



## 100 Ladies of Deering President's Report – November 2022

The 100 Ladies have taken advantage of cooler weather to participate and support events on the Deering Estate.

On October 25, a large group of the 100 Ladies of Deering went on a Spooky Hike to the Burial Mound, led by Deering Estate staff. While we did not access the Burial Mound due to a downed tree, we did encounter many paranormal phenomena, owls, bats, spiders and other visitors. We returned to the Royal Palm Grove for firepits with s'mores and treats. Several members said it 'felt like the old days before COVID', and that 'they had never gotten to go behind the gates', so it was a wonderful experience for all.

On October 28, a group of eight Docents (both DEF members and 100 Ladies) provided guided tours for 60 members of The Villagers who were at the Deering Estate for their monthly meeting. The 100 Ladies of Deering also prepared and gave out their specialty cookie – the chocolate dipped coconut macaroon. The Villagers seemed pleased with the meeting, the cookies, and we received a lot of good feedback on the tour.

The Docent Committee was active again during the Antique Auto Show, offering a 15 minute historical overview of the Stone House/Deering Estate every hour between 10 am – 3 pm, and answering many questions in-between. The Committee is now fully engaged with the Deering Estate to continue to support their requests, as well as offer special tours for key groups in the community.

Finally, 12 members of the 100 Ladies of Deering were thrilled to go on a special "Director's Tour" of the Cutler Fossil site led by Jennifer Tisthammer and supported by Ana Rojas. It was the first time most of the group had been out to the Cutler Site. Everyone learned so much about the longer history of the Deering Estate site, and of course any one-on-one time with Jennifer in the field is always amazing.

We are all looking forward to Fireflies and Friends, rescheduled due to Nicole to Thursday, November 17, Holiday Decorating November 13 and 20, Mistletoes and Martinis on December 9, and will wrap up the 2022 calendar with the Guardian Ad Litem family gift drive and our Holiday Luncheon on Monday, December 12 in the Royal Palm Grove.

Respectfully submitted,

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President, 100 Ladies of Deering