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## New food concept now open at Flagler Museum: PICNIC by the Café des Beaux-Arts

To-go refreshments made to be enjoyed in the shade of the Museum's Cocoanut Grove

PALM BEACH, FL - Fans of the Gilded Age Tea Service traditionally served during the high season at the <u>Henry Morrison Flagler</u> <u>Museum</u> (1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach) will be pleased to learn of a new *al fresco* dining concept which launched this month. PICNIC by the Café des Beaux-Arts opened on Tuesday, April 6th, and is offering refreshments to enjoy outside in the shade of the Museum's Cocoanut Grove overlooking picturesque Lake Worth.

Located in the West Room at Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, PICNIC's menu of light bites, sweet treats, and ice cold beverages includes the same black tea served by the Café des Beaux-Arts, a Harney & Sons blend made especially for the Flagler Museum. Lemonade is also on the menu with PICNIC's cold and slightly sweet version of the black tea, both served in glass bottles. Hungry guests might choose the Whitehall Turkey Sandwich topped with brie and cranberry sauce and served on a crusty baguette. Sides include a red grape cluster and a creamy potato salad to create a satisfying mid-day meal. The Cheese Platter with its assortment of cured meat, fruit, honey and artisan crackers or the Crudité tray of fresh veggies with a creamy dip are excellent choices for those who wish to share a nosh. Those with a sweet tooth may choose from lavender cookies, which are inspired by Victorian-era tea cakes, or a decadent cupcake.



PICNIC by the Cafe des Beaux-Arts offers refreshments to visitors to enjoy in the Cocoanut Grove. The Whitehall Turkey Sandwich comes with a side of creamy potato salad and a cluster of red grapes.

As food and beverage is not permitted inside Museum buildings, crisp white paperboard PICNIC boxes will be given to each guest to carry their fare outside to the Cocoanut Grove, where café tables and chairs offer respite in the shade of the palm trees. The seating will be available to guests on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Guests can expect the same quality of fare from PICNIC that they've come to expect from our Café's Gilded Age-style Tea Service," said Cassandra Van Cott, the Café and Retail Manager at the Flagler Museum. "We're so happy to offer our signature refreshments to those who visit us during the spring and summer months."

PICNIC by the Café des Beaux-Arts will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Unlike the Café's tea service, PICNIC's grab-and-go fare is offered for purchase *a la carte;* reservations or pre-orders are not required. The iced tea, lemonade, and cookies as well as the savory Crudité dip mix will be available for purchase in the Museum Store during all general admission hours.

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## The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

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 changing exhibitions and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480. For more information, please call the Flagler Museum

at (561) 655-2833 or visit www.flaglermuseum.us.

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