



Bonnet House Museum & Gardens Announces its 2018/2019 Season

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, August 10, 2018 – The Bonnet House Museum & Gardens' 2018/2019 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 basket weaving workshops; birding, orchid care classes as well as our annual Concerts Under the Stars series, Holiday Magic Evening Tours and International Orchid & Garden Festival. Become a member for only \$65 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: **1.** Sunday, September 9, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Ascend to Better Birding I), **2.** Sunday, September 23, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Ascend to Better Birding II), **3.** Sunday, November 4, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Bird Behavior), **4.** Saturday, November 17, 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Plantation Preserve Field Trip), **5.** Sunday, December 2, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Birding by Habitat), **6.** Sunday, January 6, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Ascend to Better Birding II), **7.** Sunday, February 3, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Birding by Ear), **8.** Sunday, March 3, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Birding by Season), **9.** Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. (Evergreen Cemetery Field Trip). Join birder extraordinaire, Paddy Cunningham on the historic Bonnet House estate. To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2606. Cost: Bonnet House Members \$20, non-members \$25.

Holiday Magic Soiree: Friday, November 30, 6:30 p.m.; Come celebrate our Holiday Magic Soiree at Bonnet House. Enjoy an evening filled with a festival of trees, holiday cheer, sounds of the season, fine food and libations. 6:30pm; for more information visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2614. Cost: \$60, VIP: \$100.

Holiday Magic Winter Wonderland: Sunday, December 2, 5:30pm; Join us for a Wonderland of Live Entertainment, Story Time and Interactive Activities for families wanting to experience Bonnet House's best holiday event, Holiday Magic. Kids 6 & under: Free, Students 7 – 12: \$5, Adults: \$15 Members, \$20 Non-members

Holiday Magic Self-Guided Evening Tours: Saturday, December 1 – Friday, December 7, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bonnet House will be open for self-guided tours with something exciting every night; from Santa and his elves, to Christmas story telling, to strolling carolers, to a holiday centerpiece designing class and much more. For more information visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2614. Cost: Kids 6 & under Free, Students 7 – 12 \$5, Adults-Members \$15, Non-members \$20.

Upstairs/Downstairs Tour – 2nd and 4th Wednesday, January – April, 2pm-4pm. Visitors will participate in a VIP experience of the upstairs and downstairs of the main house and take a sneak peek inside normally-closed areas of Evelyn and Frederic Bartlett's private living quarters. Tours are led by our seasoned Bonnet House docents and will be offered for only \$35 per person. To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2606.

Calligraphy Workshop, (2) five-week sessions-Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Beginners Workshop: January 8 – February 5, Intermediate: February 12 – March 12. 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. Cost for Beginners workshop: Bonnet House Members \$100, non-members \$125. Cost for Intermediate workshop: \$110, non-members \$135.

Watercolor Workshop, (2) six-week sessions-Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.; January 9 – February 13 or February 27 – April 3. Join fine artist and watercolorist Karen Eskesen in the historic Bonnet House courtyard. Workshop includes traditional techniques of realism in watercolor and line drawing and time to paint in the covered courtyard and gardens. To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2606. Cost: Bonnet House members \$140, non-members \$160.

Acrylic Painting Workshop, (2) six-week sessions-Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.; January 10 – February 14 or February 28 – April 4. Join Fine Artist Nia Nakis in the historic Bonnet House courtyard. Workshop includes basic principles of acrylic painting and time to paint in the covered courtyard and gardens. To register visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2606. Cost: Bonnet House Members \$140, non-members \$160.

Lecture Series, Mondays, 10:00 a.m., January 14, February 11 and March 11. To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2606. Cost: Bonnet House Members Free, non-members \$5.

Concerts Under the Stars, January 17, February 21, March 14 & April 4, 6:30 p.m. The finest talent in South Florida will be performing at Bonnet House this winter. Concerts under the stars on the beautiful Bonnet House estate. The evening's activities take place in and around the house with the concert taking place on the covered veranda beneath the moon and stars. Seating is provided. To purchase tickets, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2614. Tickets start at \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members.

Making New Impressions, Juried Art Competition, January 24, 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, full bar, music, exotic floral arrangements and art from various perspectives both traditional and avant garde. Exhibition runs through Sunday, March 3, 2019 and is open during regular tour hours. Admission is \$60. For more information, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2614.

Basket Weaving, (2) 1-day workshops. Wednesday, January 30 and Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Florida Natural 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. Cost: Bonnet House Members \$105, Non-members \$120.

Orchid Care Classes, Individual classes-Saturdays, 10:00am – 12:00pm; February 9: Orchid Basics, February 16: Orchid Repotting & Mounting, and February 23: Diagnosing Pests & Diseases. Classes take place in the historic Bonnet House Island Theater. To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2606. Cost: Bonnet House Members \$30, Non-members \$35.

Entirely Entertaining, Monday, February 25, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. An elegant luncheon with uniquely individualized table designs. To register, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call (954) 703-2614.

The Veranda Sessions at Bonnet House - Bonnet House Museum & Gardens invites you to "The Veranda Sessions" a raw, creative musical experience on the Bonnet House Veranda. The first of two sessions feature South Florida's very own SOSOS with a folky, Americana sound on Thursday, February 7th followed by New York's Avant garde jazz trio the Daniel Bennett Group on Thursday, March 28th. Cost is \$30 and includes wine and beer in an intimate lounge setting on the Bonnet House Veranda. Please visit www.bonnethouse.org or call (954) 703-2614.

International Orchid & Garden Festival, April 6 & 7, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Featuring the 12th Annual Orchid and Plant Sale. Orchids, Tropical plants, Herbs, Fruit Trees, Garden Art, Food Vendors, Libations, Live Music, Gardening Lectures, Orchid Displays and Much More!! To purchase tickets, visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2614. Cost for the festival is \$10. Additional \$10 for self-guided house tours.