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Flagler Museum Offering Free Admission During Founder's Day Weekend in June

Advance reservations, timed entry required to participate in this year's program

PALM BEACH, FL - The <u>Henry Morrison Flagler Museum</u> (One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL) celebrates its anniversary each year by opening to the public free of charge in honor of the Museum's founder, Jean Flagler Matthews, who was Flagler's youngest granddaughter. This year, the Museum is offering free admission on both Saturday, June 5th and Sunday, June 6th as part of an extended Founder's Day Weekend admission program. Capacity will be limited this year for safety, with reservations required in advance and entry times assigned to all visitors.

"We are so grateful to be able to celebrate Founder's Day this year over a two-day period, enabling us to welcome a large number of guests free of charge while still maintaining the safety guidelines we have in place," said Erin Manning, Executive Director of the Flagler Museum. "While we won't be able to open our gates to thousands of visitors in a matter of hours as we have in the past, Founder's Day Weekend 2021 is just one of the free admission opportunities we are offering this year as a thank you to our community."

During Founder's Day Weekend, Whitehall's first and second floors will be open, as will Railcar No. 91 in the Flagler Kenan Pavilion. The Museum's previously announced Visitor Experience and Public Safety Protections remain in place. Parties will be limited to 4 people, will be asked to maintain social-distancing of at least six feet from other parties, and masks or face coverings will be required for all visitors over the age of 2.

The Museum Store, which is currently located in the historic West Room for a socially-distanced shopping experience, will be open on Founder's Day Weekend for those who wish to shop. Iced tea, lemonade, and lavender cookies will be available for purchase and may be enjoyed outside on Museum grounds.

To reserve Founder's Day Weekend admission tickets, call (561) 655-2833 ext. 10. Tickets will not be available online or in-person. Entry times are on the hour and half-hour on Saturday, June 5th from 10 am to 4 pm, and on Sunday, June 6th from 12 pm to 4 pm. The Museum will close at 5 pm both days. For more information, please visit www.flaglermuseum.us/visiting.

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The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

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 changing exhibitions and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, 12 to 5 pm. For more information, call (561) 655-2833 or visit www.flaglermuseum.us.

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