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Bonnet House Museum & Gardens Now Open Year Round

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, August 20, 2008 – With more people visiting South Florida in the summer and fall months and the growing popularity of “staycations,” Bonnet House Museum & Gardens announces that the historic estate will be open for tours year round. Formerly, Bonnet House closed each September to allow for concentrated maintenance and heavy cleaning. “We have learned that these projects really don’t require closing the house to all visitors for an entire month,” said Bonnet House CEO Karen Beard. “In addition, remaining open in September will help accommodate our steadily growing visitor base.”

Bonnet House is a great spot for family recreation and daytrips where visitors can experience what life was like on a beachfront estate in the 1930s and 40s. The 35-acre grounds contain a nature trail that is an ideal length for children, while the Main House features a whimsical collection of decorative and fine art. The museum’s centralized location near Sunrise Boulevard and A-1-A makes it an easily accessible destination for visitors from Broward, Collier, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach counties.

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am until 4:00pm and Sunday from 12:00pm to 4:00pm with the last tour starting at 2:30pm. The property is closed on Mondays, New Years Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Bonnet House is also available for group tours, weddings and other private events by appointment.

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Open for tours Tues.- Sat. from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sundays from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm