

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED FOR  
THE  
FOLLOWING  
NEW EVENTS!**



**FAMILY DAY ON ARAGON**  
March 9, 2019 2-5 PM  
8-10 Volunteers Needed



**CITY TREKER SPRING CAMP**  
Monday, March 25, 2019  
through  
Friday, March 29, 2019  
8-10 Volunteers Needed



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INFORMATION**



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## AN ACCIDENTAL ARTIST

Gay Bondurant,  
CG Museum Volunteer

Having had little or no real artistic talent throughout my life, I always thought if I just worked at it, that talent might show up. Then not long ago, something happened. I took a drawing course. No complicated materials were required, essentially, just a box of artist's pencils, proper paper and the most important of items, a selection of erasers.

For many years I have been intrigued by the strong, angular faces of the sculpted firemen which adorn the west façade of the dignified, understated, "...Municipal Building," now known as "The Old Police and Fire Station" and now, also, home of the Coral Gables Museum. This year, 2019, marks the 80th year of its service to Coral Gables.

After taking two classes, I tried out my new found "talent" by creating a rendering of one of those craggy faces. Well, \*it came out fairly well, but what was I to do with it? I decided to give the drawing to Chief De La Rosa, the present Fire Chief, and

couple it with a facsimile of a July 14, 1938 letter addressed to, "Dear Mr. Merrick." The letter invites said gentleman to attend, on the following day, the laying of the cornerstone being placed to anchor the "new Police and Fire Station."



On Tuesday, February 5, 2019 amid much more ceremony than I thought necessary, Chief De La Rosa, former Mayor Don Slesnick and a contingent of other very handsome and uniformed men, honored me with their appreciation of my modest artistic effort. I am, of course, very glad they liked the work. However, I am even happier that they are there, in our city, 24/7, ready to render aid to any of us who find ourselves in an emergency situation which may be beyond our control. Thanks, Chief and all the members of the Coral Gables Fire Department for everything you do. \*SEE PAGE 3

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### A

#### FAMILY DAY ON ARAGON: HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY OLD POLICE AND FIRE STATION!

MARCH 9, 2019 2-5 PM 8-10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUILDING WE NOW CALL HOME. CRAFTS AND INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY. CORAL GABLES POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS WILL SHOW OFF FIRST RESPONSE VEHICLES AND WHICH KIDS CAN EXPLORE

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#### CITY TREKER SPRING CAMP: CREATIVE STUDIO

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019 THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019 9 AM-4 PM

8-10 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CGM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP A UNIQUE CREATIVE SPACE TO INVOLVE CAMPERS IN THE ARTS AND CRAFTS WORLD THAT ALLOWS IMAGINATIONS TO CREATE ORIGINAL IDEAS. THIS IS A WEEK OF OBSERVATIONAL DRAWING, LEARNING ABOUT 3 DIMENTIONAL DRAWING, PAPER MAKING, CRITICAL THINKING AND MUCH MORE

### C

#### REGULAR ON-GOING TOURS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DATES SHOWN

FIRST FRIDAY MERCEDES-BENZ GALLERY NIGHT: MARCH 1, 2019 6:00—10:00 PM

DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR— EACH SATURDAY: MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2019 11:00 AM

BUILDING THE DREAM TOUR - EACH SATURDAY: MARCH 16, 23, 2019 1:00 PM

#### CARIBBEE CLUB: I heART MIAMI.

Friday, March 1, 2019 to Tuesday, April 2, 2019

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and the CGM will celebrate it with the exhibition *I heART MIAMI* which gathers the work of artists with developmental disabilities. This is a collaborative project with Adult Day Training Centers in our community.



#### KEYSTONE ART LXXX STUDENT COMPETITION

Friday, March 1, 2019 through Saturday, March 30, 2019 This exhibition is part of the on-going celebration of the 80th birthday of Old Police and Fire Station building, currently home of the CGM. The exhibit presents works in a variety of media, produced by students throughout Miami-Dade County and who are finalists in the Keystone Art LXXX Competition.

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MAKING HOUSE CALLS: The First Pediatric Clinic in Coral Gables  
seen in Abraham Gallery

# Art & Architecture in Fantasy Mode

By Shelia Shapiro, CGM Volunteer



February 15, 2019. Over 100 members, guests, and friends of the CGM were in attendance on this beautiful evening for the opening of the new exhibit, *“Castles in the Sky: Fantasy Architecture in Contemporary Art.”* This intriguing exhibit features representations of imagined and fantasized dwellings and other buildings through the eyes of more than 25 artists – past and present – in a wide range of media including

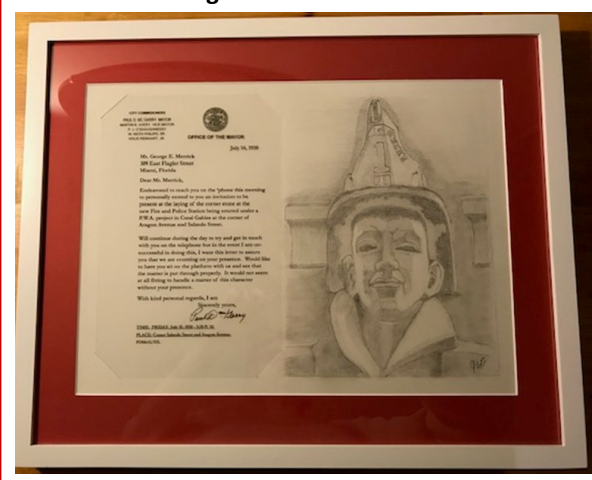


video, painting, drawing, and sculpture. The exhibit was brought to the museum through the efforts of the Coral Gables Museum curator Yuni Vilalongo and the Executive Director of the Lehman College of Art, Bartholomew Bland. Mr. Bland, organizer of this impressive presentation, was introduced by the CGM Director, John Allen and spent some time talking with visitors. Guests at the reception enjoyed a tasty buffet of cheese, fruit, and sweets, in addition to meeting some of the artists in attendance and taking in the inspiring artwork. When you visit the exhibit, you will see a variety of buildings from the artists’ points of view. As the video introduction notes, “the buildings in our mind’s eye are limitless – not tied to the reality of bricks and mortar, or ground and gravity.” Prepare to be amazed!



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Encourage your family and friends  
to join the CGM!



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**It's coming...Wednesday**  
**April 10, 2019 5:00 PM**  
**Volunteer Appreciation Day**  
**THAT'S US!**



**GREAT  
VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITY!**

**SEE TERRIFIC SHOWS AT ACTOR'S PLAYHOUSE AT  
THE MIRACLE THEATER**

**FREE!**

**Actor's Playhouse is seeking VOLUNTEER USHERS for this  
exciting and highly anticipated season!**

**For more information or to sign up, contact:**

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**FREE  
TO  
CGM VOLUNTEERS!**

**Admission and Tour at  
The Coral Gables  
Merrick House.**

**907 Coral Way  
Coral Gables, FL**

**Open: Saturdays & Sundays  
1:00-4:00 pm**

**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.**