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Flagler Museum Announces 2009/2010 Season Programs

PALM BEACH, FL – The Flagler Museum continues to provide visitors with interesting and unique programming during the 2009/2010 Season. Please include the following events and dates in your calendars. High resolution images are available upon request. Before a visit please confirm times and reservation information by calling the Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visiting the Museum's Web site www.flaglermuseum.us

Fall Exhibition *A Spirit of Simplicity: American Arts and Crafts from the Two Red Roses Foundation*

October 6, 2009 - January 3, 2010

Free with Museum Admission

A Spirit of Simplicity will feature nearly 150 objects illustrating the breadth of American Arts and Crafts style, including furniture, woodblock prints, stained glass, decorative tiles, pottery, and metalwork. The most significant producers of Arts and Crafts furniture and metalware will be represented, including works by Gustav Stickley and his Craftsman Workshops, Elbert Hubbard and the Roycrofters, the Byrdcliffe Arts and Crafts Colony, Dirk van Erpp, Arthur Wesley Dow and his followers, the Grueby Faience Co., Marblehead Potteries, Newcomb Pottery, Paul Revere Pottery, Rookwood Pottery, and Van Briggle Pottery. A special feature of the exhibition will be re-creations of Arts and Crafts rooms furnished with works by Gustav Stickley and the Craftsman Workshops and by Charles Rohlfs.

The Arts and Crafts style began as a reformist movement in Great Britain in the 1880s, and gained popularity in Europe and America during the next decade. The movement was a reaction to the changes brought to modern society by the industrial revolution. Practitioners were especially antagonistic toward mass-produced goods, and the working conditions in many factories. The antidote to a modern, mechanized society seemed to be a return to handcrafted objects of good design.

The exhibition is on loan from the Two Red Roses Foundation in Palm Harbor, Florida. *A Spirit of Simplicity* is co-curated by Martin Eidelberg, Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University, and Tracy Kamerer, Chief Curator at the Flagler Museum.

Children's Exhibition Activity

November 14, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Free with Museum Admission

In conjunction with the exhibit, *A Spirit of Simplicity: American Arts and Crafts from the Two Red Roses Foundation*, the Museum invites 4th-8th graders to a special gallery tour with the Education Director. Afterwards students create their own work of art based on the "head, hand, and heart" ideal of the Arts and Crafts movement.

A Gilded Age style lunch in Café des Beaux-Arts

November 27, 2009 - April 3, 2010

Tuesday - Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$18 for Museum Members, includes tax and gratuity

\$36 for non-members, includes tax and gratuity

Includes Museum Admission

Advance purchase recommended

Each afternoon the Flagler Museum offers a Gilded Age style lunch, which features an array of delicacies and refreshments reminiscent of the elegance of entertaining during the Gilded Age. Visitors enjoy a selection of gourmet tea sandwiches, traditional scones, and sweets complemented by the Flagler Museum's own Whitehall Special Blend™ tea, and served on exquisite Whitehall Collection™ china. Café des Beaux-Arts is located inside the beautiful Flagler Kenan Pavilion. Café des Beaux-Arts provides guests with spectacular panoramic views of scenic Lake Worth. Henry Flagler's private Railcar No. 91 completes the sophisticated Gilded Age ambience.

A Spirit of Simplicity Gallery Talk

December 1, 2009

12:15 p.m.

Free with Museum Admission

Reservations required

Join exhibit co-curator Dr. Martin Eidelberg as he tours the fall exhibition and discusses the works and artists of America's Arts and Crafts movement. Dr. Eidelberg was one of the first scholars to study the American Arts and Crafts movement. Since 1972 when he co-curated the ground-breaking exhibition on the

subject that was shown in Princeton, Chicago, and Washington, he has continued to pursue research in the field and has published extensively.

Special Holiday Lecture: *An American Christmas: An Illustrated Lecture by Philip B. Kunhardt III*

December 6, 2009

2:00 p.m.

\$25 includes Tree Lighting and Museum Admission

\$5 for Individual, Family and Life Members

Free for Members at the Sustaining level and above

Best-selling author, American historian, and film producer Philip Kunhardt will present a richly illustrated lecture on the evolution of American Christmas in 19th and early 20th Century. Focusing on such influential figures as Washington Irving, Clement Clarke Moore, Thomas Nast, Phillips Brooks, Louisa May Alcott, and L. Frank Baum, as well as Christmases in the White House, Kunhardt will shed light on the origins of Christmas traditions. The presentation will be illustrated with images from the Meserve-Kunhardt Collection, and will include surprising and moving stories that will help put audiences into the Christmas spirit.

Christmas Tree Lighting

December 6, 2009

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free with Museum Admission

The 16-foot tall Grand Hall Christmas Tree, with its historically accurate trimmings, is the center of Whitehall's holiday celebrations. The Tree Lighting festivities include holiday music played on Whitehall's original 1,249 pipe J.H. & C.S. Odell & Co. organ, and the 1902 Steinway art-case grand piano. This is the only opportunity visitors have to hear Whitehall's majestic instruments. Visitors are sure to enjoy a special choir performance, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus. The event culminates with Henry Flagler's youngest descendants lighting the Grand Hall Christmas Tree.

Holiday Evening Tours

December 19 - 23, 2009

Tours begin at 7:05 p.m., 7:15 p.m., and 7:25 p.m.

\$25 for adults

\$15 for children ages 6-18

Advance purchase required

During this beloved family event, visitors tour Whitehall after hours and discover the origins of American Christmas traditions. Guests will have a rare opportunity to see

Whitehall by the glow of the original 1902 light fixtures. Every visitor will receive a traditional Christmas cracker following the tour. A choral group will sing carols and holiday refreshments will be served. The Museum Store will remain open for holiday shopping.

Flagler Museum Music Series

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$60 per concert

\$280 for the five concert series.

Regularly featured on National Public Radio, the Flagler Museum Music Series continues to bring acclaimed musicians to the finest chamber music venue in South Florida. Experience chamber music, as it was intended, in a gracious and intimate setting typical of Gilded Age performances. Patrons enjoy a special dessert and champagne reception with the artist following the concert.

January 12, 2010 - Frank Almond, violinist

January 26, 2010 - Leipzig String Quartet

February 9, 2010 - Amelia Piano Trio

February 23, 2010 - Intersection Trio

March 9, 2010 - American String Quartet

Winter Exhibition *New World Eden: Artist-Explorers in the American Tropics*

January 26 - April 18, 2010

Free with Museum Admission

Throughout the nineteenth century American artist-explorers braved many hardships to reach and document some of the most remarkable terrain, flora, and fauna in the world. Their views of jungles, erupting volcanoes, ancient archeology, and exotic species from Central and South America and Florida stimulated interest in travel to the New World Tropics, and incited a passion for exotic species such as orchids and hummingbirds.

This exhibition includes rare paintings, drawings, prints, and illustrated books created by intrepid artist-explorers such as Frederick Catherwood, George Catlin, Frederic Edwin Church, Martin Johnson Heade, George Inness, Louis Mignot, Thomas Moran, William Aiken Walker, and Laura Woodward. While some artist-explorers were motivated by a romantic desire for escape from civilization, many were true scientists, inspired to travel to the tropics by the recently published work of Alexander von Humboldt and Charles Darwin. The exhibition juxtaposes examples of romantic, soulful representations of tropical landscape by artists such as Mignot, Moran, Inness, and Woodward, with more scientifically motivated works by Catlin, Church, Heade, Catherwood, and Walker. This exhibition is curated by the Flagler Museum

Children's Exhibit Activity - *New World Eden: Artist-Explorers in the American Tropics*

February 6, 2009

Free with Museum Admission

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Children are invited to join the Education Department staff for a guided-tour of the Exhibit. After the tour, children are encouraged to apply what they have learned using mixed-media to create a tropical landscape collage inspired by the works of Gilded Age artist-explorers.

Whitehall Lecture Series

All lectures begin at 3:00 p.m.

\$25 per lecture for non-members

\$5 for Individual, Family and Life Members

Free for Members at the Sustaining level and above

\$100 for the Series

Includes Museum Admission

The theme of the 25th annual Whitehall Lecture Series is *Popular Entertainment During the Gilded Age*. The Series presents expert scholars and best-selling authors from around the world. A special reception and book signing with the speaker follows each lecture. On-line visitors can experience the Series via a free interactive, webcast at www.flaglermuseum.us. Listen live, see the presentation, and e-mail questions to the lecturer. Each lecture is archived on the Web site, and available for download in perpetuity.

February 7, 2010 - *The Kid of Coney Island: The Rise of American Amusement* (Professor, Woody Register)

February 14, 2010- *Vaudeville: From Small-time Acts to Ziegfeld's Follies* (Professor, Jerry Dickey)

February 21, 2010 - *Illusions, Innovations, and Magical Sensations: The Great Magicians of the Gilded Age* (Author, Jim Steinmeyer)

February 28, 2010 - *Nickelodeon City: The Origins of the Movie Industry* (Professor, Michael Aronson)

March 7, 2010- *Oscar Wilde: Ambassador to the Aesthetic* (Professor, Gary Scharnhorst)

Celebrate Valentines at Whitehall

February 12, 13 and 14, 2010

\$100 per couple for non-members

\$60 per couple for Members

Advance purchase required

Henry Flagler built the magnificent Whitehall estate as a wedding present to his wife and it remains one of America's most romantic destinations. Couples may enjoy the elegance of this Gilded Age mansion, and a special Gilded Age style Tea-for-Two in the Café des Beaux-Arts. Every Tea-for-Two package includes a Valentine's Day rose, keepsake photo, box of Whitehall chocolates, and a \$15 gift card for the Museum Store.

New World Eden Gallery Talk

February 23, 2010

12:15 p.m.

Free with Museum Admission

Tour *New World Eden* with curator Tracy Kamerer as she discusses the artists and inspirations behind the beautiful and exotic works included the winter exhibition.

Easter Egg Hunt and Egg Roll

April 3, 2010

Gates open 9:00 a.m. Hunt begins at 10:00 a.m.

\$15 for adults

\$5 for children under 18

Children of all ages are invited to hunt for more than 3,000 eggs on the Museum's South Lawn, and participate in the Gilded Age tradition of egg rolling. Egg Rolling began in 1878 at the White House. Museum gates open at 9:00 a.m. with a visit by the Easter Bunny, face painting, and children's activities.

Bluegrass in the Pavilion Concert

April 10, 2010

3:30 p.m.

Tickets \$30

The Larry Stephenson Band returns to the Flagler Kenan Pavilion stage playing great Americana music at one of America's National Historic Landmarks. Pine Mountain Railroad will also perform with renditions of great American classics and new favorites. All proceeds benefit the Southern Arts Federation's emergency planning for cultural institutions.

Mother's Day Tea

May 8 & 9, 2010

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$25 for Members

\$20 for Member's children under 13

\$40 for non-member adults

\$25 for non-member children

Includes Museum Admission, tax, and gratuity

Reservations are required

The Museum invites all mothers, and their families, to celebrate this special day in the refined elegance of the Café des Beaux-Arts. Guest will enjoy the unique Gilded Age style lunch with tea sandwiches, scones, sweets, with the Museum's own Whitehall Special Blend™ tea served on exquisite Whitehall Collection™ china. Each mother will receive a special corsage, a keepsake photograph and a \$10 gift card to the Museum Store. Honor your mother with this unique experience at one of America's National Historic Landmarks.

Founder's Day

June 5, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free Admission

On June 5th each year the Flagler Museum celebrates its Anniversary by opening to the public free of charge in honor of the Museum's founder, and Henry Flagler's granddaughter, Jean Flagler Matthews. Visitors may take a self-guided tour of Whitehall, view the permanent collection of art and objects related to the Gilded Age, and climb aboard Henry Flagler's Railcar No. 91.

Flagler Museum Summer Camps

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\$200 for Members

\$225 for non-members

Aftercare available 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. \$50

Crime Investigation During the Gilded Age

June 14 - 18, 2010

Campers will explore the forensic and investigative techniques used to solve some of the most infamous crimes of the Gilded Age. Interactive exercises will include collecting evidence, learning fingerprint analysis, blood-typing, footprint analysis, hair and fiber examination, and taking eyewitness accounts. Individual crime investigation kits will be provided to all campers.

Inventions That Changed The World

July 12 - 16, 2010

Campers will experience the spirit of the great inventors through hands-on learning about the inventions of the Gilded Age that forever changed the world in which we live. Campers will discover the inventor within themselves by conducting experiments, building working models, taking field trips, and learning about the inventors who shaped the modern world. All supplies will be provided.

Magicians and Magic

July 19 - 23, 2010

Campers will explore the art and science behind some of the world's greatest magic tricks. They will learn about Gilded Age magicians while interacting with modern magicians. Campers will add new tricks to their repertoire everyday and boost their own performance skills by creating a personalized magic show to showcase their talents.

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the *New York Herald* as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring guided tours, changing exhibits, and special programs. The Museum is located at Cocoanut Row and Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. The Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon until 5:00 p.m., Sunday. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 13-18, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under six are free.

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