

CORAL GABLES MUSEUM

EVENTS CALENDAR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS!

- **DOWN TOWN
WALKING TOUR
EVERY
SATURDAY, 11 A.M.**
FEBRUARY 3,10,17,24 2018
- **“CREATING THE
DREAM” TOUR
EVERY
SUNDAY, 1 P.M.**
FEBRUARY 4,11,18,25 2018
- **MERCEDES-BENZ
OF CORAL GABLES
GALLERY NIGHT
FIRST FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 2, 2018 6-10 PM**
- **FAMILY DAY
ON ARAGON EVERY
SECOND SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

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To Schedule, Contact:
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The Volunteer Voice

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Volume I

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New Interim Exec. Director Meets With Volunteers



John Allen, Standing, Left, Volunteer Denise Napolitano; Center, Jude Alexander, Volunteer Liason; Volunteer Carlos Cavilanes

With the attendance of some 18 volunteers the introductory meeting with the new interim Executive Director, John Allen, was off to an excellent start. During an extended discussion of circumstances surrounding “The Bubble”, volunteers learned that a survey is being developed to monitor the use and effectiveness of The Bubble in its function as an information booth. Other issues brought up were ways to improve the process of promoting the museum via The Bubble and problems regarding the physical maintenance of the booth. Ms. Lynn Bauer, the new Chair of the Museum’s Board of Trustees was introduced. At the conclusion of this portion of the meeting Mr. Allen and Ms. Bauer left, as was planned.

The remaining group of volunteers took the rest of the allotted time to discuss various topics and ideas for making the volunteer experience more meaningful to each individual and more useful to the museum. A recurring point focused on prospective new tour guides and their needs to shadow various experienced guides from 2 to 3 times. An additional training opportunity is being made available for those who want to give the “Building the Dream” tour. Gay Bondurant will conduct a group training for this tour on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the museum. Please RSVP to Jude.Alex@live.Com if you wish to attend. To make the most of this

See Page 4: Meeting with the Interim Executive Director

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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

SPECIAL VOLUNTEER INFO!

✓ CASH COMPENSATION AND NEW HOURS HAVE BEEN
ADDED TO THE POSITION AT “THE BUBBLE” OR THE
INFORMATION BOOTH AT
THE ACTOR’S PLAYHOUSE AT THE MIRACLE THEATER !

All volunteers will be compensated at \$9 PER HOUR with FREE PARKING.
Volunteers who commit to one day a week will also receive 2 TICKETS FOR A
WEEK- DAY PERFORMANCE!

In addition to the regular hours (Monday through Saturday from noon until 3 pm)
additional hours have been added when there is a production playing from February
through April. These new hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6-9 PM.

Please contact Jude if you are interested. Jude.Alex@Live.Com

✓ See Page 4 for complete information on Heart Strings: A Valentine’s Day Concert.

✓ *GALLERY NIGHT: FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
FEBRUARY 2, 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.

✓ *FAMILY DAY: EVERY SECOND SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 10, 2018*

Ten (10) volunteers needed. Contact: Angela@CoralGablesMuseum.Org

TOURS

✓ *DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR: EACH SATURDAY, 11 AM
FEBRUARY 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018*

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
FEBRUARY 4, 11, 17, 24, 2018*

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.
 - ❑ PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SEE SPECIAL VOLUNTEER INFORMATION ON PAGE 2!
 - ❑ 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 extensive renovation.
 - ❑ 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
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EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL ARTIST SERIES:
JUAN ANTONIO GUIRADO

DECEMBER 1, 2017 – FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Juan Antonio Guirado's first exhibition took place in 1956 in Miami where he immediately experienced success. As a result, he would travel the entire world with his art. He sought new and seductive paths to explore which lead to his *intrarealist* work. When asked to describe intrarealist painting, Guirado replied, "It is the type of painting that one has to see with the third eye, the eye of the mind." A mix of Surrealism and Abstract Expressionism, Guirado's work challenges the viewer to open their mind and eyes, to look within and evaluate reality of their surroundings.

100 YEARS OF HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIP:
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IN
SOUTH FLORIDA

FEBRUARY 2, 2018—MAY 27, 2018

Join us for a journey through the past century celebrating the Centennial of the American Red Cross in South Florida. From the early days in 1917 through its modern-day response to Hurricane Irma, see how the lifesaving work of the American Red Cross has evolved along with our changing South Florida landscape. This multi-dimensional exhibit includes historical artifacts, images and uniforms that will bring the humanitarian mission of the Red Cross to life.

ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO JOIN THE CORAL GABLES MUSEUM!

HEART STRINGS: A VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT

FEBRUARY 14, 2018 6:30 TO 8:30 PM

\$35, \$25 For museum members. Limited tickets.

Registration required.

WWW.CoralGablesMuseum.org Phone: 305 603-8067

Tickets on-line: <https://Heartstrings2018.Eventbrite.com>

Celebrate Valentine's Day with an intimate musical experience in the historic Coral Gables Museum building, just steps away from downtown Coral Gables' lovely restaurants. This concert includes open wine bar, chocolates and Museum admission. The Alhambra Orchestra's string quartet with pianist, Mia Vassilev, returns to the museum for a concert of handpicked Classical, Latin and popular favorites including works by Bach, Schumann and Piazzola all perfectly suited to this romantic holiday. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



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training please read the related material provided at the museum and or any other relevant books or documents you may have. Jude has also created a manual for new guides which should be consulted before this training. It was indicated that making an advanced and on-going commitment to conducting the tour(s) of ones choice would be very helpful to Jude who would then have a calendar of confirmed volunteers on which she could depend. Accolades were forthcoming for Jude who has been able to increase the ranks of volunteers by a least three fold.

Finally, an extremely important issue was raised regarding the social aspects of our group of volunteers. It was felt that being able to get together to talk and connect on a personal basis was a significant component of becoming a volunteer. As a result, the first of such gatherings in 2018 is now scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 2018, 5 PM at the museum.

Our thanks are extended to Sheila Shapiro for her detailed note taking and organizing same for this article.

This Month's Featured Staffer!

A native Miamian, Eliza Gonzalez has been Exhibit Director for the Coral Gables Museum since February 2017. She is an alumna of Florida International University, having recently graduated with a Master's Degree in Museum Studies. In the past, she has worked with many local, cultural and artistic institutions and forms part of the Miami Emerging Museum Professionals board. Eliza has a deep passion for art history and hopes to be able to contribute to and present local history and current topics in an engaging and interesting way.

Thanks, Eliza, for helping to make the Coral Gables Museum the place to come to for enjoying, learning about and embracing the rich history surrounding Coral Gables and all of Miami.

