Sacagawea Is My New Hero!

By Gay Bondurant
CGM Volunteer

“Lewis and Clark”...the names kept twisting around in my head as we were whisked away from the museum on that lovely but, nonetheless, rather warmish Sunday morning. On the fading end of February it should have been a little cooler, but the good news was that there was no rain on the horizon. About a dozen, stalwarts all, eagerly but with some trepidation, gathered at water’s edge to learn a few rules of the water and to don our life vests. Did the term “life vest” add to the trepidation? Just a thought. Our very competent and experienced guides exuded confidence and the fitness of youth. All would be well.

With paddles in hand, two by two we trod the stony path to our awaiting vessels. Making stepping aboard a little easier was that part of the canoe was in the water and part on the shore. No problem, piece of cake. With a tug and a push we were launched (think “Set adrift!”) on the surface of the Coral Gables Waterway, specifically that portion with the evocative name, C-100 Canal. According to some tourist guide information, the distance from the put-in point at roughly “Old Ponce” and Riviera Drive, under the Metrorail, to Biscayne Bay is 3.5 miles.

Off the leaders went, straight down the center of the canal, with sounds of excitement wafting back on the breeze. Now, I had once owned a canoe and had learned, I thought, the basics of steering this very simple, streamlined craft, which is done from the rear “seat.”

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“LAST WEDNESDAYS” LECTURE: ARCHITECTURE

Wednesday, March 27, 2019   7 PM

This month’s lecture is presented by renowned architect Hilario Candela, author of “Coral Gables: The Last Fifty Years.”

2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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REGULAR ON-GOING EVENTS/TOURS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DATES SHOWN

FIRST FRIDAY MERCEDES-BENZ GALLERY NIGHT: April 6   6:00—10:00 PM

4 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR– EACH SATURDAY: April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019   11:00 AM

BUILDING THE DREAM TOUR - EACH SATURDAY: April 6, 13, 20, 2019   1:00 PM

EXHIBITS & HIGHLIGHTS

LUMEN LUCERNÆ:
THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF MIQUEL SALOM
SEEN IN GALLERY 109

Friday, March 1, through Sunday, May 19, 2019

Employing ancient photographic methods, similar to Daguerreotype, the artist depicts the beautiful trees of Coral Gables. The manipulation of light is key in this method. As light is the featured element it is appropriate that proceeds from the auctioning of the artist’s works will go to bring light into the homes of 2,000 people in the villages of Northern Guatemala.

CARIBBEE CLUB: BETWEEN THE LINES OF NATURE

TINA SALVESEN AND ELISA ALBO

FRANK GLENN GALLERY

Friday, April 5, 2019 through Tuesday, June 6, 2019

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EXHIBITS & HIGHLIGHTS

THE PORTFOLIO REVIEW SERIES: ELKIN CANAS, MERCEDES CISNEROS, ANDRES LOPEZ, LEONOR LOPEZ, CARLOS MARTINEZ, MILIXA MORÓN, NANA SAKYL AND TERE JESSURUM URIBE

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM APRIL 5, 2019 6PM-10PM

This is an opportunity to meet local artists and discuss their artistic work, including processes, references, aspirations and other topics going well beyond what is seen in the gallery.

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MAKING HOUSE CALLS: THE FIRST PEDIATRIC CLINIC IN CORAL GABLES

SEEN IN THE ABRAHAM GALLERY

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2019

Starting with the founding of the first pediatric clinic by Dr. Warren Quillian in 1926, the story of the “Physicians to Children” is told through a series of documents, photographs and medical objects of the times including surgical tools, microscopes and even some actual medications.

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CASTLES IN THE SKY: FANTASY ARCHITECTURE IN CONTEMPORARY ART

SEEN IN THE FEWELL GALLERY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15 THROUGH TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

Curated by Bartholomew Bland, Executive Director, Lehman College Art Gallery/CUNY. Local venue Curator, Yuneikys (Yuni) Villalongo, Chief Curator, Coral Gables Museum

Castles in the Sky explores imaginary architecture through the lenses of over twenty-five contemporary artists working in a wide range of media that go from painting to sculpture to video.

Happy Spring!
However, as I am older than I think I am, and not accustomed to physical exertion in 85 degree heat, paddling a canoe against an incoming tide with a cross wind (remember the “wafting breeze?”) pushing the canoe sideways, this was akin to paddling in half congealed Jello!

Fortunately, my very agreeable companion, Jude, who did her best to overcome my ineptitude as a navigator, concurred with my gasping request that we turn around before completing the 3.5 mile sojourn. I must admit that no one else seemed to have this much trouble. So go and enjoy the scenery, being out with nature, and take in the beauty of our city from a different angle but be prepared for whatever flavor of the day Mother Nature decides to serve up!

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**CGM Volunteers receive a discounted price when taking this canoe outing!**

March Family Day (March 9, 2019) on Aragon was a wonderful day filled with many fun activities for families. The day began with a Proclamation, presented by Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli, naming Saturday, March 9, 2019 as Coral Gables Museum Day. There was recognition of all those that helped with the planning of the 80th anniversary events. John and Sue Medina presented the host committee members with a gold 3-D sculpture of the building’s tower and saved one to be included in the time capsule; a project in the works for next year.

After the proclamation, there was a guest author, Mahogany L. Browne, who read from her book, *Woke Baby*. Books & Books was on hand to assist as Ms. Browne autographed her book for visitors. Once the clock struck two, the doors to the Community Meeting Room were opened and the celebration of the Old Police and Fire Station got even better. There were police and fire themed crafts and games for the kids, and what would a party be without a face painter, photo booth, cotton candy, popcorn, hot dogs, and cupcakes from Misha’s? The City of Coral Gables Police Department sent over the “Bear Cat” SWAT vehicle for the kids to explore. The Coral Gables Public Library was on hand for story time. As if all of that were not enough, Ziggy the Clown entertained not only the kids, but the grown ups too. There was a bike rodeo, provided by the University of Miami BikeSafe Program, which taught children safe bike riding techniques. Bike Walk Coral Gables was on hand with a prize wheel for the kids and information on tours for the grownups. Crystal Academy and Miami Kids Magazine were also here with fun prizes and information for families.

In total, there were 910 visitors to the Coral Gables Museum, and that made for a wonderful celebration of the beautiful building that it calls home. Thank you to everyone for coming out and celebrating with us. Here’s to another 80 years!
SAYING GOOD BYE TO LAURA...

by Jude Alexander

It is with a heavy heart that I must write that Laura Ondarza will no longer be volunteering at the museum. After living, for many years in Miami, she has moved to Pompano Beach to be near her son and daughter-in-law. Apart from being a good friend to me and many others, she has been a wonderful tour guide and volunteer at the museum.

With her beautiful smile, sparkling eyes and shining silver-white hair she looks like she belongs in the movies, which she loves. She always helped in any way she could and made every event for which she volunteered great fun. Every month she led the two Saturday tours. I frequently heard from people how impressed they were with her knowledge of Coral Gables. All who knew her will miss her, and everyone wishes her much happiness in her new home.

Jude Alexander will be away from April 16 until May 8, 2019. She is taking her eldest grand-daughter (above center) on a fabulous trip to England.

CG MUSEUM GOES TO THE MARKET

CGM volunteers joined the Coral Gables Merrick House representatives at the Saturday Farmer’s Market on March 9, 2019 to provide information and enthusiasm on the fun of volunteering with these two major Coral Gables organizations.

Join us again on Saturday, March 30, the last day for the market until 2020.

INTRA-ORGANIZATION VOLUNTEERS MEET & GREET!

Conceived by, organized and carried-out by our Volunteer Coordinator, Jude Alexander, some 20 volunteers from around Coral Gables, met on the afternoon of March 13, 2019 to enjoy each other's company and find out what other groups are doing, focusing on and implementing at their various venues.

Foremost in Coral Gables among the non-profits which utilize volunteers is the Coral Gables Merrick House. Owned and operated by the City of Coral Gables and under the guidance of its own Governing Board, the Merrick house provides tours at the House on Saturdays and Sundays at 1, 2 & 3 PM. It is also available for specially scheduled tours. It is used by the City for special events such as an annual Christmas Event and a popular event/lecture series entitled, Sunday Afternoon on the Porch with George.

Contributing greatly to the culture and quality of life in The Gables is The Villagers. Organizing and presenting spectacular Home and Garden Tours each year to raise funds for their scholarships in preservation related fields has made this group stand out.

Speaking for the staff of the Coral Gables Museum, in addition to Jude, was our most important Staffer, Patrick Alexander, Majordomo and oenophile extrodinaire. Patrick introduced Malcolm Laurodo, Dir. of Historic Research, and Ashley Magluda, who is a lynch pin member of the museum operations keeping things organized and running smoothly.

Patrick also conducted a tour of the museum's permanent exhibit, Creating the Dream for the guests who, previously, had not had the opportunity of seeing the exhibit.
Actor’s Playhouse is seeking **VOLUNTEER USHERS** for this exciting and highly anticipated season!

For more information or to sign up, contact: Natalia Amador at (305) 444-9293 or [Box@Actorsplayhouse.Org](mailto:Box@Actorsplayhouse.Org)

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**A SPECIAL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**CITY TREKKER SPRING CAMP: CREATIVE STUDIO**

Monday, March 25, 2019-Friday, March 29, 2019  9AM-4PM

CGM Education Department is proud to set up a unique creative space to involve campers in the Arts and Crafts world, exploring their imaginations and creating original ideas. A week of projects such as observational drawing, turn any picture into a masterpiece, understanding 3D, paper making and much more.

8-10 Volunteers Needed!

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**FREE TO CGM VOLUNTEERS!**

**MERRICK HOUSE**

**ADMISSION AND TOURS**

907 Coral Way
Coral Gables, FL
Open Saturday & Sunday
Tours @ 1, 2 & 3 PM

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**VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT**

PLEASE, KEEP A COUNT OF THE HOURS OF AT-HOME VOLUNTEER WORK. IT’S IMPORTANT!

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS SIGN IN/OUT WHEN YOU VOLUNTEER AT THE MUSEUM.

Thanks, Jude.