



## 100 Ladies of Deering President's Report – June 2023

The 100 Ladies of Deering conducted their 2023 Strategic Planning meeting on Saturday, June 10, at the Weeks Property. Following on the Annual meeting where Elizabeth Battaglia presented 'A Year in Review' highlighting projects and events from the previous year, at the Strategic Planning meeting, the 2022 Strategic Priorities were reviewed and status on each provided. Most progress was made in the completion of Legacy, The Deering Estate Coffee Table Book, production of three mini-films (links included last month), and in significant investments in furnishings for the Front/Back porches of the Richmond Cottage and additional lighting for artwork in the Stone House.

Treasurer Pamela Mullins gave a financial update and indicated the 100 Ladies have approximately \$225,000 total in their accounts, with approximately \$70,000 of unallocated money. Jennifer Tisthammer then gave a presentation on the Deering Estate priorities and how the Deering Estate is ahead of many trends in museums. 22 new and continuing projects were then presented by various 100 Ladies and Deering Estate staff. One additional idea was proposed during the meeting.

After spirited discussion, the 100 Ladies of Deering present voted to decline three projects, hold/ask for further information on three projects, and referred 17 projects to the Executive/Finance Committee for funding consideration. The Executive/Finance Committee will meet on July 20 and final funding allocation amounts and managing committees will be announced soon after. The selected projects will guide 100 Ladies of Deering activities for the upcoming year.

Coming up next is Mah-jongg on June 22, a special presentation to the 100 Ladies of Deering by the Artists in Residence (AIRs) on June 24, and two 'behind the scenes' tours of the Deering Estate on July 10 and 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Battaglia  
President, 100 Ladies of Deering

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