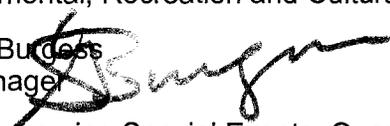


Memorandum



Date: September 20, 2006

To: Honorable Sally A. Heyman, Chairperson and Members,
Intergovernmental, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager 

Subject: Report on upcoming Special Events, Openings and Groundbreaking Ceremonies

The following is a list of special events from mid-September through mid-October 2006 for various County Departments and programs as outlined below:

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES:

Wednesday, September 6, 2006
10:00 a.m. - Kendale Lakes Branch Library (15205 SW 88 Avenue)

Thursday, September 28 or Friday, September 29, 2006
(Date subject to change) - Time to be announced
Library in Aventura Government Center

LIBRARY OPENINGS:

Monday, September 18, 2006
Opening of library in Aventura Government Center
Time to be announced

U. N. International Literacy Day
International Literacy is celebrated each year on September 8. The aim of International Literacy Day is to focus on the need to promote worldwide literacy.

Overcoming a Learning Disability
Friday, September 8, 2006
The Dyslexic Writer
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Universal Access & Assistive Technology
1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Main Library

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Grupo Habanera - A quartet comprised of a violinist, pianist, percussionists and bass player, perform 19th century Cuban music.

Saturday, September 16, 2006

2:00 p.m. - Coral Gables Branch Library

Tres Vidas - The Core Ensemble presents a chamber music theatre work that combines theatre, music, and history as it enacts scenes from the lives of painter Frida Kahlo, poet Alfonsina Storni, and activist Rufina Amaya.

Saturday, September 23, 2006

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Coral Gables Branch Library

Huastos de Chile - Wearing colorful and authentic costumes, these musicians and dancers will transport audiences to the far regions of the Chilean countryside.

Saturday, September 30, 2006

2:00 p.m. - West Kendall Regional

Ariana Kumpis - Cooking demonstration and tasting with chef, owner and director of Ariana's Etiquette & Culinary Arts.

Saturday, September 30, 2006

2:00 p.m. - Palm Springs North Branch Library

Conjunto SonCubano - A multimedia presentation on the history of Cuban music.

Saturday, September 30, 2006

2:00 p.m. - West Dade Regional Library

ART EXHIBITIONS:

Art at the Library

September 20, 2006 – March 31, 2007

Library and the Lens: Photographs from the Permanent Collection: Included in this exhibition are photographs by well-known artists Mario Algaze, Eduardo del Valle and Mirta Gomez, Silvia Lizama, J. Thomas Lopez, New York based Alexis Rodriguez-Duarte, and more. Main Library

September 23 – December 15, 2006

Outside the Classroom: Dade Art Educators Association Exhibition

A group of Miami-Dade County Public School teachers, who are also members of the DAEA, present their own artworks of varied mediums, including watercolors, pastels, and photography. South Dade Regional Library

September 28, 2006 – February 28, 2007

The Everglades Invade the City by Edwin Villasmil & Elba Martinez

Artists/activists/educators Villasmil and Martinez have created a fairytale world of line drawings, sculptural installations and graphic novel-style storytelling. West Dade Regional. Reception: Thursday, September 28, 2006 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm

West Dade Regional Library

Goodbread Alley Quiltfest 2006 is a celebration that includes a series of exhibitions, workshops and programs linking Southern African American quilting traditions, local history and folk arts along with other nationalities of African descent.

September 15 – December 17, 2006

Down by the Riverside - This is an exhibition of quilts by members and friends of BigMama Quilters & Vintage Guild, Inc., who have maintained the traditions of quilt making among African Americans, within their homes and families. North Dade Regional Library

September 16 – December 13, 2006

Holding On to Southern Traditions: Lessons in African-American Quilting

This is an exhibition of quilts and photographs from the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florid, Troop #1026, of the Liberty City Charter School.

Journey to the Center of the Pot: Sabores Y Lenguas/Tastes and Tongues – Overtown Artist Miralda invites Culmer/Overtown participants to be part of a collective work transforming their pot, casserole or cauldron with art materials, objects and pictures in the evocation of their cultural roots and to recall their most enduring memories linked to food. Culmer/Overtown Branch Library

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The History & Secrets of the Ferdinand Magellan

Gold Coast Railroad Museum

12450 SW 152 Street

6 p.m. - Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Enjoy the lecture, "The History & Secret Stories of the Ferdinand Magellan" and book signing by Bob Withers, author of "The President Travels by Train".

\$5.00 - For more information call 305-253-0063

Indian Key Kayak and Snorkel Tour

A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center (Meeting Place)

3401 SW 72 Avenue

Saturday, September 23, 2006

7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share the fragile and unique sanctuary of the Fossilized Reef.

\$45 - Call (305) 365-3018 for reservations

Architecture Tour

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Avenue

Saturday, September 23, 2006

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Explore the magnificent Stone House and the picturesque Richmond Cottage and discover all the architectural features the historic park has to offer.

Adults \$7; Children \$5 - Call 305-235-1668, Ext. 242 for more information

Opening Reception for Hispanic Women in the Arts

Women's Park

10251 W. Flagler Street

Friday, October 6, 2006

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Exhibit will feature the photographs of Asela Torres

Free - For more information call 305-480-1717

Gallery Hours: Monday – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm

Opening Reception for African American Quilters

African Heritage Cultural Arts Center

6161 NW 22nd Avenue

Friday, October 13, 2006

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

The work of 10 Southern Quilters will be featured

Free - For more information call 305-638-6771

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm

MIAMI ART MUSEUM (MAM)

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: **MAM Art Caravan – Flights of Fancy**

Date of Event: September 16

Location of Event: Girl Scouts' Camp Choe, 11347 SW 160th Street, Miami

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-4073

Description of Event: During MAM's "on the road" version of its successful Second Saturdays are Free for Families event, MAM's experienced gallery teachers lead kids of all ages in assembling an airplane to adorn with a Miami motif.

Name of Event: **JAM at MAM**

Date of Event: September 21, 5-8:30pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Happy hour with an artful twist.

Name of Event: **MAM Members Preview: Lorna Simpson**

Date of Event: October 4

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Lorna Simpson examines racial and gender identify through large-scale photograph and text works that are formally elegant and subtly provocative.

Name of Event: **Lorna Simpson**

Date of Event: October 5, 2006-February 4, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Lorna Simpson examines racial and gender identify through large-scale photograph and text works that are formally elegant and subtly provocative.

Name of Event: **Second Saturdays are Free for Families**

Date of Event: October 14, 1-4pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-4073

Description of Event: MAM's experienced gallery teachers lead kids of all ages in creative projects inspired by the exhibitions on view.

Name of Event: **MAM Morning Lectures: Photographic Processes**

Date of Event: October 18, 10-11:30am

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-4073

Description of Event: Artist Peggy Levinson Nolan opens a six-lecture series on the history and legacy of photography featuring some of South Florida's leading historians, critics and curators.

Name of Event: **JAM at MAM**

Date of Event: October 19, 5-8:30pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Happy hour with an artful twist.

Name of Event: **MAM Members Preview: Mark Dion**

Date of Event: October 26

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Mark Dion creates exhibitions stemming from archaeological digs and botanical research that he conducts, often at the exhibition site.

Name of Event: **Mark Dion**

Date of Event: October 27, 2006-January 14, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Mark Dion creates exhibitions stemming from archaeological digs and botanical research that he conducts, often at the exhibition site.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

ONGOING EXHIBITION:

Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida
On display all year long

Explore 10,000 years of South Florida history as you wander through the Historical Museum of Southern Florida's permanent exhibition, Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida. Visit a re-creation of the Miami Circle and view a sea turtle shell and other artifacts from this 2,000 year-old settlement at the mouth of the Miami River. Walk through the homes of Seminole Indians and Anglo-American settlers in South Florida. Climb on board an actual 1920s trolley and take a video tour of downtown Miami, Miami Beach and Coral Gables. View photographs of the African American community of Overtown, and see a Haitian boat and a Cuban raft that brought refugees to Miami. Also on permanent display are original prints of John James Audubon's paintings of Florida birds.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS:

Miami Beach: America's Tropical Resort
June 23, 2006 through January 14, 2007

It's June in Miami! Discover the glamorous story of Miami Beach—its transformation from a 1910 mangrove-covered sandbar into a world-famous resort city, attracting over 4 million tourists annually. Learn how changing trends in transportation, public relations and advertising, recreation, and hotel architecture influenced this city's development. Enter a replica of a Miami Modern hotel lobby, sign-in at the reception desk and grab a travel guide. See panoramic photographs, hotel brochures, postcards, souvenirs and a collection of vintage bathing suits. Watch home movies of tourists vacationing on the beach and listen to personal stories of industry workers and entertainers, who over the years built America's Riviera.

Haitian Community Arts: Images by Iris Photo Collective LOBBY EXHIBITION
September 28 through January 14, 2007

See over 50 color photographs of artistic, festive and religious traditions in South Florida, home to the largest Haitian community in the United States. Featured art forms include fè koupè (steel drum sculpture), woodcarving, sewing, baking, drumming, dancing, singing, poetry, kite-making and children's games. Iris Photo Collective's award-winning photojournalists André Chung (Baltimore Sun), Carl Juste (Miami Herald) and Pablo Martínez Monsivais (Associated Press) offer a view rarely seen in mass media coverage. This project was funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Celebrating Your Museum Annual Season Kick-Off
Thursday, September 28, 2006 from 5:30 to 9 pm

Celebrate all the Historical Museum of Southern Florida has to offer you and your community. Preview our newest exhibition Haitian Community Arts: Images by Iris PhotoCollective. Take a guided tour of our permanent exhibition Tropical Dreams led by Dr. Paul George. Tour our current exhibition Miami Beach: America's Tropical Resort and explore future exhibitions. Hear about upcoming events and discover free cultural, educational and family programs. Sign up for tours and camps and receive a discount. Become a member or renew and receive a gift. Purchase discounted Harvest festival tickets. Visit the Research Center and its collection of photographs, books and other resources. Watch a vintage bathing suit fashion show, enjoy live Haitian music, dance, delicious hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

CULTURAL AND ADULT PROGRAMMING

Live on the Plaza
October 12 through November 30, 2006

Join the Historical Museum of Southern Florida and other curious downtowners for FREE cultural programming in conjunction with the Miami Beach: America's Tropical Resort exhibition, featuring lectures, panel discussions, presentations and delicious hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. FREE.

In Search of South Florida
Historic Tours with Dr. Paul George, Eco-History Tours & Education Programs

Tropical Dreams Gallery Walk
Thursday, September 28 from 6–8 pm
Explore 10,000 years of South Florida history as you tour our permanent exhibition, Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida, with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George. View artifacts from the Miami Circle; admire gold, silver and emeralds from the Spanish treasure ship Atocha and board a 1920s Coral Gables trolley. Watch a video of the Bahamas Goombay Festival, take a plush seat in the Art Deco theater, examine antique depression glass and bakelite and touch a piece of Henry Flagler's railroad. Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami. Discounted parking at 50 NW Second Avenue. FREE. For information, call 305.375.1621.

Performing Arts Center Walk **NEW**
Wednesday, October 4 from 6–8 pm
Explore the neighborhood around the city's fabulous new Performing Arts Center with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George. See the 1929 Art Deco Sears Tower and learn how this Miami landmark was incorporated into the new building by architect Cesar Pelli. Bring a flashlight. Meet in front of the Omni Metromover station on Biscayne Blvd. and NE 16th Street. HMSF members \$17, Non-members \$22. For information, call 305.375.1621.

Roaming the Roads Walking Tour
Sunday, October 8 from 10 am–noon

Stroll through this scenic pedestrian-friendly community located near Brickell Avenue, just a mile west of Downtown Miami, with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George. Learn about the families who settled this residential community in the 1920s and explore how this inner city oasis has evolved over the last 70 years. Visit the homes of past mayors and see the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Beth David Congregation and the historic Coral Gables trolley. Refreshments await you at the end of the tour. Meet and park at the Roads Professional Building, 2730 SW Third Avenue. HMSF members \$17, Non-members \$22. For information, call 305.375.1621.

It's June In Miami! Panel Discussion

Thursday, October 12 from 6:30–8:30 pm

Hear "Mr. Miami Beach" Michael Aller, Director of Tourism for the city of Miami Beach, Charlie Cinnamon and other public relations gurus discuss the marketing of Miami Beach through the decades. Historical Museum of South Florida, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami. Discounted parking at 50 NW Second Avenue. FREE. For information, call 305.375.1621.

Little Havana, Little Haiti & Lemon City: Caribbean Miami Coach Tour

Saturday, October 14 from 10 am–1 pm

Explore some of Miami's unique neighborhoods that form a dazzling mosaic of sights, sounds and cultures with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George. View Bahamian Coconut Grove with its shotgun houses and historic Charlotte Jane Cemetery; see the Caribbean Marketplace and Notre Dame d'Haiti in Little Haiti, formerly Lemon City; and encounter the scent of rich coffee and chocolate in a Dominican market. Hear the clack of dominoes in Domino Park and smell the scent of Cuban tobacco in a cigar factory in Little Havana, where everything is still hand-rolled. HMSF members \$34, Non-members \$39. Advance reservations and payment required. For information and reservations, call 305.375.1621.

Matheson Hammock Eco-History Walk

Sunday, October 15 from 10 am–12:30 pm

Walk with the Historical Museum's eco-historian Frank Schena through Matheson Hammock. Hear about its distant past as an Indian hunting ground and marvel at the diversity of flora and fauna there today. Learn how this land, once an estate, became Miami-Dade's first county park and how the Civilian Conservation Corps designed and constructed the park. Meet at the parking area just east of the traffic light, at 9610 Old Cutler Road. HMSF members \$17, Non-members \$22. For information, call 305.375.1621.

From Barrier Island to Best-known Beach City: Authors Panel

Thursday, October 19 from 6:30–8:30 pm

Listen to authors Seth Bramson (Images of America: Miami Beach), Dr. Abraham Lavender (Miami Beach in 1920: The Making of a Winter Resort) and Michele Oka Doner (Miami Beach: Blueprint of an Eden) discuss how Miami Beach developed from a barrier island in to a world-class tourist destination. Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami. Discounted parking at 50 NW Second Avenue. FREE. For information, call 305.375.1621.

Programs for Families and Children

Family Fun Days: Mangrove Madness

September 16 from 1 – 3 pm

Learn about the habitat of one of South Florida's most unique plants and discover the role it plays in our ecosystem. Create your own mangrove forest and get a taste of what Miami Beach was really like before developers arrived in the early 1900s. FREE. 101 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. For more information, call 305.375.1492.

Family Fun Days: Beachfront Tourists

September 23 from 1 – 3 pm

Take on the role of a tourist as you "check in" to our exhibition, Miami Beach: America's Tropical Resort. See how the Beach has evolved into a world-class tourist destination. Take photographs to capture your visit. Cameras will be provided. FREE. 101 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. For more information, call 305.375.1492.

Family Fun Days: Fun in the Sun

September 30 from 1 – 3 pm

Create your own private beach using sand and seashells. Share what makes your beach "the place to be" for some summertime fun. FREE. 101 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. For more information, call 305.375. 1492.

Family Fun Days: Terrific Towels

October 7 from 1 – 3 pm

Design your very own beach towel and let people see what makes yours so unique. Discover how towels can be used for more than just drying. FREE. 101 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. For more information, call 305.375.1492.

Family Fun Days: Searching for Sea Urchins

October 14 from 1 – 3 pm

Bring to life an underwater creature. Learn about this fascinating animal and its role in its environment. Mold an urchin out of clay and watch it come alive before your very eyes. FREE. 101 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. For more information, call 305.375.1492.

Discovery Days (on Teacher Planning Days)

Discovery Days: Plundering Pirates

October 2, 2006 from 9 am – 5 pm (early drop-off 8:30 am and late pick-up 5:30 pm)

Learn about some of the most famous pirates and how they became terrors of the Caribbean Sea. Role play the adventure and let your imagination take you back in time. HMSF members \$30, non-members \$35. For more information and registration, call 305.375.1492.

VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS

Sunday, September 24, 2006 - 3rd Free Summer Sunday from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Vizcaya opens its gates *free of charge* for a day of free programs and activities for all ages. The theme for this Sunday is "Time and Again". Programs include Art-Making, Poetry Reading, a

Silent Film showing, Storytelling and performances by Momentum Dance Company. Tours of the main house, village and gardens will be offered throughout the day along with orchid potting demonstrations, and a concert on Vizcaya's historic pipe organ.

Sunday, October 8, 2006 - Art Making Family Program from 1:00 – 2:00 & 2:30 – 3:30
Grotesques - This program, designed for children ages 4 – 8, will look closely at grotesques (mask-like sculptures) throughout Vizcaya. Students will make their own mask to consider how masks portray moods and emotions. All art projects are portable and eco-friendly. Program is free with admission.



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