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Flagler Museum Announces 2015 - 2016 Season Programs

PALM BEACH, FL - The Flagler Museum continues to provide the community with unique experiences and learning opportunities during the 2015 - 2016 Season. Please include the following events and dates in your calendars.

Fall Exhibition:

With a Wink and a Nod: Cartoonists of the Gilded Age

October 13, 2015 - January 3, 2016

Included with Museum admission

With a Wink and a Nod will examine humor during the Gilded Age through original drawings by America's most important cartoonists for the influential humor magazine *Puck*. Published weekly from 1877 to 1917, *Puck* was packed with lavish cartoons, color lithographs, and biting satire that both commented upon and influenced issues ranging from politics to daily life. Original drawings for *Puck* from the collection of Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf, published cartoons, and vintage *Puck* magazines will illustrate how this ground-breaking magazine helped change the path of American humor. The Fall Exhibition is sponsored by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs.

A Gilded Age style lunch in Café des Beaux-Arts

November 27, 2015 – March 26, 2016

Tuesday – Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$22 for Members

\$40 for non-members includes Museum admission

All Prices include tax and gratuity

Advance purchase recommended

Each afternoon the Flagler Museum offers a Gilded Age style lunch that features an array of delicacies and refreshments reminiscent of the elegance of entertaining during the Gilded Age. Visitors may enjoy a selection of gourmet tea sandwiches, traditional scones, and sweets complemented by the Flagler Museum's own Whitehall Special Blend™ tea, and served on exquisite Whitehall Collection™ china. Café des Beaux-Arts is located in the beautiful Flagler

Kenan Pavilion, and provides guests with spectacular panoramic views of scenic Lake Worth and the West Palm Beach skyline. Henry Flagler's private Railcar No. 91 completes the sophisticated Gilded Age ambiance.

Sponsored by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County

Member Appreciation Days

November 27 – December 6, 2015

The Flagler Museum appreciates the continued support from its many Members, and would like to say “Thank you” by hosting Member Appreciation Days. Members will receive an additional 10% discount in the Museum Store on top of the current 10% Member discount, for a total of 20% off all Museum Store purchases. Members can also enjoy a Gilded Age style lunch in Cafe des Beaux-Arts for a reduced rate of \$20.

Gallery Talk for the Fall Exhibition, *With a Wink and a Nod: Cartoonists of the Gilded Age*

December 1, 2015

12:15 p.m.

Free with Museum admission

Reservations recommended

Join Flagler Museum’s Assistant Curator Janel Trull for a tour of the Fall Exhibition, *With a Wink and a Nod: Cartoonists of the Gilded Age*. The Fall Exhibition is sponsored by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs.

Special Lecture:

Whitehall and The Gilded Age Taste For French Furniture

by F. Carey Howlett

December 15, 2015

6:00pm

Free for Museum Members at the Sustaining level and above

\$10 for Individual, Family, and Life Members

\$20 for non-members

F. Carey Howlett, President and Chief Conservator of F. Carey Howlett and Associates of Callao, Virginia, will deliver a lecture on *Whitehall and The Gilded Age Taste For French Furniture*.

Whitehall’s Music Room was designed by Pottier and Stymus in the style of the French Second Empire and served as a venue for meetings of Mrs. Flagler’s Fortnightly Club, a group of women who gathered for programs of academic and literary lectures and

musicales during season. It doubled as an art salon and showcased paintings from Mr. Flagler's extensive collection. The Flagler Museum recently completed conservation and treatment for a set of historic furniture original to the Music Room. The twelve pieces are all Louis XV-style upholstered and wooden seating, probably made in France, and dating to the mid-19th century. These pieces were chosen and used regularly by the Flaglers and their guests in this room. The lecture will use the Music Room to illustrate trends of the era.

This *Whitehall and The Gilded Age Taste For French Furniture* lecture is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and sponsored by the Stockman Family Foundation Trust, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, and the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Special Holiday Lecture

December 6, 2015

Special Holiday Lecture: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Free for Museum Members at the Sustaining level and above

\$10 for Individual, Family, and Life Members

\$28 for non-members, includes Museum admission and all Christmas Tree Lighting festivities

Visions of Santa Claus: Iconic Christmas Illustrations By Thomas Nast

by Ryan Hyman, F.M. Kirby Curator of Collections, Macculloch Hall Historical Museum

Thomas Nast produced more than 30 Christmas illustrations for Harper's Weekly during the 19th century. Among his many illustrations, the portrait of a jolly, white bearded Santa Claus dressed in a red suit, was perhaps Nast's most significant contribution to the American Christmas tradition. Join Ryan Hyman, the F.M. Kirby Curator of Collections at Macculloch Hall Historical Museum, to learn more about the iconic Christmas illustrations of Thomas Nast and their significant place in America's Christmas traditions. Watch the 2013 Christmas Lecture by clicking on the play button to the right.

The Holiday Lecture is sponsored by BMO Private Bank, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, and the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

Tree Lighting Festivities: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free with Museum admission

The 16-foot tall Grand Hall Christmas Tree, with its historically accurate trimmings, is the center of Whitehall's holiday celebrations. The Tree Lighting festivities include holiday music played on Whitehall's original 1,249-pipe Odell organ and the 1902 Steinway art-case grand piano. This annual performance is the only opportunity visitors have to hear both of Whitehall's majestic instruments. Special choir performances, refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus complete the afternoon's activities. The event culminates with Henry Flagler's youngest descendants lighting

the Grand Hall Christmas Tree. Each visitor will receive a box of Animal Crackers, a treat invented in the Gilded Age. The iconic circus box with a string was originally designed as a Christmas Tree ornament.

The Christmas Tree Lighting is sponsored by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, and the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

Holiday Evening Tours

December 18 and 19: Tours begin at 7:05 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 7:25 p.m.

December 20 through 23: Tours begin at 6:50 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 7:25 p.m.

\$25 for adults

\$15 for children ages 17 and under

Advance purchase required

During this beloved annual event, families tour Whitehall after hours and discover the origins of American Christmas traditions. Guests will have a rare opportunity to see Whitehall by the glow of the original 1902 light fixtures. Every visitor will receive a traditional Christmas cracker following the tour. A choral group will sing carols and holiday refreshments will be served. The Museum Store will remain open for holiday shopping.

Holiday Evening Tours are sponsored by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

Flagler Museum Music Series

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$70 per concert

\$300 for the five-concert Series

Regularly featured on National Public Radio, the Flagler Museum Music Series continues to bring acclaimed musicians to the finest chamber music venue in South Florida. Experience chamber music, as it was intended, in a gracious and intimate setting typical of Gilded Age performances. Patrons enjoy a special champagne and dessert reception with the musicians following the concert.

January 12, 2016 – New Orford String Quartet

January 26, 2016 – Vega Quartet

February 9, 2016 – Neave Trio

February 23, 2016 – Bennewitz Quartet

March 8, 2016 – Meccore String Quartet

The Flagler Museum Music Series is sponsored by Roe Green, the Palm Beach Daily News, the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

Whitehall Lecture Series:

Landmarks of American Law, Court Cases, Congressional Acts and Executive Influence During the Gilded Age

All lectures begin at 3:00 p.m.

Free for Members at the Sustaining level and above

\$10 for Individual, Family and Life Members

\$28 per lecture for non-members, includes Museum admission

\$125 for the five-lecture series

The 31st Annual Whitehall Lecture Series will explore *Landmarks of American Law, Court Cases, Congressional Acts and Executive Influence During the Gilded Age*.

A book signing with the speaker follows each lecture. Online visitors can experience each lecture via a free webcast at www.flaglERMuseum.us where visitors may listen to the lectures live, see the presentation, and e-mail the lecturer questions.

February 7, 2016 – ***Executive Legacy: Presidential Influence on the U.S. Constitution***
by Michael Gerhardt, Professor

February 14, 2016 – ***Plessy v. Ferguson: How the Legal Basis for "Separate but Equal" was Established***
by Williamjames Hull Hoffer, Professor

February 21, 2016 – ***Clarence Darrow: The Legal Practice of an Infamous Attorney and American Iconoclast***
by Andrew Kersten, Professor

February 28, 2016 – ***How the 16th Amendment and the Federal Reserve Act Changed America***
by John Steele Gordon, Journalist and Financial Historian

March 6, 2016 – ***The Sherman Act, the Interstate Commerce Act, and Baseball***
by Nathaniel Grow, Professor

The Whitehall Lecture Series is sponsored by PNC Bank, the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

Winter Exhibition:***Beauty's Legacy: Gilded Age Portraits in America***

January 26 - April 17, 2016

Free with Museum admission

The Flagler Museum's Winter 2016 Exhibition, *Beauty's Legacy: Gilded Age Portraits in America*, examines the remarkable critical and popular resurgence of portraiture in the United States during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. With the amassing of great fortunes founded on industrial expansion came the desire to document the appearance of those who propelled and benefited from burgeoning wealth, echoing a cultural pattern reaching back to the colonial era. Organized by the New-York Historical Society, the exhibition —presenting more than 60 works of art as well as period photographs and graphic materials —will investigate the strong cultural and social legacy of the American portrait tradition. *Beauty's Legacy* will include portraits by such Gilded Age artists as William-Adolphe Bouguereau, James Carroll Beckwith, James Montgomery Flagg, George Peter Alexander Healy, Raimundo de Madrazo, John Singer Sargent, and Anders Zorn.

The Winter Exhibition is sponsored by Northern Trust, *The Palm Beach Post*, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

Celebrate Valentine's at Whitehall

February 13, 2016 - 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

February 14, 2016 - 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$80 per couple for Members includes tax and gratuity

\$120 per couple for non-members includes Museum admission, tax and gratuity

Advance purchase required

Henry Flagler built the magnificent Whitehall estate as a wedding present to his wife and it remains one of America's most romantic destinations. Couples may enjoy the elegance of this Gilded Age mansion and a special Gilded Age style Tea-for-Two in the Café des Beaux-Arts. Every Tea-for-Two package includes a Valentine's Day rose, keepsake photo, a small box of Whitehall gourmet chocolates, and a \$10 gift card for the Museum Store.

Gallery Talk for *Beauty's Legacy: Gilded Age Portraits in America*

February 16, 2016

12:15 p.m.

Free with Museum admission

Reservations are recommended

Join Dr. Margaret Laster, of the New York Historical Society, for a tour of the Winter Exhibition, *Beauty's Legacy: Gilded Age Portraits in America*. Dr. Laster will guide visitors through a collection of portraits from the New-York Historical Society.

The Winter Exhibition is sponsored by Northern Trust, *The Palm Beach Post*, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

March 12, 2016

10:00 a.m.

\$30 for Members

\$45 for Non-Members

Includes Museum admission, tax, and gratuity. Space is limited, advance purchase is required.

Families are invited to come dressed for Tea on Saturday March 12, 2016. The morning will begin with parents and children creating festive bonnets and top hats. Sporting their fashionable masterpieces, parents and children will then enjoy a story from “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland,” and learn proper table etiquette from the Mad Hatter. The morning will conclude with a Gilded Age Style Tea served from the Museum’s Café des Beaux-Arts.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party is sponsored by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

Easter Egg Hunt

March 26, 2016

Gates open 9:00 a.m. Hunt begins at 10:00 a.m.

\$18 for adults

\$15 for children

Free for Members (and their children or grandchildren) at the Sustaining level and above

Free for Adult, Individual, Family, and Life Members (children or grandchildren require a ticket)

Children are invited to hunt for more than 7,000 eggs on the Museum’s Lawns and in the Cocoanut Grove. The Museum grounds will be sectioned off into age-appropriate areas so everyone, including toddlers, will have an opportunity to participate. Children may have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, engage in Easter-themed craft projects, have their face painted, receive a balloon sculpture, and play the Bean Bag Toss game.

Every child will receive a Flagler Museum commemorative Easter Egg.

The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Palm Beach Daily News, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

Bluegrass in the Pavilion Concert

April 9, 2016

3:00 p.m.

Tickets \$35

The 11th Annual Bluegrass in the Pavilion concert continues to bring the best Bluegrass musicians to South Florida. Artists for the 2016 performance are Flatt Lonesome and the Lonesome River Band.

Flatt Lonesome is a young, new group of pickers fresh to the scene. While deeply-rooted in bluegrass music's historic classics, they also have an energetic flair for country sounds, progressive jams, and soul-stirring gospel music while never forsaking their traditional essence. If you love high lonesome harmony, soaring sibling vocals and powerful bluegrass music, then you will love Flatt Lonesome!

The Lonesome River Band continues their reputation as one of the most respected names in bluegrass music. Virginia Country Music Hall of Famer and 5-time IBMA Banjo Player of the Year, Sammy Shelor (banjo and harmony vocals) has put together a wealth of talent that includes: Brandon Rickman (lead & harmony vocals and guitar); Mike Hartgrove (fiddle); Barry Reed (bass, harmony vocals); and newest member Jesse Smathers (mandolin, lead & harmony vocals) all performing the distinctive LRB sound fans love.

All proceeds from the concert benefit the Museum's children's education programs.

Mother's Day Tea

May 7, 2016 - 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

May 8, 2016 - 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$60 Member mother and son or daughter (of any age)

\$30 Additional Members

\$100 Non-member mother and son or daughter (of any age)

\$50 Additional non-member Adult

\$35 Additional non-member Child (age 17 and under)

Includes Museum admission, tax and gratuity

Reservations are required

The Museum invites all mothers and their families to celebrate this special day in the refined elegance of Café des Beaux-Arts. Guests will enjoy the Gilded Age style lunch of tea sandwiches, scones, sweets and the Museum's own Whitehall Special Blend™ tea served on exquisite Whitehall Collection™ china. Each mother will receive a keepsake photograph, a rose, and a \$10 gift card to the Museum Store. Honor your mother with this unique experience at this National Historic Landmark.

Mother's Day is sponsored by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

Founder's Day

June 5, 2016

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free admission

On June 5th each year the Flagler Museum celebrates its anniversary by opening free of charge in honor of the Museum's founder, and Henry Flagler's granddaughter, Jean Flagler Matthews. Visitors may take a self-guided tour of Whitehall, view the permanent collection of art and objects related to the Gilded Age, and climb aboard Henry Flagler's Railcar No. 91.

Founder's Day is sponsored by *The Palm Beach Post*, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

Grandparents Day

September 11, 2016

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free with Museum admission

Families may tour Whitehall with a Tour and Activity Guide for Kids and then enjoy family-friendly activities in the Flagler Kenan Pavilion. Activities include creating a family tree, creating a scrapbook page to commemorate the day, being interviewed by your grandchild, writing a postcard to send to your family and having a family photo taken in front of Railcar No. 91. Grandparents Day is sponsored by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, and the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

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When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the *New York Herald* as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring guided tours, changing exhibits, and special programs. The Museum is located at Cocoanut Row and Whitehall Way, Palm Beach.

The Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 13-17, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under six are free.

For more information, please call the Flagler Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visit www.flaglermuseum.us.

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