

October 31, 2024

TO: Anna Pernas, Director, Coral Gables Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Dept.
Kara Kautz, Assistant Preservation Officer, Coral Gables HRCA Dept.
Joanne Meagher, Chairperson, Coral Gables Merrick House Governing Board

FROM: Gay Bondurant, Docent Coordinator, Coral Gables Merrick House

RE: October 2024 Coral Gables Merrick House Activity Summary

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

October of 2024 was a relatively quiet month at the Merrick House. We did have some issues with the front door which became increasingly difficult to open due to absorption of moisture/humidity. This seems to have been adequately addressed by Public Works. We still have concerns about the electrical problems in the main hall and two front bedrooms.

Ms. Meagher continues to pursue the repair of the library table being used in the main hall. Also, she and I met with an art conservator in reference to the cleaning of the painting, "The Stag in the Woods" by Althea F. Merrick. Approval is in process.

On October 3, I met with a group of guest service trainees from Lowe's Hotel and conducted a tour of the House. They were being oriented to various places of interest in Coral Gables to be able to direct guests to same.

On October 27, the last presenter for the year in our 100 Voices series, former Mayor Don Slesnick, spoke to a sold-out crowd on the City's participation in the international program of Sister Cities. Always an interesting speaker, Mr. Slesnick was closely involved with the program when he was Mayor of Coral Gables (2001-2011)

RECEIPTS AND TALLIES

Visitors = 111: From tours 45; Adults 16 +(Private tour = 13 adults) , Seniors 24, 1 Military, 4 Children. From 100 Voices 53; Not sorted. Mostly adults and seniors. Total tours conducted 15. Tip =\$5. Total Merchandise Sales = \$32 (1Large pkg cards \$12 and 2 Small pkg cards \$20) Total cash = \$420.00

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