:954-703-2614).

Cruisin' Down the River, July 21, 5 p.m.

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

About Bonnet House: The mission of Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is to preserve the unique historic estate of Frederic and Evelyn Bartlett. Through enjoyable and enriching cultural experiences, the museum connects today's community to the Bartletts' architectural, artistic and environmental legacy.

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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

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