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A SPECIAL TOUR

We take you inside rarely seen second floor of Fort Lauderdale's historic Bonnet House

By Lois K. Solomon | South Florida Sun Sentinel

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The master bedroom at Fort Lauderdale's Bonnet House, which is providing exclusive looks at normally closed areas, including Evelyn and Frederic Bartlett's private living quarters. **MIKE STOCKER/SUN SENTINEL PHOTOS**



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IF YOU GO

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Information: bonnethouse.org/fort-lauderdale-tour

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GOING OUT

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https://www.sun-sentinel.com/entertainment/fl-et-bonnet-house-upstairs-20230120-5lweurouuvepnbsr4http4vj4-story.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Don%27t%20Miss&utm_content=5601674233134&lctg=6158386



January 18, 2023

Upstairs/Downstairs Tours at Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Jan 25, 2023 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens 900 N. Birch Road , Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304



Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is hosting VIP Upstairs/Downstairs Tours of the main house on the grounds of the whimsical 35-acre subtropical estate. These small group tours include a sneak peek of the normally closed areas of Evelyn and Frederic Bartlett's private living quarters as well as exclusive entrances to rooms that have never been seen before on other Bonnet House tours. The iconic Bonnet House estate was built in 1920 as the winter retreat of the Birch/Bartlett family.

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Tours are offered in groups of 10 and cost \$40.00 per person. Limited reservations are available and pre-registration is required.

To register, please visit: <https://www.bonnethouse.org/groups-specialty-tours/>

For additional information or to learn more about tours and classes offered, please visit www.bonnethouse.org or call 954-703-2614.

<https://bocaratonobserver.com/events/upstairs-downstairs-tours-bonnet-house-museum-gardens/>



January 16, 2023

14th Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival



Bonnet House Museum & Gardens' 14th Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival Presented by John Knox Village

The 14th Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival welcomes orchid enthusiasts and plant lovers alike to vividly experience – and purchase – diverse, colorful, and fragrant varieties of orchids, tropical plants, herbs and fruit trees, butterfly garden plants, garden art and so much more, sold by over 25 local and international vendors from Thailand, Ecuador, and Brazil. For the first time in 30 years, Bonnet House welcomes orchid vendor Ornamentales Ledezma from Costa Rica.

- Local growers will present Orchid & Garden Care Lectures in the lovely Island Theater.
- Vendors will also offer all the supplies that customers need to plant and grow orchids.
- Food and beverage vendors on the property will offer delectable bites, Bloody Mary's, Mimosas, wine, beer, and other refreshments.
- Admission Tickets are \$15 (rain or shine) which includes entrance to the Orchid Festival and a Self-Guided Grounds Tour where guests can stroll the grounds at their leisure. All tickets are non-refundable. Self-guided House Tours are an additional \$10 (There will be no Guided House Tours during the Festival weekend). Children 12 and under are FREE. No Discounts or Group Rates Apply.
- To register, please visit <https://www.bonnethouse.org/event/international-orchid-garden-festival/> or call (954) 703-2614.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Parking will be free in the parking lot on N. Birch Road off Sunrise Blvd., between A1A and the Intracoastal Waterway as well as at the Galleria Mall on Sunrise Blvd., shuttle busses will be available to drive you directly to Bonnet House. The pedestrian only south entrance is located at 750 Breakers Avenue, off Vista Mar Street.

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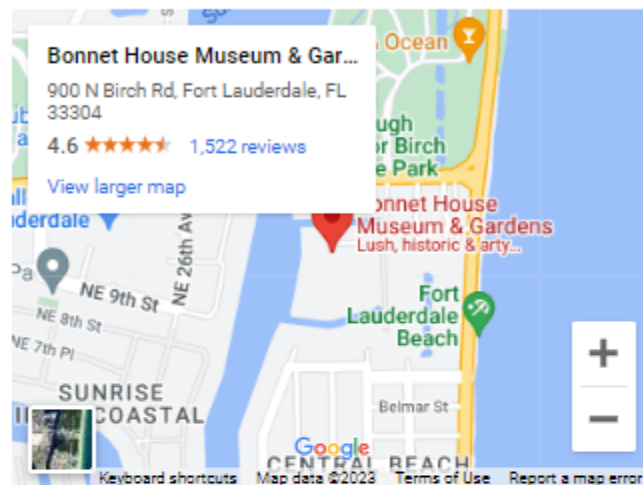
Date(s) - Saturday, April 1, 2023 -
Sunday, April 2, 2023
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Categories

Festival



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14TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ORCHID & GARDEN FESTIVAL

Presented By: Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Dates: April 1, 2023 - April 2, 2023

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<https://www.visitlauderdale.com/event/14th-annual-international-orchid-%26-garden-festival/39590/>



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Brunch on the Veranda at Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Apr 1, 2023 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens 900 N. Birch Road , Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304



Brunch on the Veranda at the Bonnet House Museum & Gardens' 14TH Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival Presented by John Knox Village

Enjoy a fabulous brunch catered by Alexander Event Catering on the beautifully decorated waterfront veranda during the Bonnet House & Gardens' 14th Annual International Orchid & Garden Festival.

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Tickets to the Brunch are \$100 per person and include admission to the Orchid & Garden Festival

For more information and to register for one of the Brunches on the Veranda visit
<https://www.bonnethouse.org/event/brunch-on-the-veranda/>

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Brunch on the Veranda

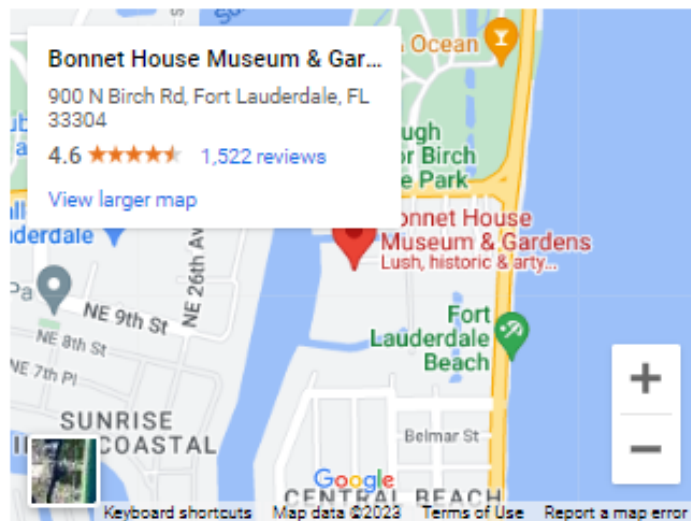
Date/Time

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Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

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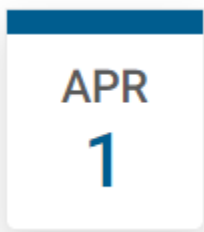
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🕒 Sat, Apr 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM

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Saturday, April 1 & Sunday, April 2, 2023

10 a.m. – 12 Noon

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January 18, 2023

Upstairs/Downstairs Tour

Date/Time

Date(s) - Wednesday, January 25,
2023

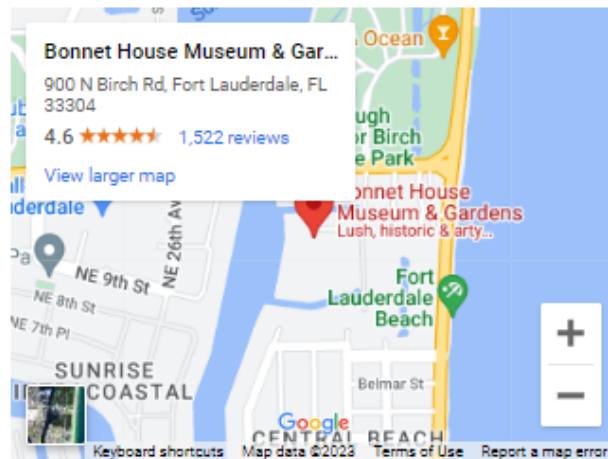
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Location

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Categories

- Community
- History



*These tours are offered on the second, third, and fourth Wednesday of each month **January – April** from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm for \$40 per person.*

Visitors will participate in a VIP experience of the upstairs and downstairs of the main house and take a sneak peek inside normally-closed areas of Evelyn and Frederic Bartlett's private living quarters. Tours are led by our seasoned Bonnet House docents and will be offered for only \$40 per person. Visitors will enjoy rooms not seen on our other tours.

The tour is offered in groups of 10 to allow for questions and discussion. Limited reservations available, pre-registration required. **Please note, the ability to climb stairs is necessary to fully participate in the tour.**

Reservations are Required for Upstairs/Downstairs Tours.

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 Courtney Goodstein, Local Business



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January 18, 2023



UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS TOURS AT BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDENS

Presented By: Bonnet House Museum & Gardens

Dates: 1/18/2023, 1/25/2023, 2/8/2023,
2/15/2023, 2/22/2023, 3/8/2023, 3/15/2023,
4/12/2023, 4/19/2023

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 **900 NORTH BIRCH ROAD
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33304**

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is hosting VIP Upstairs/Downstairs Tours of the main house on the grounds of the whimsical 35-acre subtropical estate. These small group tours include a sneak peek of the normally closed areas of Evelyn and Frederic Bartlett's private living quarters as well as exclusive entrances to rooms that have never been seen before on other Bonnet House tours. The iconic Bonnet House estate was built in 1920 as the winter retreat of the Birch/Bartlett family.

The Upstairs/Downstairs Tours, which are led by seasoned Bonnet House docents, are offered from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the second, third, and fourth Wednesday of each month.

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January 3, 2023

Romantic Date Ideas: 7 Tours in Greater Fort Lauderdale

Flowers and chocolates don't last forever, but the memories you make with your special someone sure do. If you like long walks on the beach, you'll love flying in a helicopter above the ocean, floating in a gondola down the New River, or indulging in diverse dishes from a few staple restaurants along Las Olas Boulevard. With tours for everyone under the sun, Greater Fort Lauderdale is the ideal destination for your next night (or day) out.

EXPLORE A HISTORIC HOME

Experience the enchanting [Bonnet House Museum & Gardens](#) alongside your significant other during either a self-guided or guided tour. The historic home was built in the 1920s by a Chicago artist named Frederic Clay Bartlett. Today, the architecturally stunning estate set on 35 acres of waterfront property is still dedicated to the arts, displaying paintings inside the home as an ode to the former owner.

You can purchase a [general admission](#) ticket to explore on your own, or for just \$5 more, you can take a [guided tour](#).



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