



100 Ladies of Deering President's Report – December 2022

It has been a whirlwind holiday season! The 100 Ladies of Deering has been busy on the Deering Estate:

November 17– Fireflies and Friends in the Stone House Courtyard. Rescheduled from November 9, it turned out to be a lovely evening with perfect weather. Of the 80 attendees, there were significant guests we hope will consider membership as we strive for our membership goal of 100.

November 13 and 20 – Decorating the scholar room and film room in the Richmond Cottage, and the Great Hall in the Stone House. The 100 Ladies allocated additional funds to go all out for the Centennial of the Stone House, and the décor reflected our all our efforts.

December 9 – Mistletoes and Martinis – A Centennial Celebration. Chaired by Becky Matkov, Beth Pearson and Nancy Egglund this was another memorable evening to showcase the Deering Estate and the holiday décor to almost 600 guests.

On December 12, the 100 Ladies of Deering hosted a Holiday lunch featuring the Guardian Ad Litem family gift drive in the Royal Palm Grove. We sponsored two families (8 kids, 3 caregivers) this year, and received such a generous outpouring of support from the membership and community. There were three representatives from the Guardian Ad Litem program present, and it was touching to hear what a difference a volunteer can make in the lives of children at risk. Several ladies felt moved to volunteer so I expect an even closer partnership moving forward.

It is amazing to think we are already mid-December 2022. I hope each of you can take time to appreciate all the wonderful things 2022 brought, and get ready for an even better 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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