

CORAL GABLES MUSEUM

EVENTS CALENDAR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS!

- DOWN TOWN
WALKING TOUR
EVERY
SATURDAY, 11 A.M.
- "CREATING THE
DREAM" TOUR
EVERY
SUNDAY, 1 P.M.
- MERCEDES-BENZ
OF CORAL GABLES
GALLERY NIGHT
FIRST FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 1, 2017 6-10 PM
- FAMILY DAY
ON ARAGON EVERY
SECOND SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9, 2017

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FOR FURTHER DETAILS



To Schedule, Contact:
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The Volunteer Voice

Relationships ○ Service ○ Accomplishment

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SITTIN' PRETTY IN "THE BUBBLE!"



With her radiant smile and lots of information about the Coral Gables Museum and the City Beautiful, Rebeca Del Camp-Valdes takes care of visitors passing by the Miracle Theater on Miracle Mile. (See bio on Page 5)

*A sincere wish for a joyful holiday season goes out to all the committed volunteers and dedicated staff of the Coral Gables Museum.
Thank you so much.*

Jude Alexander, Adult Volunteer Liaison

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A B C s of VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

○ VOLUNTEERS PLEASE SEE DETAILS ○

CONTACT: Jude.Alex@Live.Com to schedule a time.

ON-GOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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✓ *INFORMATION BOOTH AT THE MIRACLE THEATER:
TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 12 NOON UNTIL 3 PM.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED EACH DAY. VOLUNTEERS WHO COMMIT TO ONE
DAY A WEEK WILL RECEIVE 2 FREE TICKETS TO
MIRACLE THEATER PRODUCTIONS. Contact Jude for more information.*

✓ *FRONT DESK RECEPTION: EVERY MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
DECEMBER 4, 11, 18/ SHIFTS: 9 AM-12 NOON, 12 NOON-3 PM, 3-5 PM*
One (1) volunteer needed for each shift or three (3) per day. Training for new volunteers will be provided on the day for which you have signed up.

✓ *GALLERY NIGHT: FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
DECEMBER 1, 2017 / SHIFTS: 5:30 - 8PM AND 8-10 PM*
Four (4) volunteers needed for each shift. Number of volunteers needed may change to adjust to situations on the particular evening. Please be flexible when choosing a shift as we must cover the entire evening.

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✓ *FAMILY DAY: EVERY SECOND SATURDAY: DECEMBER 9, 2017*
Ten (10) volunteers needed. Contact: Angela@CoralGablesMuseum.Org

TOURS

✓ *DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR: EACH SATURDAY, 11 AM
DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017*

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One (1) volunteer needed for each date to guide groups to locations near the museum, explaining the history and architecture of significant sites. Training required.

✓ *CREATING THE DREAM: EACH SUNDAY, 1 PM
DECEMBER 3, 10, 17, 2017*

One (1) volunteer needed, inside the museum, for each date, to interpret City Founder, George E. Merrick's vision and ultimate achievement of creating Coral Gables, The City Beautiful. Training required.

Important Info: Volunteer Notes

- ❑ PLEASE TAKE THE INITIATIVE. EMAIL JUDE AND TELL HER THE EVENTS/TOURS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER.
- ❑ **FREE EVENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS! SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS.**
- ❑ **Volunteer Manual:** In a pink folder at the front desk you will soon find the new Volunteers Manual. It was created to help volunteers understand the various positions at the museum. It also contains museum staff job descriptions and phone extensions.
- ❑ The Coral Gables House (Merrick House) remains closed for renovation for the next 1-2 months.
- ❑ Don't Forget...there's a 15% discount for museum volunteers at the museum gift shop!
- ❑ Have fun but be professional, friendly, helpful and know your "stuff!"
- ❑ *The Volunteer Voice* welcomes your suggestions re: tours, the newsletter or any other helpful hints. Send to: Janebond@Comcast.Net, your humble newsletter editor or Jude.Alex@Live.Com.
- ❑ Waterway canoe tours are every second Sunday of each month. Advance registration, \$40 person. Volunteers not needed. This notice is for your information. Call: 305 603-8067
- ❑ Bicycle Tours are every third Sunday of each month. Volunteers not needed. This notice is for your information. Call: 305 603-8067

EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS

Sheltering Survivors *November 3, 2017-May 27, 2018*

Partnering with architects and artists, this exhibition explores the various ways in which innovative design can be used for humanitarian purposes and how it can help those affected by the current refugee crisis, mass migration and natural disasters. Museum patrons will be able to experience physical iteration of the designs, from an actual shelter being used by Ecuadoran earthquake victims today to refugee-inspired clothing designed by Womenswear Designer of the Year, Angela Luna.

HALLOWEEN BRINGS MEMORABLE VISITORS TO THE MUSEUM!

When a gypsy, accompanied by an elf in orange socks, show up at the Coral Gables Museum it must be a special occasion. Rebeca DelCamp-Valdes (L) and Sandra Wisham add color and whimsy to the night dedicated to just such creativity.



What Can a Volunteer Expect At Gallery Night?

Here's a great chance to help out and see and hear all about new exhibits, be they art, architecture, literature, environmental, science, technology or social issues. The list of amazing subjects is endless. In addition to the variety of changing topics which, as a volunteer, you can enable visitors to appreciate there are the permanent exhibits. "Creating the Dream," is a history of the City of Coral Gables and the story of the decisions and dramatic turns of events which, throughout his life, propelled, George E. Merrick to become the visionary and founder of The City Beautiful. Further, there is the Sister Cities exhibit, depicting the very special international program which brings cities and



their people, from all around the globe, into closer contact. These contacts at the governmental and personal level help to break down barriers, foster greater understanding between distant cultures and cement connections which help to build a better world. So, perhaps, in order to be a better more informed volunteer at Gallery Night and have more fun, try to become acquainted with the up-coming exhibits, attend one of the Sunday afternoon tours of the Creating the Dream exhibit. Wander through the Sister Cities display. Become familiar with the schedules for the exhibits and tours. There is nothing like the feeling of being prepared and knowing your "stuff!"

What's Happening on Family ***FUN*** Day?

Saturday, December 9, 2017: Volunteers Needed, 12 Noon to 5:00PM.

The museum has the perfect start to the holiday season and your help is needed to ensure that all of our visitors enjoy the many activities available. We can use your help for any hours that you are available. You can help usher participants to the performances and through the Miami HATCH Marketplace. HATCH is a free outdoor market committed to showcasing and supporting Miami women who are entrepreneurs, innovators, artists and performers. Featured are locally sourced, thoughtfully produced artwork, handcrafts, food provisions and performances. Over 30 vendors will be at the museum with on-of-a-kind gifts for everyone on your holiday lists. You can help children do their holiday gift shopping and assist them in interacting with the scheduled activities. Activities include:

12:30 – Snow Machine Activation

2:00 PM— Children's book reading by US Poet Laureate, Richard Blanco

3:00 PM— Miami Royal Ballet performance

3:30 PM— Snow Machine Activation

All afternoon—musical and spoken performances; ginger bread art activity.

○ *Your editor and Jude Alexander wish to especially thank volunteer, Shelia Shapiro, for her willingness to write articles and give excellent constructive criticism in the production of The Volunteer Voice.*

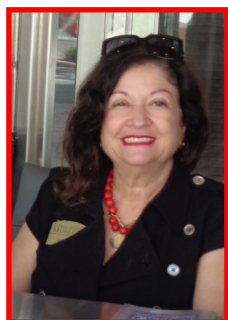
Meet Your MuseumTeam!

The Volunteer Voice will publish thumbnail bio's of other volunteers and staff in future issues.



Born in the north of England, Jude Alexander has lived a truly fanciful and adventurous life, everywhere, from North Africa to Greece then to the French countryside. With husband, Patrick, she raised two daughters all while living in a romantic, though sparse, 800 year old water mill. Then on to one of the more beautiful places in the world, Lake Lugano, on the Swiss-Italian border. Next came Limerick, Ireland, then back to the mill in Southern France. Not yet ready to settle down, Jude and family found themselves in Santa Cruz, California. Finally, in 1986, Jude and Patrick discovered Coral Gables.

After a life time of dealing with business situations, teaching and living with a variety of different languages and cultures, Jude became a Graduate Advisor in the School of Architecture at the University of Miami. On her retirement in 2015, no time was wasted as she joined the Adult Activity Center. She got involved with the museum in 2013. With her engaging personality, wit and language skills the Coral Gables Museum is fortunate to have Jude as our Adult Volunteer Liaison.

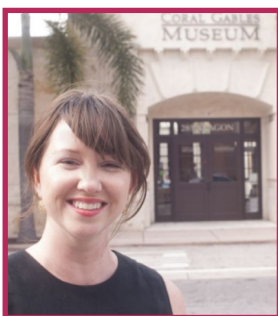


Born in Cuba, Rebeca Del Camp-Valdes, has lived in Miami since the age of four. Her late husband had worked as a police officer in Cuba and his son had been a firefighter. Rebeca, therefore, feels very much at home working in the old Coral Gables Police and Fire station. For many years Rebeca had her own stamp and rare coin store. The store was eventually moved to her husband's Cuban Museum on Coral Way. Clearly, she now feels equally at home in our museum.

Drawn to volunteer work at the museum because of her love of meeting new people and helping where needed, Rebeca's obvious next step was to volunteer in the information booth in front of the beautiful and historic Miracle Theater on Miracle Mile. She refers to the information booth as "The Bubble," hence her new moniker, "Becky, the Bubble Girl!"



This Month's Featured Staffer



With her Master's Degree in Arts Administration from Boston University and numerous other related degrees and certificates, Caroline Parker Santiago, additionally brings the experience of having worked in the fields of cultural education, public programs and non-profit management for over 10 years. Prior to becoming Executive Director of the Coral Gables Museum, Parker served as the Director of Programs for six years at the Coral Gables Museum and is credited with launching and developing the Camp, School and Adult educational programs which the museum currently offers. Further, many of the former exhibits in the museum have gone on to become traveling exhibits shown throughout the US.

Caroline and her husband, a professional photographer, live in The Waterway neighborhood and are active in the Waterway Neighborhood Association.

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