



BONNET HOUSE
MUSEUM & GARDENS

OCTOBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022

HOUSE *Happenings*



FROM THE CEO

Patrick Shavloske



THE PAST FEW months have been busy for Bonnet House, not only because we have seen visitors return to the museum in large numbers (roughly on par with July and August of 2019), but also because of an intense planning process carried out behind the scenes in conjunction with the Bonnet House Board of Directors. The board has

adopted a new and straightforward mission statement:

Celebrating the story of Frederic and Evelyn Bartlett, we preserve the art, history and nature of Bonnet House, providing inspiration and respite for all.

Bonnet House's vision is to be:

A sustainable tropical sanctuary that preserves its legacy of art and nature while inspiring minds and spirits.

This mission, vision and three core values—Preservation, Sense of Place, and Inspiration—will be touchstones for Bonnet House as we finalize a strategic plan that will guide the museum's growth over the next five years.

Bonnet House is now in the strongest position it has ever been to chart its preferred future. We have arrived at a crossroads of sorts: do we limit ourselves to the programs we have always offered, or do we now seize the opportunity to grow our programming and expand our amenities? I believe we have the potential to do so much more and be an even greater community resource.



In my view we are on the cusp of moving to the next level of professionalism with a visitor experience that will build upon the incredible experience we now provide.

In the coming months, I look forward to sharing more about our new strategic plan.

One reason I believe we will be able to take this next step forward is because of the generous donors listed in this issue of the Newsletter. The federal CARES Act and its various grant programs were a significant source of funding in the previous fiscal year that ended June 30th, but once again individual donors and private foundations made the difference for Bonnet House. As can be seen on the facing page, fundraising, grants, and membership accounted for over 50% of the museum's operating revenue last year. To everyone listed in our Annual Report and to everyone who supported Bonnet House as a member or donor at any level, thank you.



I would be remiss if I did not close with an update on our deaccession of the Qajar painting. The painting is back in the Middle East and at a museum. The museum has not yet chosen to publicize its acquisition, but it is good to know the painting is in safe hands and in a setting where its cultural context can be fully appreciated. The final net to Bonnet House was \$2,729,285 (part of "Total Other Income" on the financial statement). We have already been able to restore four of Frederic Bartlett's paintings that were in critical need of conservation. We are in the final stages of collecting bids from roofing contractors and are making progress on the Main House air conditioning project.

I am so excited about Bonnet House's future. The best is truly yet to come for our museum!

BONNET HOUSE PROFIT & LOSS

JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022 - UNAUDITED

INCOME	CURRENT YTD
ANNUAL FUND/UNREST CONTRIBUTIONS	\$202,898.00
BONNET HOUSE EVENTS	\$14,025.50
DONATED GOODS OR SERVICES	\$4,443.66
EDUCATION PROGRAMS REVENUE	\$13,835.00
ESTATE RENTALS	\$144,058.59
LOSS OF BUSINESS COVERAGE	\$100,000.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$105,735.08
MUSEUM SHOP REVENUE	\$78,564.02
SALES TAX CREDIT	\$215.34
TOURS	\$381,664.00
GRANTS - UNRESTRICTED	\$432,261.15
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,477,700.34

EXPENSES	CURRENT YTD
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$1,025,505.67
ADVERTISING & MARKETING	\$120,678.90
BONNET HOUSE EVENTS	\$6,751.33
BUSINESS INSURANCE	\$89,789.18
CONTRACT SERVICES - ADMINISTRATIVE	\$109,025.76
CONTRACT SERVICES - PROGRAMMATIC	\$29,475.50
DEPRECIATION	\$12,789.00
DONATED GOODS OR SERVICES	\$4,443.66
EDUCATION PROGRAMS	\$4,851.71
ESTATE RENTALS	\$23,817.55
HURRICANE EXPENSES	\$332.82
MEMBERSHIP/FUNDRAISING	\$10,114.31
MUSEUM GIFT SHOP	\$41,378.65
OFFICE/ADMINISTRATIVE	\$53,476.78
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$128,578.25
TOURS/TRAM LEASE	\$12,512.65
UTILITIES	\$46,473.32
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,719,995.04
NET OPERATING INCOME	-\$242,294.70
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$4,533,012.26
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$16,673.77
NET OTHER INCOME	\$4,516,338.49
NET INCOME	\$4,274,043.79



HOLIDAY MAGIC RETURNS TO FORT LAUDERDALE

Darla L. Stanton, Director of Development

FOR BONNET HOUSE THAT MEANS OUR 4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT LIKE NO OTHER.

It will all start December 3rd with a Holiday Soirée and continue with our Whimsical Wonderland on December 4th and Evening Experiences December 8th—10th. A team of designers will be decorating trees, wreaths, and centerpieces that will adorn Bonnet House and be on sale throughout the week. Here's how you can help and join the festivities:

CALLING ALL DESIGNERS & DECORATORS

Holiday Magic is a major fundraiser for the preservation of Bonnet House. All trees, wreaths, and centerpieces will be for sale starting the night of December 3rd and sales continue throughout the following week. 100% of the proceeds go to Bonnet House.

THEME: The designer/decorator may choose a specific theme and colors for each creation.

TREE SIZE: Tree sizes vary from 3', 4.5', and 7'. All trees will be pre-lit. Stands are provided with each tree.

WREATH SIZE: Door wreaths will be 30" and 24".

CENTERPIECES: Undecorated artificial centerpieces will be 36" in length.

Bonnet House will provide high-quality trees, wreaths, and centerpieces at no cost to the designer/decorator and can be picked up at Bonnet House. Please consider becoming a Designer/Decorator!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Holiday Magic was such a tremendous success in 2019 raising close to \$135,000 and it was all made possible by friends like you.

More than just adding to the success of Holiday Magic, your sponsorship gift directly supports the preservation of Bonnet House and our programming that immerses locals and visitors alike in the unique history of this special place. Become a sponsor today!

HOLIDAY MAGIC SOIRÉE 2021

Friday, December 3, 7:00 pm

The house and grounds are lit up and sparkling during this Holiday Soirée with live music, a full bar, and catered dining by A Alexander Events. All of the trees, wreaths, and centerpieces throughout the house will be lit and designed to delight and for sale. Soiree attendees have the opportunity to view and purchase these pieces first and see the fantastical characters brought to life from the new book POMP, SNOW & CIRQUEumstance™.

WHIMSICAL WONDERLAND

Saturday, December 4, 5:30 pm

An evening for families! Join us for a Wonderland of live entertainment, scavenger hunt, stocking decorating, and plenty of opportunities to capture your holiday family portraits. Bring the kids to Whimsical Wonderland!

EVENING EXPERIENCES

December 8, 9 & 10, 6:00pm

Decide on your favorite designer-decorated trees, wreaths, and centerpieces as you enjoy a self-guided tour of the house during this magical nighttime opportunity. Live entertainment nightly. \$30 with Cheers (two drink tickets)!

Sponsored by: A Alexander Event Catering, Victoria Park Flower Studio, Josh Cellars, Redemption Whiskey, Gray Whale Gin, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Christmas Central, J.M. Design Lighting & Fabric, Dr. D.J. Paulish Entertainment, Jose & Mary Copeland Gonzalez, Joe & Nora Dyke, Allan R. Rexinger & John R. Davis, Sondra St. Martin, Alice W. Smith.

Please visit bonnethouse.org for more information on sponsorships, becoming a designer and to purchase tickets.

We look forward to seeing you at Holiday Magic.

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JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021

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JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021

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HONORARY AND MEMORIAL GIFTS (cont'd)

In Memory of Martha Mitchell
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*Deceased

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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.



ANTIQUe CHINESE BETROTHEL BASKETS

Denyse Cunningham, Curator



OFTEN REFERRED TO AS WEDDING BASKET by non-Chinese, betrothal baskets is more accurate as they are traditionally used during the betrothal or engagement. The family of the groom fills the basket with dowry gifts for the bride's family. The gifts traditionally come in even numbers. Food, sewing materials, a nightgown and red sheets for the wedding night are sometimes included. Red is the symbol of prosperity, joy and love. It is the main color used in Chinese weddings.

The baskets are commonly hand made from thin strips of split bamboo. The strips are dyed red. Bonnet House's, which is located in the studio to the right of the fireplace features exquisite, double layer weaving, and an intricate design on top of the lid. Sometimes the weaver would sign their name on the wide bottom strips. The one at Bonnet House is unsigned. It dates from the early 1900s.



According to *Things Chinese: Antiques, Crafts, Collectables* by Ronald G. Knapp they "... usually come in pairs so that they can be carried on the ends of a balanced shoulder pole. In some areas of China today, rather than purchasing a set, one has the option of renting one from a wedding cake shop."

There is a strong possibility Mr. Bartlett purchased this basket on his wedding trip to China with his second wife, Helen Birch Bartlett. They were married in 1919.

The eagle in the Drawing room was also made in China. It was purchased by Evelyn Fortune Bartlett from Phyllis Cramer who owned the Kampong gallery in Palm Beach. Mrs. Cramer told Mrs. Bartlett that the eagle is a Chinese house decoration. The small animals on the gray tables around the courtyard were also purchased from the Kampong gallery. The store was located at 10 Via Parigi, an arcade opposite the Everglades Club. It was advertised as "a shop like a museum."

Bonnet House the home of artists Frederic Clay Bartlett, Helen Birch Bartlett and Evelyn Fortune Bartlett is hosting some fantastic art classes this coming season. The Bartletts' would be proud to know that artists of all types will be enjoying these beautiful grounds while learning new techniques.

FALL & WINTER ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Linda Schaller, Director of Education & Volunteer Programs

THIS SUMMER'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS WERE A BIG HIT. We had four orchid classes and two



colored pencil drawing and painting classes. Both classes were full with students eager to learn new things.

Jose Exposito, Bonnet House Orchid Curator and owner of Soroa Orchids, will be teaching Basics and Repotting & Mounting of orchids again in January. The

classes in August filled up with waiting lists.

Galal Ramadan, colored pencil master artist, taught his first classes here at Bonnet House in September and October. Galal taught classes in Colored Pencil Drawing & Painting. His first two classes filled up almost immediately and his six week workshop was a big hit! He will be teaching other classes soon.

Paddy Cunningham is back this year with Wonderful

World of Birding. Birding is great fun and Paddy makes birding fun! The classes will take place outside with a classroom component. Bring your favorite birding



book and binoculars, and you will learn how to spot and identify birds of South Florida. Paddy is also offering a special YOUTH birding class; see the calendar for more information.

Starting in October, Karen Eskesen, watercolorist and instructor, will be teaching a special watercolor class, Tropical Leaves. In this class, Karen will explore the artist, historian and art critic, John Ruskin, and his statement, "if you can paint a leaf, you can paint the world". Learn more about leaf painting in Karen's one-day class.

Don Oprea will lead you on a relaxing walk through the Bonnet House hammock in his Forest Bathing classes. Learn a new form of relaxation among the trees.



Karen Eskesen & Bonnie Opie are back and hitting the ground running starting in January with watercolor and acrylic classes. These two wonderful

teachers work with beginning and advanced students. These wonderful artists will bring out your inner talents. The classes are held in the beautiful Bonnet House courtyard.

Tony Pastucci and The Art of Calligraphy returns this winter. Learn to write artistically. The art of writing is fading with modern technology. Calligraphy is a fun and relaxing way to bring writing back.

We have two wonderful new teachers joining us in 2022 as well.

Sensei: Marjorie DaVanzo, certified instructor at the Ohara School of Ikebana will be teaching the ancient Japanese art of flower arranging. Students will learn *Hana-Isho*, the first level arrangements in the Ohara School Curriculum. Marjorie will also be giving a lecture and demonstration on January 10 from 10-11:30 at Bonnet House.



Barbara DiMartini, MFA, is a retired associate



professor of Fine Art in Rochester, NY. She will be teaching a 4 four week class that will help you to "master light and color for vibrant, glowing paintings, and break out of

your limitations with new challenges."

NOTE all classes have limited enrollment if you are interested don't wait - the classes will be full in no time.

TAKE ROOT FOREST SCHOOL & CAMP AT BONNET HOUSE

BY *Christy Schultz*

Experiencing the Forest & History of
Bonnet House

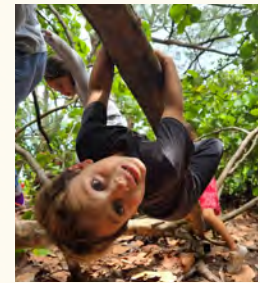


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Holiday Breaks 2021/22
9:30am-3pm
Winter Break Mini-Camp
December 21, 22, 23 & 28, 29, 30

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March 22, 23, 24
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(Ages 3-11)**
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2021 - JANUARY 2022

BIRDING CLASSES

Sun | Oct 3 | 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Sun | Jan 9 | 2:00 - 5:00 pm

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS

Sat | Oct 23 | 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
1-Day Mini-Workshop
Tues | Jan 12 - Feb 16 | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
6-Week Workshop

FOREST BATHING CLASSES

Sun | Oct 24 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sun | Nov 28 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sun | Dec 19 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sun | Jan 23 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

HOLIDAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

Wed | Dec 8 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Thurs | Dec 9 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm

ORCHID CARE CLASSES

Tues | Jan 4 | 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
Orchid Care Basics

ORCHID CARE CLASSES (CONT'D)

Tues | Jan 11 | 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
Repotting & Mounting + Pests & Diseases

LECTURE SERIES

Mon | Jan 10 | 10:00 - 11:30 am
East Meets West: Frederic and Helen's
Honeymoon in Asia

CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Wed | Jan 11 - Feb 8 | 9:30 - 11:30 am
6-Week Workshop

ACRYLIC WORKSHOP

Thurs | Jan 12 - Feb 9 | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
6-Week Workshop

IKEBANA WORKSHOP

Tues | Jan 18 - Feb 8 | 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
4-Week Workshop

For more information, to purchase tickets or register for classes, please visit bonnethouse.org.

HOLIDAY MAGIC RETURNS

Holiday Magic Soiree - Friday, December 3, 2021 | 6:00-10:00 pm

Whimsical Wonderful, An Evening for Families

Featuring fantastical characters brought to life from the new book *POMP, SNOW & CIRQUEumstance™*
Saturday | December 4 | 5:30 pm-8:00 pm

Holiday Magic Evening Tours - Wednesday, Thursday & Friday | December 8, 9 & 10 | 6:00-8:00 pm

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PRESENTED BY THE HALLER FOUNDATION IS BACK ON!!

Friday | January 7, 2022 | 6:00 -10:00 pm



CONCERTS UNDER THE STARS PRESENTED BY THE HALLER FOUNDATION

Thursday | January 27, 2022 | 6:30 -8:00 pm





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Holiday Magic
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The banner features a dark blue background with a starry night sky. On the left, there are colorful illustrations of circus characters, including a clown and a woman in a purple dress with wings. On the right, there are circular inset photos: one of a brightly lit gazebo at night, and another of a group of people in period costumes. Below the photos is a red vintage car with a Santa Claus figure in the back.

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