

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES **May 2017**



Please review the events below and sign up to volunteer by contacting Victoria Gonzalez, Front Desk Manager: [victoria@coralgablesmuseum.org](mailto:victoria@coralgablesmuseum.org) / 305.603.8067.

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### **Exhibits:**

#### **PLAN Z FOR MIAMI: From Infrastructure to Open Space**

**March 3 - May 14, 2017**

Plan Z for Miami: FROM INFRASTRUCTURE TO OPEN SPACE looks at how Plan Z for Miami transforms the Rickenbacker Causeway from a dangerous roadway into an active urban park. The concept for Plan Z for Miami was generated in response to the continuing deaths of cyclists on the Rickenbacker Causeway in Miami Dade County. Architect and urban planner Bernard Zyscovich, an ardent lifelong cyclist himself, determined to find a way to make the Rickenbacker Causeway safe for joggers, strollers, walkers, and cyclists. Bernard has developed a plan that will transform the unsafe infrastructure into a safe, lively, multi-purposed 20-acre urban park where urban dwellers can “get out of town” without having to leave the city. Curated and sponsored by Plan Z for Miami, a nonprofit foundation, the exhibit illustrates how a strictly utilitarian roadway can be reimagined to become a safe, lively, multi-purpose urban park with twenty acres of new waterfront park space.

#### **Dream City Studio: Children’s Interactive Exhibit**

**March 11, 2017 to June 9, 2017**

“Play is the highest form of research” – Albert Einstein

Dream City Studio returns for another season, which means parents can drop in with the kids after school or on the weekend to enjoy an indoor, air-conditioned, kid-friendly, creative space in downtown Coral Gables. The role of the Dream City Studio at the Coral Gables Museum is to invite the visitor to explore the mission of the museum through interactive constructivist activities. Discover how cities are created, explore building materials, construct with building blocks, design a skyscraper, or curl up with a good read in our Book Nook. Children ages 2 through 12 and their parents and guardians are encouraged to visit and play. Sponsored in part by IKEA and Books & Books.

#### **The Life and Art of Denman Fink (1880–1956)**

**May 31 – September 14, 2017**

Coral Gables’ most important artist is recognized and celebrated in this career retrospective curated by historian and author **Arva Moore Parks**. **Denman Fink**, uncle of City founder **George Merrick** and first Artistic Advisor to the 1920s planned community of Coral Gables, enjoyed national success as an artist and left his artistic imprint all over our City. Merrick frequently said that his uncle Denman Fink, was the one who influenced him the most in his creation of Coral Gables. Evidence of **Fink’s** artistic input can be felt in the City’s early entrances, plazas, and spring-fed Venetian Pool. Visitors will have the opportunity

to see original sketches, magazine illustrations, paintings, and architectural renderings by the most influential artist in the making of Coral Gables.

## EVENTS

### **Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables Gallery Night Live! \*5 Event Volunteers\***

**Friday, May 5, 6pm-10pm**

The Coral Gables Museum offers free admission, live music by Justina Shandler, and a cash bar tonight and every first Friday of the month in conjunction with Coral Gables Gallery Night. Free.

### **Jane's Walk - Downtown Walking Tour \*Docents/Docents-In-Training welcome to follow\***

**Saturday, May 6, 11am**

Join us for a FREE Jane's Walk in Coral Gables presented by Coral Gables Museum and Bike Walk Coral Gables. Jane's Walk honors the legacy and ideas of urban activist and writer Jane Jacobs who championed the interests of local residents and pedestrians over a car-centered approach to planning. On this walk, which meets at the Coral Gables Museum at 11am, participants will be guided through the bustling business district of Coral Gables. This thriving area began in the 1920s. Did you know the Colonnade Hotel was once the Coral Gables Sales Center? Or that electric trolleys once connected downtown Coral Gables to downtown Miami? Visit historic Mediterranean Revival buildings, including a former Ford dealership, outdoor theater, and riding club. Newer additions to the cityscape help tell the complete downtown story. This program is generously supported by the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables.

Approximately 1.5 hrs.

**Free.**

**#MiamiWalks**

<http://janeswalk.org/united-states/coral-gables-fl/downtown-walking-tour/>

### **Exhibit Tour of "Creating the Dream" \*Lead Docent Needed\***

**Sunday, May 7, 1pm**

Drop in and enjoy a guided tour of "Creating the Dream: George Merrick and His Vision for Coral Gables," and exhibition about the Gables' founder and developer George Merrick. Learn how Merrick went from thirteen-year old farmer's son to development king! This inspiring American story addresses local history and urban design.

### **Family Day \*Teen Volunteers Needed\***

**Saturday, May 13, 2pm-5pm**

**May 13**

It's National Bike Month! Bring your bikes, scooters, and helmets to CGM for fun on the Museum Plaza! Enjoy a **2pm musical performance** by advanced students from Miami Youth for Chamber Music (MyCM). Participate in a **4pm Bike Rodeo** led by UM's Bike Safe program! Take a **3pm or 4pm kid-friendly exhibit tour** of *Plan Z for Miami: From Infrastructure to Open Space* led by Museum

Educators. Get a free bike helmet (while supplies last) or free bike helmet fitting by Bike305 and Everglades Bicycle Club's certified helmet experts. Enjoy arts and crafts activities and more!

Family Day on Aragon takes place every second Saturday and is hosted by Coral Gables Museum, Books & Books and Coral Gables Art Cinema. Check with our Aragon neighbors for information on activities taking place at their venues.

**Downtown Walking Tour \*Lead Docent Needed\***

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**Downtown Walking Tour \*Lead Docent Needed\***

**Saturday, May 20, 11am**

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**Exhibit Tour of "Creating the Dream" \*Lead Docent Needed\***

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**Downtown Walking Tour \*Lead Docent Needed\***

**Saturday, May 27, 11am**

Stroll through the bustling business district of Coral Gables. This thriving area began in the 1920s. Did you know the Colonnade Hotel was once the Coral Gables Sales Center? Or that electric trolleys once connected downtown Coral Gables to downtown Miami? Visit historic Mediterranean Revival buildings, including a former Ford dealership, outdoor theater, and riding club. Newer additions to the cityscape help tell the complete downtown story. This program is generously supported by the Historic Preservation Association of Coral Gables.

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**Exhibit Tour of “Creating the Dream” \*Lead Docent Needed\***

**Sunday, May 28, 1pm**

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**Members Preview Reception: “The Life and Art of Denman Fink” \*2 Event Volunteers Needed\***

**Wednesday, May 31, 6pm-8pm**

Members are invited to a special cocktail reception and sneak preview of our new exhibit.

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