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

RE: April 2025 Coral Gables Merrick House Activity Summary

April 2025 gave us glorious Spring days, gently easing us into the inevitable return of Summer doldrums. We continued to be busy with activities, but we can see a quieter time approaching.

The weekend of April 5th and 6th was a double dip with a special tour group associated with HistoryMiami organized by Ms. Hannah Squires. Dr. Paul George was also part of the group giving his, always well presented, overview of the history of the Merricks. We conducted two separate tours in the house which were done to help save time as we had far less time to make our presentation than is our usually preferred scenario.

The next day, Sunday April 6th, saw the final presentation of our 100 Voices program. This was a timely presentation by June Thomson Morris who had written and produced a play, Greetings from Paradise, bringing to life some of her own Florida history as it involved her grandparents. Ms. Morris's presentation created a feeling of anticipation and interest in seeing the play, which opened at the Miracle Theater on Tuesday April 29, 2025.

On April 26th we welcomed a group associated with the Institute of Classical Architecture and Art. Their conference was being held at The Biltmore Hotel thus, they found themselves surrounded by the celebration of the centennial history and architecture of Coral Gables.

There have been no more incidents at the grotto concerning the pond. The hole in the ceiling of the sunroom continues to be unrepaired as issues with flashing have arisen.

TALLIES AND RECEIPTS

Visitors: 138 (95 Adults, 35 Srs, 5 Students, 2 Chldn) &1Free pass) Sold 1 Poetry Book \$15.00, Tips=\$4. Total = \$672.00 (PS: There may be additional money from 100 Voices)

Submitted by:

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