



100 Ladies of Deering President's Report – February 2023

It was a pleasure to see so many of the Deering Estate Foundation Board members join the 100 Ladies of Deering on January 28 for the boat tour with narration by Paul George, PhD. While the tour touched on the Deering family contributions to the development of Miami, it was notable for the detail on Stiltsville, Nixon/Key Biscayne, and the Miami River. The tour was organized by the 100 Ladies of Deering Outreach Committee, chaired by Lori Rickles. Trips to the Kampong and the FIU Center for Tropical Botany are being planned for fall 2023. The goal of the Committee is to create relationships with other community organizations interested in culture, community, and conservation, here in Miami and further afield.

The 100 Ladies of Deering hosted one of our signature events at the Deering Estate on February 8, 2023. The Vintage Valentine's Luncheon is an opportunity to introduce potential new members to the 100 Ladies of Deering and the Deering Estate. The weather was perfect, food delicious, and a record 78 members, guests, DEF and DE staff attended.

Pre-sale copies of the 100 Ladies of Deering Coffee Table Book, *Legacy* have begun in earnest with support for the Deering Estate Foundation and Deering Estate social media channels. The book is in production and our goal is to have it in Miami in time for the Seafood Festival. Over 10% of the total copies printed are already committed. Our goal is to sell all the copies in 2023. Pre-order your copies today to ensure you don't miss out!

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Respectfully submitted,

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