

# FORGOTTEN ENCHANTRESS

[Documentary Short]

Running Time:

30 minutes

Directed By:

Jennifer East

Produced By:

Aisha Banks Marion Ambrose

Production Company:

**bUneke Productions** 

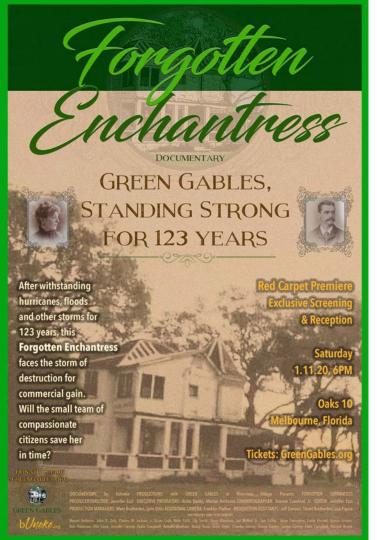
Edited by:

Jennifer East

Cinematographer:

**Donnie Crawford, Jr** 





### LOGLINE

After withstanding hurricanes, floods and other storms for 123 years, this Forgotten Enchantress faces the storm of destruction for commercial gain. Will the small team of compassionate citizens save her in time?



## SYNOPSIS

Forgotten Enchantress is the story of Green Gables, in the voice of the Queen Anne-style Victorian house, built in Melbourne, Florida, by William T. and Nora Wells, in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Set amid a period backdrop with a yearning hope for future generations, the film is narrated by the current and former president of the nonprofit organization created exclusively to save this treasured piece of Americana, as well as an 82-year-old storytelling businessman who states why he believes the house must be saved and restored. Forgotten Enchantress documents the contributions of the innovative family who built the house and their legacy.



# **OUR STORY**

When the founders of bUneke Productions first learned about the work being done by the nonprofit organization, Green Gables at Historic Riverview Village, they immediately started formulating a plan to create a documentary to spotlight the charity's amazing journey to save this bit of American history.

#### Marion Ambrose President

Not long after assuming the position of president of Green Gables at Historic Riverview Village, with the blessing of the new board of directors, Marion began expanding the organization's public outreach. This led to a meeting with the founders of bUneke.org, which initiated a magnificent, community-wide collaboration.











### John Daly Historian

Attorney and historic preservation advocate, John Daly is president emeritus of Green Gables at Historic Riverview Village. He discovered Green Gables, while researching for a survey about historical community resources, in 2008, four years after the building had received extensive damage from the 2004 hurricane season. He, and other members of the nonprofit worked to stop demolition of the house and he continues to work toward saving this once forgotten enchantress.

### Susan Craft Family Member

A registered nurse, Susan Craft is the widow of one of the direct descendants of William and Nora Wells. She and her husband lived together in a home they built adjacent to the Green Gables house, when they married, 37 years ago. Although she is not, herself, a direct descendant, she understands the value in preserving this enchanting structure for future generations.

### Charles W. Jackson, Sr. Business Owner

Charles W. Jackson, Sr. is the owner of his own roofing company and with his extensive knowledge of construction, is considered an expert. He has held a seat on the Brevard County Building and Zoning Commission for almost half of his 82 years. An animated storyteller, Mr. Jackson is a frequent visitor to the Green Gables' open houses.



# DIRECTOR, Jennifer East

A passionate and driven creator, when Jennifer East met Marion Ambrose and Sue Fallon, she didn't hesitate to arrange to visit Green Gables. She was hooked after her first tour of the forgotten enchantress, Green Gables.

Mrs. East's passion for her work and the stories she tells is evident in every project she touches. She has been directing projects for others for many years and has fulfilled many roles in the industry.

Filming Forgotten Enchantress has been a true labor of love for her as she and her team of volunteers have created this documentary with a zero-dollar budget.

She said, "I knew I needed to do something to save this enchanting piece of American history. With an extremely tight deadline, we went to work."





#### PRODUCER, Aisha Banks

Aisha Banks is a freelance reality/documentary TV producer based in Orlando. She made her mark in the lifestyle and true crime spaces, although she is most enthusiastic about warm and fuzzy transformation projects. When she's not busy pitching new shows, convincing folks to be on TV, or editing content, she's exploring theme parks, sipping boba tea or dancing to a song only she can hear.

#### PRODUCER, Marion Ambrose

Marion Ambrose is the president of Green Gables at Historic Riverview Village, the president of GFWC Melbourne Woman's Club and a history teacher at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church School. She ensured the production of *Forgotten Enchantress* held true to history and was a behind-the-scenes cheerleader for the all-volunteer cast and production crew.

### CINEMATOGRAPHER, Donnie Crawford, Jr

Donnie Crawford, B.S., M.S., is a professional camera operator and director of photography, with 10+ years in the entertainment industry. He has vast experience in film, reality television, news, commercial production, broadcast sports and audio/video.









## PRAISE



"I wish I could give this film more than 5 stars! It's truly a magnificent piece of art. I join your quest to #savegreengables and wish you much success in the film festivals!" - David A, Orlando, FL

"Forgotten Enchantress is an amazing film that captures the heartbeat of this beautiful home so worthy of saving! Congratulations to Jennifer East and all involved." -Tarita V, Viera, FL

"This moving documentary really touched my heart and made me realize even more the importance of saving this historical treasure." - A. Farrington, Melbourne, FL

"Forgotten Enchantress" is an extraordinary work of art depicting the times in the early 1900's vs. today's world. Even if you have not been to Green Gables, the movie settles you into a room in the home or on the octagon porch, calming you into the scene like you are right there yourself, even at dawn, taking you back to simpler times." - Sue F., Melbourne, FL

"Great cause. Great film." - Jennifer C., Melbourne, FL

"There's so much to offer in the restoration of this building. Opportunities for tea parties, dressing up in the era for the day w/pics, making lemonade, dooryard games along with checkers/chess games. Even perhaps learning the trade of building at that time, so many family-oriented things to enjoy while getting a living history lesson. History spills out of this place." - D.R. Bureau

# **CREDITS**

Directed by:

Produced by:

Director of Photography

Production Managers

Editor

Extra Camera

**Production Assistants** 

Production Associate

Performers:

Jennifer East

Aisha Banks Marion Ambrose

Donnie Crawford, Jr

Lynn Dilks Mary Brotherton

Jennifer East

**Franklin Prather** 

Jeff Danson Stuart Brotherton Lisa Figura

Tony Taylor

Nikki Putik, Lily Smith, Gene Albertson, Marion Ambrose, Joe McNiel, Jr, Sue Fallon, John B. Daly, Charles W. Jackson, Sr., Anne Farrington, Susan Craft, Emily Vincent, Lenora Grimm, Don Robinson, Ella Ciuro, Jennifer Carney, Eden Campbell, James Carney, Claudia Carney, Devon Carney, Youssef Rizeak, Lisa Figura



# Working today to change tomorrow. Together we ARE saving Green Gables.



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