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**VOLUNTEERS ARE
NEEDED FOR THE
FOLLOWING
ACTIVITIES AND
EVENTS!**



**MERCEDES-BENZ
of Coral Gables
GALLERY NIGHT**

November 1, 2019



**Creating the Dream
Tour**

Guides needed for
Saturdays at 1 PM
November 2, 16 & 23,
2019

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**ALL
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR
GALA**

**PARTY LIKE
IT'S 1939!**

**NOV. 23, 2019
6:00-11:00PM**

**CONTACT
JUDE**

1st Volunteer Opportunity Fair Grand Success!



Edith Patterson

Jude Alexander

On Sunday September 29, 2019 the Museum hosted its first Volunteer Opportunity Fair. We had 23 organizations and over 100 potential volunteers sign up, so I think for our first year we could say it was a big success.

I want to thank the Museum's *Executive Director, John Allen*, for

having the confidence in me to organize this event which I could not have done with out *Events Manager, Ashley Magluta's* patient support.



Kindra Jones, Yvette Bravo & Dana Pallen

Dragonfly

And a big thanks to all the museum volunteers who helped welcome the attendees and the general public, as well as promoting the museum and encouraging people to become volunteers. They made the event the great success that it was. So, "Thank you," *Lina Amador, Raul Hernandez, Edith Patterson, Sheila Shapiro, Celia Suarez and Sandra Wisham*. I would also like to thank *Jill Kramer, Maria Fleites and Juan Riera* for helping other organizations.

We were particularly delighted to see all the different organizations networking together and making new contacts and new friends. I believe this event will benefit all of us and next year's will be even bigger.

Jude Alexander, Volunteer Coordinator, CGM



Wendy Mahr and Raul Hernandez

Danny Garcia



Carolyn Jarro

Paws4you

JOHN ALLEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JUDE ALEXANDER, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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Volunteers Needed for the Following Events

Wednesday November 6, 2019

Front Desk

Florida Grand Opera

1 Volunteer Needed

6:00-8:30

Tuesday November 12, 2019

Front Desk

Yoga

1 Volunteer Needed

6:00-8:30 PM

Thursday November 7, 2019

Front Desk

Peruvian Beauty Exhibition

2 Volunteers Needed

6:00-8:30 PM

Thursday November 14, 2019

Front Desk

Wedding

1 Volunteer Needed

6:00-8:30 PM

All Volunteers Needed for Gala: Party Like It's 1939! November 23, 2019, 6:00-11:00 PM

Exhibits & Highlights

Editor's Note: Each of these exhibits is well worth the time taken to see them. *Peruvian Beauty* is stunningly beautiful. *America Weaves* is completely unique, at one point poignant, at another humorous. *Body Landscapes*, offers a dramatic but functional twist on fashion and its design, by a local artist.



Fewell Gallery: "America Weaves"

Runs through Sunday, November 10, 2019

"America Weaves" gathers a group of artists that expand the borders and possibilities of the action of weaving, embroidery, and interlacing throughout the entire American Continent, from Argentina to the United States.

"Peruvian Beauty: The Photographic Work of Yayo Lopez

Monday, September 20, 2019 through Sunday, November 17, 2019

This exhibit gathers over 25 portraits by Peruvian photographer Yayo López. Throughout his career, Lopez has traveled his country capturing female faces that, in some way, have attracted his attention, women of diverse ages, social and geographical backgrounds.



The Caribbee Club:

"Body Landscapes": Designs by Andrea Spiridonakos

Runs through Friday, November 22, 2019

"Body Landscapes" brings together over 15 sketches and two garments by local fashion designer, Andrea Spiridonakos.



Greetings From Portland, Oregon

A Letter From One of Our Great, Former
CGM Volunteers

Hello, Friends,

Its been a little more than four months since we returned to Portland, Oregon. We were only in Coral Gables for about a year, but it was really kind of an amazing, wonderful adventure!

We came to Florida from Oregon for a job opportunity for my husband, Jay, who's in the restaurant business. Sadly, his parents, who live here in Portland, began to experience some serious health issues over the last year. That's the main reason we left after such a short time (we were expecting to stay about 5 years.) Well, as you know, life doesn't always go according to plan!

Oregon is a good fit for us. Our daughter, Holly, lives here. She's getting married next September, which is pretty exciting. Also, there's lots to do here. The food scene is awesome, which excites my husband! Most people have an active lifestyle, including walking, hiking and skiing in the winter. My activity is limited to walking my dog, Dora, around the neighborhood. We got Dora from the PAWS4YOU rescue shelter in Miami after our beloved beagle, Daisy, died unexpectedly a few months after we arrived in Florida.

The best thing about Florida for me were the friends I made! I met Jude Alexander walking her dogs around the neighborhood (she lived on the next street to us. Gay Bondurant, who lives on Jude's street also became a treasured friend. Through my volunteering at the Coral Gables Museum and as a docent at the Merrick House, I also met lots of other wonderful friends.

I was excited to hear about the recent volunteer fair at the museum. If you find a great fit for your talents and interests, the right volunteering opportunities can make an incredibly positive impact on your life. Before I moved to Florida, I was on the board of our church, and was also a board member of the Grant Park Neighborhood Association here in northeast Portland. I was able to seamlessly re-join both of these organizations within a few weeks of our return to Portland. Sometimes it seems as though we never left!

Well, that's about all I have to report. As the end of 2019 approaches, I wish you all good health and happiness.

Cheers! Stacey Tipp



Join our own **Patrick Alexander** for the next edition of his famous **Wine Appreciation Program** to learn about history, culture and the finer things in life.

The 6-week, 12-hour program is held every Monday evening from 6-8PM, and will have you versed in vino just in time for the holiday season!

About the Wine Appreciation Program at Coral Gables Museum:

Where: **Coral Gables Museum, 285 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables**

When: Every Monday, 6-8PM from **Nov. 11-Dec. 16, 2019**

Cost: \$250 fee includes all class materials and 24 different wines

Read the full course description at: GablesWine.com

Space is limited and sells out quickly! Call 305 603-8067 to enroll today!

CGM Board Selects New Members



Christopher Spuches Becomes New Chair of CGM

Partner in the law firm Agentis PLLC, Christopher Spuches is the new Chairman of the Coral Gables Museum Board of Directors. “ I am honored to become Chair of the Coral Gables Museum , following some outstanding community leaders, such as Arva Moore Parks and Chip Withers”, said Spuches, who has also been active in the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and the Fordham Alumni Association. Earlier this year *Florida Trend Magazine* named him one of the prestigious Legal Elite of 2019.

A native of New York City, graduate from New York University and Fordham Law School, Spuches initially practiced law in New York. However, for the past 13 years he has practiced in Miami and Coral

Gables. Two years ago, after several years in downtown Miami, Agentis PLLC moved their offices to Alhambra Circle in Coral Gables.



Harold "Ed" Patricoff is New to CGM Board

Ed Patricoff, partner in the law firm of Shutts & Bowen, has been named to the Coral Gables Museum Board of Directors. Patricoff, one of the preeminent international commercial litigators in his field, heads his firm's international Dispute Resolution Group. He is widely known for his expertise in the power, fuel and aviation industries. Ed has practiced law for some 34 years.

Patricoff has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including being one of the Daily Business Review's "Most Effective Lawyers," fifteen straight years as one of the South Florida Legal Guide's Top Lawyers, and seven consecutive appearances on the list of Florida Super Lawyers, the latter of which is an honor reserved for those lawyers who consistently demonstrate excellence in practice.

Ed has long been active in his community, serving on the Boards of the YMCA, the Miami Symphony Orchestra, and the American Nicaraguan Foundation. One of his particular favorites is his long standing position on the Board of the historic Ted Smallwood Store & Museum, located in Chokoloskee, inside Everglades National Park.

5 Surprising Health Benefits of Volunteering! *From People Magazine, September 2019*

Studies show that, those over the age of 60 who volunteered on a regular basis reported lower disability and higher levels of well-being than those who did not volunteer.

1. Volunteering Improves Your Social Well-Being: Volunteering often involves socializing and building strong bonds with others—and this can do wonders for your health!
2. Volunteering Helps You Stay Active: Working out is great but doing some other physical activity by volunteering breaks up your routine and you might be producing a result which will help others.
3. Volunteering Gives You Purpose: If you have an interest or are curious about how you can be of help, take the first step. Call, go on-line, or actually visit the organization and get busy!
4. Volunteering Boosts Your Mood: Volunteering is uplifting. You meet new people, learn and try out new skills and make a difference in someone's or some organization's life.

5. Volunteering Keeps Your Mind Sharp:

Challenging your brain is a great way to keep it strong. Try volunteering at a school or community center as a tutor or help with planning community events. *Conduct tours sponsored by your local museum.*

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A BIG  TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Welcome to our family of Museum Volunteers. I really hope you will enjoy the experience. I'm sorry I haven't been able to meet with you in person but I will be planning a meeting very soon.

When you volunteer for the first time, I will assign an experienced volunteer to work beside you. If you are interested in being a tour guide, you will train by shadowing an experienced guide until you are comfortable doing a tour on your own.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask me. *Jude*

Contact Jude at: Jude@CoralGablesMuseum.Org

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DONATION DAY FOR DRAGONFLY THRIFT STORE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019
10 AM-5PM

FASHION, FURNITURE & ACCESSORIES.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
No children's apparel, equipment or toys.

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Happy Thanksgiving



...to all Volunteers,
Staff and Board
Members at the
Coral Gables
Museum.

*Jude &
The Volunteer Voice*

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