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FLAGLER MUSEUM ANNOUNCES 2022 - 2023 SEASON PROGRAMS

PALM BEACH, FL - The Flagler Museum continues to provide the community with unique experiences and learning opportunities during the 2022 - 2023 Season. Please include the following events and dates in your calendars. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.FlaglerMuseum.us.

Fall Exhibition:

The Story of Whitehall: 120 Years in the Making

October 18 – December 31, 2022

Included with Museum admission

In honor of the 120th Anniversary of the completion of Whitehall, the Flagler Museum presents the 2022 Fall Exhibition, “*The Story of Whitehall: 120 Years in the Making.*”

Having completed the world’s largest wooden structure, the Hotel Royal Poinciana, on the eastern shore of Lake Worth, and laid out and named the streets for what he hoped would become a thriving metropolis on the western shore, Henry Flagler began to think about building a home near the Hotel where he would live out his remaining years.

Unlike the other houses Flagler owned or had built, this house would, as Andrew Carnegie advised in his essay, the *Gospel of Wealth*, be a home “for all that is highest and best in literature and arts, and for all the refinements of civilization.” In other words, a home for Apollo’s Muses of arts and literature, a museum.

Carrère and Hastings’ design for Whitehall is filled with symbolism related to Western Culture that any reasonably well-educated person, as Henry Flagler certainly was, of the 1840s would have immediately understood. As one of the 40% of young men in 1840s who was lucky enough to get an eighth-grade education, Henry Flagler would have been well educated in the traditions and mythology of Western Culture and very much aware of the rich meaning designed into Whitehall by the architects. Unfortunately, because our educational process has taken on a different focus over the last 180 years, much of that meaning is invisible to visitors today. However, with a little help we can see Whitehall through Flagler’s eyes and begin to understand how much more it meant to him than simply the large and beautiful home that most see it as today.

Carrère and Hastings’ design for Whitehall, featured in *American Architecture* in May of 1900, was an unusual blend of Beaux-Art design and details that seemed more appropriate to its subtropical location. The design of Whitehall’s façade and Grand Hall is clearly a reference to a temple to Apollo, the Sun God and leader of the Muses.

The Fall Exhibition is sponsored in part by Templeton and Company, LLP, and funded in part by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, the state of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture.

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A Gilded Age Style Afternoon Tea in Café des Beaux-Arts

November 25, 2022 – April 9, 2023

Tuesday – Saturday, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Sunday, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

\$34 for Members

\$60 for non-member adults

\$47 for non-member children under 18

Prices include Museum admission and tax

Advance purchase recommended

Each afternoon the Flagler Museum offers a Gilded Age style afternoon tea 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.

Christmas Tree Lighting

12:00 - 5:00 pm, Sunday, December 4, 2022

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 was originally designed as a Christmas Tree ornament.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting is sponsored by Florida Weekly, and funded in part by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, the state of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture.

Special Holiday Lecture

By Gary Hoover, Author and Journalist

2:30 pm Sunday, December 4, 2022

\$15 per ticket for Members

\$40 per ticket for non-members

Includes Museum Admission and Christmas Tree Lighting Festivities

The origins of many of our beloved American Christmas traditions can be traced back to the Gilded Age. This year's Christmas at Whitehall program will feature a lecture on the history of the National Biscuit Company and how Animal Crackers became Christmas tree ornaments.

Holiday Evening Tours

December 19-22, 2022

Tours begin at 6:30 pm, 6:45 pm, 7:00 pm and 7:15 pm

\$50 for Adults

\$30 for Children ages 17 and under

Advance purchase required

Free for Legacy and Visionary level (2 tickets) and Whitehall Society Members (2 tickets) plus 2 children

For tickets, please call (561) 655-2833 ext. 10

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 funded in part by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, the state of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture.

Winter Exhibition

The American West During the Gilded Age

January 24 - April 23, 2023

Free with Museum admission

The Flagler Museum's 2023 winter exhibition *The American West During the Gilded Age* will introduce and consider those aspects of the American West during the Gilded Age that were important to both the development of the nation and the shaping of the American character, including: the role of railroads in opening up the West, Native Americans of the West, the impact of the Homestead Act, Mountain Men and the importance of the fur trade, the role of the US Army in the West, the development of cattle ranching, the importance of mining in the West, the West as entertainment, the development of the National Park System, the growth of the nation as 11 states and massive amounts of land were added to the Union, and the Lawmen and Outlaws of the West.

So much of how the Gilded Age is viewed and understood has been shaped by what has been written about the activities and experiences of those living in cities, particularly those cities in the Northeast. However, there were an entirely different set of experiences and activities taking place during the Gilded Age that were as big as the West itself and every bit as important to both the development of the nation and the shaping the American character.

The Winter Exhibition is sponsored by Northern Trust.

Funded in part by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, the state of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture.

Special Lecture

“West Palm Beach: Flagler’s Vision is Finally Becoming a Reality”

Saturday, January 28, 2023, 10:30 am at The Square, West Palm Beach

A discussion between Flagler Museum Director, John M. Blades, and Harvey Oyer, attorney and historian, about the founding of West Palm Beach, the history of the city, and the recent growth of the downtown area. Look out for the Winter issue of *Inside Whitehall* magazine for information on how make reservations to attend this event.

2023 Flagler Museum Music Series

Tuesday evenings, February 7 - March 7, 2023

Door open at 7:00 pm, concerts begin at 7:30 pm

Tickets are \$75 per concert

\$350 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. February 7th - Viano String Quartet
2. February 14th - Violinist Simone Porter with Rohan de Silva
3. February 21st - Summit Piano Trio
4. February 28th - Cuarteto Latinoamericano
5. March 7th - Neave Trio

The Flagler Museum Music Series is sponsored by Roe Green, the MBS Family Foundation, and funded in part by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, the state of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture.

Whitehall Lecture Series

The Architects of the Gilded Age

All lectures begin at 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoons, February 5 - March 19, 2023

Free for Museum Members at the Visionary and Legacy level

\$15 for all other Members

\$40 per lecture for non-members

Includes Museum admission

The Architects of the Gilded Age Whitehall Lecture Series will be presented each Sunday afternoon from February 5 to March 19, 2023. Experts and authors will speak about the architects that were responsible for some of the most iconic structures built during the Gilded Age, the golden era of a booming economy, and rapid scientific and technological advancement.

When possible, a book signing with the speaker follows each lecture. Visit the Museum Store for a wide selection of books related to the Whitehall Lecture Series.

Online visitors can experience each lecture via a free livestream broadcast at www.flaglermuseum.us, where visitors may listen live, see the presentation, and ask the lecturer questions.

1. February 5th - Ecole des Beaux Arts - Dr. Laurie Ossman
2. February 12th - Horace Trumbauer - Dr. David Brownlee
3. February 19th - Stanford White - Samuel G. White FAIA, LEED AP
4. February 26th - Julia Morgan - Dr. Karen McNeill
5. March 5th - Charles Follen McKim - Dr. Richard Guy Wilson
6. March 12th - Daniel Burnham - Dr. Kristen Schaffer
7. March 19th - Carrere & Hastings - Dr. Laurie Ossman

The Whitehall Lecture Series is sponsored by Related Southeast, Smith Architectural Group, Inc., First Republic Bank, and funded in part by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, the state of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture.

Celebrate Valentine's Day at Whitehall

11:30 am - 3:30 pm, Tuesday, February 14, 2023,

\$50 for each Museum Member

\$80 for each non-member, includes Museum admission and tax

Advance purchase required

'Afternoon Tea' was a popular vacationing pastime for those visiting Palm Beach and Henry Flagler's resort hotels during the Gilded Age. Join us in commemorating the return of this historic tradition with your sweetheart on Valentine's Day. Each couple will indulge in a special 'tea-for-two', while listening to the romantic sounds of a classical harp. A token Valentine's keepsake is also included.

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Whitehall Society - Mixing It Up cocktail party

6:30 pm, Thursday, March 2, 2023

Free for Whitehall Society Members

\$50 for Flagler Museum Members

\$75 for non-members

The Mixing It Up cocktail party is presented by the Whitehall Society to expand its reach to potential members, generate funds to support children's programming, and celebrate cocktail culture in a unique setting. The evening is sure to impress and delight with live entertainment, festive food and drink, and an unbeatable social atmosphere.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 2023

Gates open 9:00 am Hunt begins at 10:00 am

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

Free for Adult Family level Members (children or grandchildren require a ticket)

Free for Whitehall Society Members (and their children or grandchildren)

\$40 for non-member adults

\$25 for non-member children

Children are invited to hunt for treat-filled Easter eggs on the Museum's lawn and Cocoanut Grove. The Museum's grounds will be sectioned off into age-appropriate areas so that everyone, including toddlers, will have the opportunity to participate safely. Museum gates open at 9:00 a.m. Children and families are encouraged to pose for photos with the Easter Bunny, make crafts, have faces painted, and play games until the Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10:00 a.m.

Children should bring their own Easter basket. Each child will receive a commemorative wooden Easter Egg to remember the day.

The Easter Egg Hunt is funded in part by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council, the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County, the state of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture.

Bluegrass in the Pavilion Featuring the Larry Stephenson Band and Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers

3:00 pm, Saturday, April 15, 2023

Tickets \$40

Advance purchase recommended.

The Annual Bluegrass in the Pavilion concert will see the return of the Larry Stephenson Band and Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers. The award-winning Larry Stephenson Band has been entertaining audiences for 30 years including their numerous performances on the Grand Ole Opry, RFD-TV and headlining festivals and concerts all across the US and Canada. The group is led by Virginia Country Music Hall of Fame member and 5-time Society for The Preservation of Bluegrass Music in America (SPBGMA) Male Vocalist of the year. They also inducted Stephenson into their Hall Of Greats in 2018. With numerous IBMA and SPBGMA nominations and awards, Larry records on his own label, Whysper Dream Music.

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Named Entertainers of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) in 2019, Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers have consistently delivered chart-topping radio hits and energetic performances for nearly 15 years. The Radio Ramblers are seen by tens of thousands of bluegrass fans every year and since 2013 have become regular guests on the historic Grand Ole Opry. Their previous album, For The Record, for the Nashville-based label Billy Blue Records, was a Top 5 Billboard hit and remained on the charts for a record 13 months, producing multiple top 10 singles. Their latest all-Gospel album, Somewhere Beyond The Blue is receiving rave reviews with the first single, "Hear Jerusalem Calling" nominated for Gospel Recorded Performance by the IBMA. Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers have generated an in-demand following on the national scene, allowing them to be one of today's most heralded torch-bearers in mainstream bluegrass and gospel music.

All proceeds benefit the Museum's education programs for children.

Mother's Day Tea

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Sunday, May 14, 2023

\$50 Museum Members

\$80 Non-member

\$35 Children age 12 and under

Includes Museum admission and tax

Prepurchase required

The celebration of Mother's Day began during the Gilded Age, when in May, 1914, Congress established it as a National Holiday. In the spirit of this tradition, the Flagler Museum invites all Mothers and their families to enjoy an elegant Mother's Day Tea at the Café des Beaux-Arts.

Founder's Day

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monday, June 5, 2023

Free admission for all visitors

On June 5, 2023, the Flagler Museum celebrates the 60th anniversary of its founding! The Museum will be open to the public 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's first floor, view the permanent collection of art and objects related to the Gilded Age, and climb aboard Henry Flagler's Railcar No. 91 in the Flagler Kenan Pavilion.

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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 \$26 for adults, \$18 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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