

May 31, 2025

TO: Anna Pernas, Director, Coral Gables Historical Resources and Cultural Arts Dept.  
Kara Kautz, 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: May 2025 Coral Gables Merrick House Activity Summary

This has, indeed, been a quiet month in terms of extra activities. However, the one special event was held at the Coral Gables Congregational Church. This was a presentation by **Robert Dawson**, a one man show bringing to life the dominating personality of Henry George Greatrake Fink, George Merrick's maternal grandfather. We closed the Merrick House that day (May 4, 2025) as all docents wanted to attend the performance. This was the first time that the docents were all able to get together at the same time and in the same place.

REMARKABLE!

There was another bit of a kerfuffle at the fishpond which was captured on the security camera. Three young boys were videotaped attempting to take the fish out of the pond with a skimming net and put them into a bucket. However, this exercise was somehow thwarted and a picture of the boys engaged in their fishing expedition was posted at the pond with a statement that the next time the police would be summoned.

We received, from the Coral Gables Department of Communication and Public Affairs, two Coral Gables Centennial flags. However, we will need two of the appropriate clips to attach the flag to the lines on the flagpole to display it properly.

With that, I know of no other new issues to report for this month, May 2025.

## **TALLIES AND RECEIPTS**

Visitors: 74 = \$336 (44 Adults, 19 Seniors, 9 Students >12, 1 student >6, 1 Child <6.) Sold 4 poetry books for \$60.00 and received \$56.00 in Tips. TOTAL = \$452.00

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