



100 Ladies of Deering President's Report – October 2023

The 100 Ladies of Deering continue to focus on efforts around the Deering Estate and promotion within the community. On Tuesday, October 10, 9 ladies and one guest enjoyed early access to the Deering Estate to commune with nature. Tuesday evening, a group met at Top Golf. While not everyone played, everyone enjoyed a fun evening of good food and companionship.

Wednesday, October 11, Past President Nancy Egglund graciously performed the duties of master of ceremonies at our Legacy Book Launch and Promotion event. We celebrated with the Deering Estate staff, DEF Board members, 100 Ladies of Deering and over 75 people throughout our community who helped bring the long and winding road to an end with the publication of Legacy, The Deering Estate. Barbara Bass, Lori Haas, and Nancy Michelson, Chairs of the Coffee Table Book Committee, were on hand as we raised a celebratory toast to this beautiful publication that showcases the natural, cultural and architectural charms of the Deering Estate. The book is onsale through the DEF office, DE gift shop, online, and will be featured at the 2023 Miami Book Fair. Get your Holiday shopping out of the way early and buy 10 copies today!

October 19 we will have our General Meeting at the Weeks Property, and October 23 we will be back on the Deering Estate for our Haunted Evening/Spooky Hike. Last year's event was so popular, we are doing it again thanks to Michelle Streit and the DE staff.

Committees continue to do work on projects to improve the visitor experience on the Deering Estate, promote the Deering Estate within the community and forge ties with other likeminded organizations. The Outreach Committee organized a tour to SuperBlue Miami, an interactive art experience with lunch following at Leku (the restaurant at the Rubell Museum) and a tour of the Kampong with lunch following in Coconut Grove. These tours help members of the 100 Ladies of Deering have a deeper understanding of Charles Deering/the Deering Estate's history and place in Miami/the world and strengthens ties and promotes exchanges of best practices. We are now working with the DEF leadership to arrange an event with the Vizcaya Board of Directors and tour there as well, expected to take place in early 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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