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***BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS ANNOUNCES  
NEWLY EXTENDED HOURS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2012***

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, August 31, 2012** – Beginning November 1, 2012 Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is expanding its hours of operation. The museum's new hours will be: Tuesday through Sunday 9am – 4pm. That's six days with an extra seven hours per week for visitors to enjoy the tropical, architectural and artistic paradise.

Now it's more convenient than ever to visit Fort Lauderdale's cultural treasure. That means there's more time to tour the historic house museum, see one of the finest orchid collections in the continental U.S and catch a glimpse of the playful monkeys, majestic swans and wading birds.

Make sure to stay up to date with us all year long through our [website](#) where you can find information on all of our upcoming events and programs.

Bonnet House is located one block south of Sunrise Blvd. between Ft. Lauderdale Beach Blvd., (A1A) and the Intracoastal Waterway at 900 North Birch Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. Admission prices are \$20 for individuals, \$18 for senior citizens, \$16 for children ages 6 – 12 and \$10 for the grounds only. Group tours are also available at a discounted price.

**About the Bonnet House Museum & Gardens:** Accredited by the American Association of Museums and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is a 35-acre subtropical estate and historic house museum located in the heart of Fort Lauderdale. Bonnet House, in addition to being open for guided public tours six days per week, year round, offers a myriad of specially-designed programs for schools, adults and families. Bonnet House also has membership opportunities that include an annual pass to the estate and a program geared to local artists. Music students from nearby universities and opera companies gain experience through their performances on property in the annual Young Artist Music Series and orchid enthusiasts have an opportunity to see and buy an exclusive selection of orchids as well as learn how to grow and care for orchids in their own homes during the Orchid, Garden & Gourmet Food Festival, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. The mission of Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is to preserve, interpret and share the unique and eclectic historical legacy – artistic, architectural and environmental - of the Bartlett and Birch families, inspiring in our diverse audiences an appreciation for creative expression, historic preservation and natural conservation, while enhancing the educational, cultural and economic growth of the community.