



100 Ladies of Deering President's Report – September 2023

The 100 Ladies of Deering continue to move forward on projects including updating of the website, new films on the restoration of the Maria Tubau painting and other artwork on the estate, and most importantly, continuing to promote the Coffee Table Book – *Legacy*. Most recently we published a press release in support of the book and printed postcards that are on the Estate to promote *Legacy* and include purchase information. We will have a book launch event this fall, sales tables at events on the Deering Estate, and a table at the Miami Book Fair. We are placing complimentary copies at local schools, Miami Dade public library branches, and UM Special Collections – Florida.

We had great support for our August General Meeting featuring Becky Matkov's presentation on Julia Tuttle. The presentation was engaging and informative and Becky is working to develop it into another film. In September, the 100 Ladies of Deering will meet at the Weeks property for a social meeting and play bunco.

100 Ladies of Deering Committees are active. Membership is currently at 87, and the membership committee is working to review Recognition and Awards programs under the direction of VP Ann Machado. The Holiday Décor Committee is getting creative and planning great things around the Alice in Wonderland Holiday theme. Furnishing and Design projects in the Stone House are on hold, but improvements to the Richmond Cottage continue to come online including new furniture on the Front/Back Porches made possible by a generous gift of the Marilyn Gaylord Foundation.

The 100 Ladies remain committed to promoting and supporting the Deering Estate and Deering Estate Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Battaglia
President, 100 Ladies of Deering

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