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Photos of winning pieces available

13TH ANNUAL IMPRESSIONS: A JURIED ART EXHIBIT A GREAT SUCCESS!

March 11, 2013, Ft. Lauderdale, FL – On Thursday, March 7, 2013 over 200 guests, including 51 artists, enjoyed an evening of fine art, fine food and an array of music to celebrate the opening of the 13th Annual Impressions: A Juried Art Exhibit. To date this event has raised \$60,000 to benefit Bonnet House.

Bonnet House inspired Rangpur lime cocktails were offered as guests entered the Carl Weinhardt Gallery to view the juried art exhibit. On exiting the gallery, guests enjoyed various gourmet food stations on the veranda under a magnificent canopy with visions of Bonnet House events displayed. DJ Eddie B enhanced the dining experience with a variety of music from Jazz favorites. Winners of the juried exhibit were then announced.

The lead sponsor of the event was Nova Southeastern University. Additional sponsors of Impressions include AutoNation, EDSA, Bessemer Trust, Best Roofing, Boucher Brothers Management, Fowler, White Boggs, Tripp Scott, Glazer & Associates, North Beach Village and PL&P Advertising. All sponsors and guests who purchased a VIP level ticket were treated to a special tour of the seldom-seen upstairs living quarters of the Bartletts during an exclusive reception held prior to the event.

Over 100 entries were considered by juror, Daina Stabulniece, with a record 72 pieces selected for exhibit. The winning art was then selected by Ms. Stabulniece just prior to the opening. Dwight Hoffman is the First Place winner with his watercolor *The Conversation*. Peter Zimmer is the Second Place winner with *August Moon*, an acrylic painting on canvas board. Third Place was awarded to Naomi Gersh for *City Dweller*, a photograph. Jacqueline Roch is the People's Choice winner for *Summer Starts*, a pastel painting.

The Carl Weinhardt Gallery at Bonnet House is the location of the exhibit which runs through May 5, 2013. Fifty percent of all art sales benefit Bonnet House. The exhibit may be seen on all regularly scheduled tours of Bonnet House. For information call (954) 703-2614 or go to www.bonnethouse.org.

About the Bonnet House Museum & Gardens: Accredited by the American Association of Museum 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, the first weekend in December of every year. 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.