



## 100 Ladies of Deering President's Report – May 2024

The 100 Ladies of Deering conducted their 2024 Annual Meeting in the Great Hall of the Stone House on May 7. The theme was 'Volunteers are Golden' and over 50 members and guests enjoyed a buffet brunch, cocktail bar and beautiful mauve/gold decorations. Elizabeth Battaglia presented 'A Year in Review' highlighting projects and events from the past year. Every Committee gathered to take a committee photo which will be put on the newly updated 100LadiesofDeering.org website.

Several awards were presented. Karen Nercess was awarded the Honorary Ambassador award in recognition of her long support of the 100 Ladies of Deering, Deering Estate Foundation and Deering Estate in taking photos to document our events and spreading the word about our organizations within the community. As an Honorary Ambassador, Karen received a nametag and Fern member pin, and will be included in 100 Ladies of Deering events and activities.

Lori Rickles and Nancy Egglund were each presented with the Marion Deering Award. This award is given in recognition of women who follow in the Original's footsteps by seeing a need, creating a committee, and getting things done. Lori Rickles created and is Chair of the Outreach Committee which looks for partner organizations in the community and has organized visits to Vizcaya, Kampong, Montgomery Gardens, SuperBlue Miami and Patch of Heaven Sanctuary. Nancy Egglund, Chair of the Docent Committee, has worked with Deering Estate staff to create a group of 22 trained docents (including four DEF members) that have given private tours and supported Deering Estate public events such as Vintage Auto Show and Member Appreciation Day. Both these ladies have elevated the profile of the Deering Estate/Deering Estate Foundation/100 Ladies of Deering within the community. Thank you ladies!

A new Executive Committee was approved for the 2024 – 2026 Biennium. Ann Machado – President, Kathryn Flynn - Vice-President, Pamela Mullins -Treasurer, Ann DeStefanis – Assistant Treasurer, Anne Helliwell – Secretary, Nancy Charre – Assistant Secretary, and Elizabeth Battaglia – Past President.

Next up, 2024 Strategic Planning will take place on June 22, 2024, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Weeks House. Members, DEF and DE staff are encouraged to submit project ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, 100 Ladies of Deering

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Past President, 100 Ladies of Deering