

Merrick House April 2026 Activity Report

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RE: April 2026 Coral Gables Merrick House Activity Report

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Well, it was a strange time at the old Merrick House this month. Sunday, April 5, 2026, we closed the House as we always do on Easter Sunday. Then suddenly, on April 10, the House

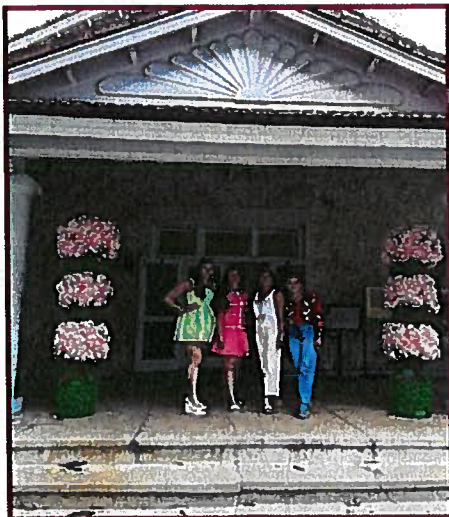


was descended upon by a small army and miraculously swallowed up by a giant blue tarp,

As often happens when these termite extermination activities take place any resident animals often panic and disappear for a time. However, BK (the gray cat) has not been seen since April 10.

April 19, saw the House hosting the annual Spring open house activity, this year captioned "Petals and Pastimes!" Though a major component, had a sudden, last minute conflict, the program continued apace, the weather held and the spring themed fashion show by "Lily Pulitzer" de-

signs brought a light, colorful flair to the steps of our old House. There were 112 visitors to the House.



Additionally, on April 18, the House played host to the Institute for Classical Art and Architecture for the second year in a row. Ten visitors toured the House.

VISITORS: 153 (146 Adults + 7 Seniors; included 112 walk-in visitors to the House); **SOLD:** 2 GEM Poetry Books = \$30, 1 small box cards=\$10, 4 postcards= \$4, **TOTAL:** Receipts \$170 from raffle; \$70 donation, \$50 ICAA, additional paid visitors and merchandise brought the total receipts to \$434.

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