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Flagler Museum Announces 2014 / 2015 Season Programs

PALM BEACH, FL - The Flagler Museum continues to provide the community with unique experiences and learning opportunities during the 2014/2015 Season. Please include the following events and dates in your calendars.

Fall Exhibition:

Kiss of the Oceans: The Meeting of the Atlantic and the Pacific

October 14, 2014 - January 4, 2015

Included with Museum admission

In commemoration of the centennial of its opening in 1914, *Kiss of the Oceans* will illustrate the fascinating story of the construction of the Panama Canal, one of the world's great technological achievements. Through artifacts, photographs, and documents, the exhibition will tell the Canal's story from sixteenth-century explorers to nineteenth-century debates, the failed French canal project of the 1880s, the massive American takeover in 1904, and finally the first official transit on August 15, 1914.

The Fall Exhibition is sponsored by PNC Wealth Management, the Enterprise Holdings Foundation, 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.

A Gilded Age style lunch in Café des Beaux-Arts

November 28, 2014 – April 4, 2015

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.

Member Appreciation Week

November 30 – December 7, 2014

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 *Kiss of the Oceans: The Meeting of the Atlantic and the Pacific*

December 2, 2014

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, *Kiss Of The Oceans: The Meeting of the Atlantic and the Pacific*. Ms. Trull will provide visitors with an expert perspective into the fascinating story of the construction of the Panama Canal through artifacts, photographs, and documents.

The Fall Exhibition is sponsored by PNC Wealth Management, the Enterprise Holdings Foundation, 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.

Special Holiday Lecture:

Christmas Ornaments of the Gilded Age: An Illustrated History

by Mary Miley Theobald

December 7, 2014

2:00pm

Free for Members at the Sustaining level and above

\$10 for Individual, Family & Life Members

\$28 for non-members; includes Museum admission and Tree Lighting festivities

Join historian and author, Mary Miley Theobald, as she explores the festive decorative styles and trends of Gilded Age Christmas ornaments and their evolution through the early 20th century.

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.

Christmas Tree Lighting

December 7, 2014

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.

Special Lecture:

The Canal Builders

December 16, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Free for Museum Members at the Sustaining level and above

\$10 for Individual, Family, and Life Members

\$20 for non-members

In conjunction with the Fall Exhibition, "Kiss of the Oceans", Dr. Julie Greene will present the special lecture, "The Canal Builders" inside the Flagler Museum's Grand Ballroom. There will be a book signing following the lecture.

Dr. Julie Greene is the president of the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era. She is a 2013-2014 Rockefeller Foundation Fellow and Professor of History at the University of Maryland at College Park.

The Fall Exhibition is sponsored by PNC Wealth Management, the Enterprise Holdings Foundation, 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 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.

1. January 6, 2015 – Parker Quartet
2. January 20, 2015 – Aspen String Trio
3. February 3, 2015 – Calidore String Quartet
4. February 17, 2015 – Fine Arts Quartet
5. March 3, 2015 – Auryn 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 Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council.

Special Lecture

***It's About Time: A History of Timekeeping* by Michael Friedman**

February 4, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Free for Museum Members at the Sustaining level and above

\$10 for Individual, Family, and Life Members

\$20 for non-members

Join Michael Friedman, Historian for Audemars Piguet, for an illustrated lecture in the Museum's Grand Ballroom on the evolution of time measurement from sundials to the atomic clock.

Before being appointed Historian for Audemars Piguet, Michael spent a decade operating his own horological consulting firm, advising international collectors and institutions. Earlier in his career, he served as Curator of the National Watch & Clock Museum where he curated and co-developed 15,000 square feet of exhibition space on the history of timekeeping, before serving as Vice President and Department Head of Watches for Christie's in New York.

The special lecture is sponsored by, the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council.

Whitehall Lecture Series:

Monumental America: Gilded Age Monuments That Define the American Character

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

\$125 for the five-lecture series

Includes Museum admission

The 30th Annual Whitehall Lecture Series will explore the most powerful representations of the American Character, symbolizing the soul, spirit, mind, and body of America.

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 live, see the presentation and e-mail the lecturer questions.

1. February 8, 2015 – *The Impetus Behind the Building of America's Monuments* by Judith Dupre
2. February 15, 2015 – *The Washington Monument, the Capitol Dome, and the Jefferson Memorial* by Thomas Luebke
3. March 1, 2015 – *American Museum of Natural History - Roosevelt Memorial Hall* by John Blades

4. March 8, 2015 – *Mount Rushmore* by David Wolff
5. March 22, 2015 – *The Lincoln Memorial* by James Percoco

The Whitehall Lecture Series is sponsored by the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, 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.

Winter Exhibition:

Bouguereau's 'Fancies': Allegorical and Mythological Works by the French Master

January 27 - April 19, 2015

Free with Museum admission

French academic painter William-Adolphe Bouguereau (1825 - 1905) is widely admired for his delicate figure studies that capture even the most subtle human emotions. Immensely popular in both Europe and America during his lifetime, Bouguereau became one of the most influential artists of nineteenth century. While the artist's status waned with the rise of modernism, in recent years Bouguereau has experienced a resurgence in popularity and the artist is once again widely recognized as one of the art world's great painters. *Bouguereau's 'Fancies'* will feature paintings and drawings by the artist, as well as popular contemporary reproductions of his most famous works in print, porcelain, marble, and bronze.

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

Celebrate Valentine's at Whitehall

February 14, 2015 - 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

February 15, 2015 - 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 \$15 gift card for the Museum Store.

Gallery Talk for *Bouguereau's 'Fancies': Allegorical and Mythological Works by the French Master*

February 24, 2015

12:15 p.m.

Free with Museum admission

Reservations are recommended

Join Flagler Museum Chief Curator Tracy Kamerer for a tour of the Winter Exhibition, *Bouguereau's 'Fancies': Allegorical and Mythological Works by the French Master*. Ms. Kamerer will guide visitors through a collection of paintings and drawings by Bouguereau, as well as popular contemporary reproductions of his most famous works in print, porcelain, marble, and bronze.

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

Whitehall Society's Mad Hatter's Tea Party

March 14, 2015

10:00 a.m.

\$30 for Members

\$45 for Non-Members

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

Hosted by the Whitehall Society, families are invited to come dressed for Tea. 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 in the Museum's Café des Beaux-Arts.

The Mad Hatter's Tea Party 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.

Easter Egg Hunt and Egg Roll

April 4, 2015

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. 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.

After the hunt children are invited to join in special games, including the Gilded Age game of egg rolling. Egg rolling began on the South Lawn of the White House when President Rutherford B. Hayes welcomed children to the first White House Easter Egg Roll in 1878. Special prizes will be awarded to the game winners. Children are encouraged to bring their own Easter baskets. Wooden egg rolling spoons will be provided. 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 Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, and the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

Bluegrass in the Pavilion Concert

April 11, 2015

3:00 p.m.

Tickets \$35

The 10th Annual Bluegrass in the Pavilion concert continues to bring the best Bluegrass musicians to South Florida. Artists for the 2015 performance are Balsam Range and The Grascals.

All proceeds from the concert benefit ArtsReady emergency planning program.

Mother's Day Tea

May 9, 2015 - 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

May 10, 2015 - 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.

Founder's Day

June 5, 2015

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 State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs and The Palm Beach Post.

Grandparents Day

September 13, 2015

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.

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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 Coconut 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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