



# Duvinage Spiral Stairs

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A Financial Retrospective

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Holiday Magic Returns

# From the CEO

Patrick Shavloske

2017 - 2018 Financial Retrospective

I have to admit it. After being closed for seventeen days due to Hurricane Irma, seeing 700 feet of fence in tatters on A1A, and facing \$50,000 less in grant funds from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, I had doubts about Bonnet House's financial performance in the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year. Well, thanks to the hard work of staff and volunteers as well as many very generous donors—whose names are listed in this edition of The Newsletter—it looks like Bonnet House will post a surplus for the period.

But before delving into the numbers, my first words are heartfelt and simple: thank you. Thank you to an incredibly talented and dedicated staff for their hard work. Thank you to the volunteers who often brave the elements to showcase Bonnet House. Thank you to so many of you who helped us financially in the wake of Irma and as the scope of repairs became more evident. If you are reading this, you probably played your own role in our success, so thank you.

I have made an attempt to present our financial performance in the most understandable way by sharing a statement of cash flow. This shows income and expenses over which we have some control. It doesn't show things like realized and unrealized gains or depreciation. I think it is fair to say, Bonnet House had a good year, performing \$17,308 better than our budget for the year on this unaudited, cash flow basis. (Audited financial statements will be available in November for those interested).

So what do I see as positive? Fundraising to start. Contributions to Bonnet House were very strong driven by our immediate need from Hurricane Irma. Though we still await payment from FEMA, private donations enabled us to recover from the storm and aided our general operations. Estate rentals were also good this year. Weddings were strong, and we performed above budget on rental income and under budget on associated expense. And even after being closed for renovation for three weeks, the Museum Shop beat budget revenue and was also under budget on inventory expense. Yes, your gently used, high quality items do help make a difference to our bottom line. And let's be honest, the addition of ice cream helped too!

What are the challenges? House tour revenue is the



place to start. It's the largest, single source of revenue for the museum, but it has remained essentially flat. We're going to have to work to make tours more profitable while keeping them affordable for visitors. Education programs are another place where we could do better. We have a tremendous story to share, and I think paid youth programming still holds potential for us. Fundraising events are challenging too. We've boosted attendance by cutting prices, but we could still get more people through the door for Impressions in particular. Another area of concern is state funding, and it will be only more meager in 2018-2019. The arts and culture sector will have to do a better job in Tallahassee showing that we merit grant funding. Finally and frankly, I would be remiss if I did not mention our revenue sharing arrangement with the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. Our payment this year was just over \$147,000. That money could have been of immediate and future benefit to Bonnet House had it stayed with the museum, and the flow of these funds to the Florida Trust is contrary to Evelyn Bartlett's direct wishes.

Where do we go from here? A task force composed of staff and board members is looking at ways to improve the visitor and tour experience to make sure our programs are meeting the expectation of our attendees. Another task force is laying the groundwork for celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Bonnet House in 2019-2020 to not only raise funds but raise local awareness of this incredible place. Finally, our board has commenced discussions with the Florida Trust and the National Trust in order to honor the fiduciary wishes Mrs. Bartlett had for Bonnet House. It's a full plate, but I am confident that the future of Bonnet House is bright. Thank you again to everyone who has made a commitment of time, talent, or treasure this past fiscal year and played a role in the museum's success.

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**BONNET HOUSE, INC.**  
**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING 6/30/2018**

**UNAUDITED**

	<b>CURRENT YTD</b>	<b>BUDGET YTD</b>	<b>OVER(UNDER) BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUE:</b>			
ALLIANCE	\$ 52,881	\$ 34,000	18,881
ANNUAL FUND/UNREST CONTRIBUTIONS	184,064	95,000	89,064
BONNET HOUSE EVENTS	191,131	208,400	(17,269)
EDUCATION/PROGRAM FEES	42,713	61,100	(18,387)
ESTATE RENTALS (WEDDINGS, ETC.)	362,996	310,200	52,796
MEMBERSHIP	147,315	140,000	7,315
MUSEUM SHOP SALES	108,732	106,000	2,732
TOURS/TRAM TOURS	490,865	516,500	(25,635)
GRANTS - UNRESTRICTED	229,040	276,600	(47,560)
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ACTIVITY	25,574	-	25,574
INVESTMENT INCOME	210,564	201,000	9,564
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,045,875</b>	<b>1,948,800</b>	<b>97,075</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
ADVERTISING	\$ 84,382	\$ 77,050	7,332
ALLIANCE	63,178	30,000	33,178
ANNUAL FUND	-	1,000	(1,000)
BONNET HOUSE EVENTS	70,814	74,295	(3,481)
BUSINESS INSURANCE	67,718	94,000	(26,282)
CONTRACT SERVICES - ADMINISTRATIVE	104,971	84,000	20,971
CONTRACT SERVICES - PROGRAMMATIC	40,281	37,150	3,131
EDUCATION	21,222	24,425	(3,203)
ESTATE RENTALS WITH RELATED SALARIES	133,217	142,309	(9,092)
FLORIDA TRUST	147,370	153,830	(6,460)
HURRICANE EXPENSE	85,659	-	85,659
MEMBERSHIP/FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	5,840	3,500	2,340
MUSEUM SHOP INVENTORY	40,183	46,000	(5,817)
NON-RENTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS	895,079	912,505	(17,426)
OFFICE/ADMINISTRATIVE	82,826	80,425	2,401
BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	115,505	81,245	34,260
TOURS/TRAM LEASE	21,629	34,500	(12,871)
UTILITIES/TELEPHONE	48,630	59,000	(10,370)
OTHER EXPENSES	63	-	63
CASH RESERVE	-	13,566	(13,566)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,028,567</b>	<b>1,948,800</b>	<b>79,767</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 17,308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,308</b>

# ORCHIDS, ORCHIDS, ORCHIDS

## Orchid News

If you haven't been to the Orchid Display House for a while, you're in for a real treat. Thanks to our dedicated orchid volunteers and the deft hand of our Orchid Curator, Jose Exposito, the collection is blooming beautifully. Bonnet House has also been fortunate to receive some significant contributions in support of our orchid growing efforts. A special thanks goes to Redland Orchid Growers who made a generous donation of \$5,000 to purchase new orchids for Bonnet House! The following nurseries have also donated new orchid plants to the collection: Kawamoto Orchids, Carmela Orchids, and H&R Orchid Nurseries. Thank you to everyone who is working to preserve and expand Evelyn Bartlett's orchid growing legacy!

There is also news to share about the Orchid Festival. To better accommodate Holiday Magic, the Orchid

Festival will be moving from December to the first weekend in April. That means that the next Bonnet House Orchid Festival will be held on April 6 and 7, 2019. In addition, the Orchid Festival will be expanding to become the Bonnet House INTERNATIONAL Orchid & Garden Festival! For the first time ever, growers from Asia will be participating as well as growers from Hawaii. You'll be certain to find extraordinary specimens. Look for more information in early 2019 about these exciting additions.



Orchid Volunteers: Sami Puzio, Julius Bianchi, Terry Kaposi, Richard Mach, Orchid Curator-Jose Exposito, Craig Barry, Gigi Granger, Bud Romboli

New Date  Bonnet House  
International Orchid  
& Garden Festival 

Admission  
\$10

 APRIL 6 & 7  
Sat. & Sun.  
9 am - 4 pm

# Development News

by Darla I. Stanton

It's Magic in the Making, Round 2!



Holiday Magic is coming to Fort Lauderdale again! For Bonnet House that means our 2nd annual fundraising event like no other. It will all start November 30th and last through December 7th with a team of designers decorating trees, wreaths and centerpieces that will adorn Bonnet

House and be on sale throughout the week. On November 30, 2018 we will kick off the festivities with a Soiree on the veranda. Tickets are \$60 and will go on sale September 4, 2018. Last year this celebration was a tremendous success with a sellout crowd of 400 people, so be sure to buy your tickets early.

This year we have also added an extraordinary VIP reception that will start one hour before the Soiree and will be held in our private Citrus Courtyard. You won't want to miss this VIP celebration! We are only selling 100 tickets for this event at \$100 each on a first come first serve basis and tickets will also go on sale for this on September 4, 2018.

As part of Holiday Magic, Bonnet House will also be open for self-guided tours at night from December 1st to 7th with something exciting each evening for adults and kids alike, from Santa and his elves, to strolling carolers, to specially lighted grounds, to Christmas story telling and much more. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members, \$5 for kids 6-12 and free for kids under 6.

We are still in need of sponsors and designers!!! Please contact me at [darlastanton@bonnethouse.org](mailto:darlastanton@bonnethouse.org) for more information or you can go to: <https://www.bonnethouse.org/event/holiday-magic-soiree/> to review both the sponsorship packet and the entry packet to become a designer for Holiday Magic or to make a donation!

# What's Blooming on the Beach Road

by Andrea Larson

Several months ago, the Beach Road, the passage from the Bonnet House slough to the ocean, was widened to restore it to its original width. Last pruned around 2002, this project restored Evelyn Bartlett's much-loved view from her second-floor sun porch.



This historic renewal project presented an opportunity to add a variety of native plants to the path. Our intention was to add both visual appeal and to attract insects, birds, and other wildlife to the area. After some research and use of some of the funds generously

donated by Corinthian Condominium residents, we launched our project. While there is still a lot of planting and nurturing ahead of us, some plants are now established and blooming profusely.

If you have not had a chance, wander to the Beach Road and take a few minutes to look around. There is a profusion of scarlet sage, *salvia coccinea*, blooming all over. This Florida native attracts a variety of butterflies. I've seen plenty of monarchs, Gulf fritillaries, and swallowtails hovering around the sage.

My favorite little plant is sunshine mimosa, *mimosa strigillosa*. These delicate looking little beauties are still quite small, but once established they provide resilient ground cover. The puffy pink flowers attract both butterflies and bees. If you touch their leaves, they fold together rapidly like any self-respecting sensitive plant should do.

If you enjoy this little piece of paradise and would like to help us in our efforts to establish it and keep it thriving, you can contact Linda Schaller; we certainly need more volunteers with gardening ambitions.

Special thanks from Bonnet House goes out to our wonderful volunteers and staff for the work they did establishing and nourishing this special garden: Jim and Maggie Dunn, Ken Goosens, John Jors, Keith Kirschnick, Andrea Larson, Mary Lou Miller, and Don Oprea.

# Bonnet House Donors July 2017 - June 2018

The Board of Directors of Bonnet House extends its sincere thanks to the following individuals and organizations that have supported Bonnet House between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 through pledges, cash gifts, and gifts of goods or services. The museum would not be able to operate without these loyal benefactors.

Thank you!

## **GIFTS OF CASH OR STOCK & ACTIVE PLEDGES**

### **\$100,000 or more**

Broward County Cultural Division  
William L. Fortune, Jr. and  
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#### In Honor of Imogene Redmon's 100th Birthday

Fran Koener

#### In Honor of Julius Bianchi and Richard Mach

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#### In Memory of Alice Schaller

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### Would you like to become part of Bonnet House's Legacy Society?

With a planned gift to Bonnet House Museum & Gardens—such as a bequest or charitable gift annuity—you can combine your desire to support a worthy cause with your overall financial, tax, and estate planning goals. Planned giving gives you a special connection with Bonnet House. You will help preserve this historic site—for now and for years to come!

For more information or if you have already left Bonnet House in estate plans and would like to be listed in our Legacy Society, please contact Darla at [darlastanton@bonnethouse.org](mailto:darlastanton@bonnethouse.org).

# Duvinage Spiral Staircase

by Denyse Cunningham



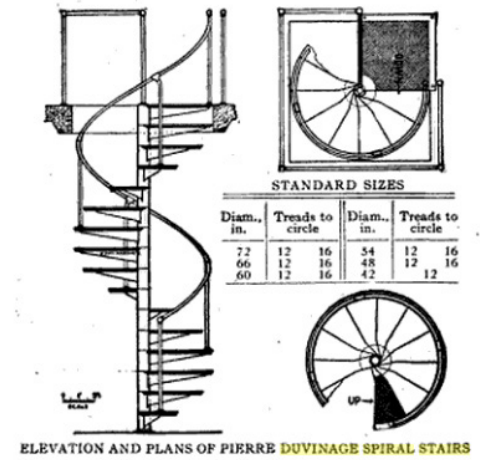
The spiral staircase for Bonnet House was selected by the Bartlett's and Hugh Taylor Birch from the comfort of their Beverly, Massachusetts mansion Whitehall, the Bartlett's summer home. On the Duvinage company's web site the order is listed as for the Birch-Bartlett Estate, in Beverly, Massachusetts.

The original stair was a plain wooden one, the hole for which can be seen on the Philodendron ceiling mural. Part of the bannister for those stairs is still in the Tower Room.

The Duvinage Cast Iron Company has been manufacturing custom metal stairs since 1895. The company was founded in New York City by Pierre Duvinage who patented the first metal staircase in the US. The company relocated in 1932 to Hagerstown, Maryland and our staircase dates to sometime after that move. Our risers are stamped "Duvinage Hagerstown Maryland".

According to the 1920 Sweets Architectural Catalogue Duvinage spiral stairs were patented in 1917.

"Known for... their simple, durable construction as well as their economy of floor space, in offices, stores, mezzanines, boiler rooms, sewage disposal pumping wells, power plants, gas houses, water towers, etc." Sweets lists several specific structures that had these type of stairs, although contrary to the belief of some, none of which were lighthouses.



ELEVATION AND PLANS OF PIERRE DUVINAGE SPIRAL STAIRS

We contacted one of the Duvinage Company's owners to see if she had more information about the purchase of the stairs. She did not find anything further. I provided them with a picture of the stairs after they had been restored and they posted it on their web site. She was thrilled to see the stairs in one of the scenes from the TV show *The Bachelor*.

## Wedding Bells at Bonnet House

Bonnet House is a great place to hold a wedding. Hundreds of couples have. But never before has a staff member said "I Do" at the estate. That all changed on July 28th, when Director of Development, Darla Worley Livesay and Rob Stanton exchanged vows in an intimate ceremony on the Chickee Bridge. The newlyweds then celebrated their special day with a lunch at SeaWatch. Darla has decided to take her new husband's name, so don't be surprised if you see an email from Darla Stanton. Bonnet House sends its warmest congratulations to Darla and Rob.

## Comic Strip by Kevin Miller



BONNET HOUSE GRASS IS EVIL. WITHIN SECONDS OF IT BEING CUT, IT GROWS BACK EVEN HIGHER.

Kevin Miller



# The Little Gift Shop

by Dianne Ennis



The snowball effect has hit the Museum Shop in a big way! Something small has snowballed into fulfilling a dream that has existed at Bonnet House for many, many years.

It started with the idea of introducing ice cream to our guests. Volunteer John Lucas was instrumental in securing Fruitique Ice Cream, which has become a big seller. Next, our neighbors at the Corinthian Condominium donated a substantial amount of money that led to a new roof for the Museum Shop along

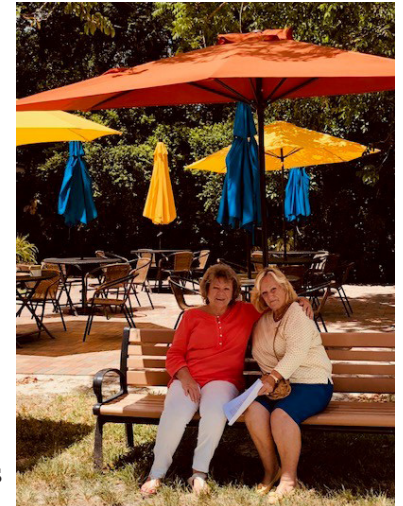
with new tile flooring and a much-needed interior paint job. As you all know, once one project is done it snowballs into another. Dane Jensen and Barbara Davis generously covered the cost of new lighting for the shop which now showcases our unique inventory as it should be. Then the idea of eventually serving a light breakfast and lunch came



up and a commercial refrigerator was needed. Our associate, Terry Koposi stepped-up to the plate and filled that requirement. As the snowball of improvements kept building, the kitchen began to look more and more tired. Don Viny stepped in and purchased a beautiful, full-length Corian countertop with a deep sink. That led to an idea of a new service window from which to serve our guests. Again, Don Viny was there for us. He decided to purchase the window. When the company that we selected to procure and install the window came to meet with us, they

decided to donate their installation services. Then, the snowball grew again. Vicki Kanter, our Museum Shop associate, was staring at the side of the building where the new window will be placed and decided it desperately needed a paint job. With that in mind, Vicki donated the funds to have that done.

Well it did not end there. The snowball then escalated into expanding the Museum Shop outdoors. May Muench thought there should be an area for guests to enjoy the new enterprise. May and her husband decided to donate six tables, 24 chairs and six umbrellas. When these items arrived, it was very obvious that we needed a flat surface for this new area. So again, May and her husband, Kevin, generously donated brick pavers to complete this area. May went non-



stop; she left no detail out. She also included a menu board, centerpieces for the tables and sugar holders and the list continues to grow daily. May is a master gardener and will be showing her talents around the patio area. Bonnet House is so grateful to these generous volunteers and associates. Without them this snowball effect would have melted. Our thanks and appreciation go out to all these very generous people. And who said it doesn't snow in Florida? Well it does over Bonnet House!

There will be many new happenings that will be associated with this new, expanded area of the Museum Shop which will be announced before too long. We are dedicated to making the Bonnet House experience unforgettable.

A few things to remember...the Museum Shop will honor our 20% discount for the month of November for our members and associates. Holiday Magic is also approaching very soon. Holiday shopping at the Museum Shop is highly recommended as we proudly present guests holiday gifts, terrific stocking stuffers and holiday decorations. The list expands almost daily, so stop in and check us out. We have a boxed gift that contains a yearly membership and *The Life and Gift* Bonnet House book. This is a great holiday gift that keeps giving all year long. Come shop and enjoy a day at Bonnet House!

# Bonnet House Alliance Swan Song

by William Gundlach III - President, 2016 - 2018



I write to inform you that after 32 years, the Bonnet House Alliance has come to an end. Like many similar groups in our community—and really throughout the country—the Alliance had dwindled in terms of active, working members. While the total Alliance membership remained in the three hundred range

over the past several years, those who were truly active and working to present programming numbered only in the twenties, making it very difficult for the organization to function. Sadly, there just were not enough members who were interested in the tireless effort of maintaining the Alliance as it once was.

There were the stalwart few who, for the last four years, tried to maintain a forward direction by holding new and different events such as the Speakeasy Soiree, Bus Tours or Frederic's Oktoberfest. To all involved in those efforts to expand our working membership base, I offer my heartfelt thanks for your efforts. While these events did raise some additional dollars for the conservation, restoration, and preservation of our beloved Bonnet House, our always popular EE, Entirely Entertaining, and its "Parade of Tables" is where we generated most of the funds needed to give our annual donation to Bonnet House. This was always the core purpose for the existence of the Alliance.

I am pleased to announce that EE, Entirely Entertaining will remain as planned and is scheduled for this up-coming February 25, 2019 as Entirely Entertaining XXIV. In fact, invitations have already gone out to the Table Designers, many of whom have already enthusiastically replied with their RSVP's for next year's event. If anyone wishes to aid in presenting this spectacular event, please be sure to let Linda Schaller know of your interest.

I want to thank all those members who made the Alliance possible over its many years. Sandy Casteel,



Barbara Middlebrooks, Ann Powell and many others were there in the beginning and throughout our history to raise money for the museum, not always in the best of times but always with an eye to nurturing the incredible legacy left us by Evelyn Bartlett. I also want to thank the Board of Directors of Bonnet House Inc. for their backing and thank our amazing Bonnet House staff who were always there to support the Alliance in every way. Finally, I want to thank the many, many Bonnet House volunteers who we love, greatly appreciate and who are too numerous to list for all their fabulous assistance and for so graciously giving of themselves.

Going forward, all Bonnet House Alliance members will join with the general membership of Bonnet House to form a single membership program called "Friends of Bonnet House." All members will be joined in the single purpose of supporting Bonnet House through annual support and in the opportunity to volunteer for the museum in the many roles that keep Bonnet House open and running.

Thank you all for our amazing run as the Bonnet House Alliance. We look forward to continuing all our good works as "Friends of the Bonnet House."

Warmly,  
Bill

# CONCERTS UNDER THE STARS 2019

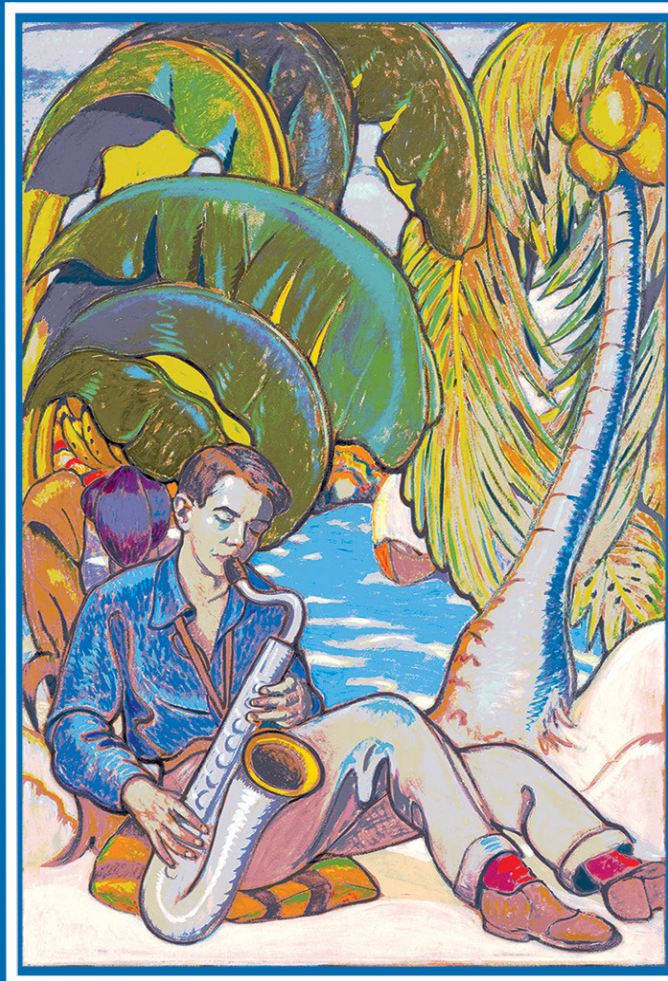
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**6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

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