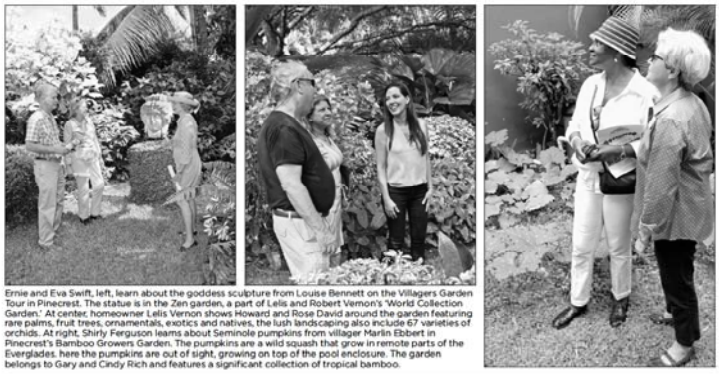
VILLAGE GARDEN PARTY



Ernie and Eva Swift, left, learn about the goddess sculpture from Louise Bennett on the Villagers Garden Tour in Pinecrest. The statue is in the Zen garden, a part of Lelis and Robert Vernon's 'World Collection Garden.' At center, homeowner Lelis Vernon shows Howard and Rose David around the garden featuring rare palms, fruit trees, ornamentals, exotics and natives, the lush landscaping also include 67 varieties of orchids. At right, Shirly Ferguson learns about Seminole pumpkins from villager Marlin Ebbert in Pinecrest's Bamboo Growers Garden. The pumpkins are a wild squash that grow in remote parts of the Everglades. here the pumpkins are out of sight, growing on top of the pool enclosure. The garden belongs to Gary and Cindy Rich and features a significant collection of tropical bamboo.

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African Animals & Botanicals Exhibition This show includes dozens of Ardmore ceramics featuring the brightly-colored, hand-modeled flora, fauna and people of the region - largely inspired by stories from Zulu culture. March 12-March 13, March 16-March 19 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts 418 S. Federal Hwy., Dania Beach.

Afros: A History of Natural Hair This exhibition includes photographs taken by Michael Ade, artist and social documentarian during the height of New York's Afro-chic scene. March 12-March 13 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Nova Southeastern University - Alvin Sherman Library, 1800 Ela. Ferrero Jr. Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.

Airboat Rides On this tour, a knowledgeable and experienced guide will point out the many different types of fish, birds and turtles that live in and around the canals surrounding the farm. After touring the canal area, your guide will take you on a ride through the Everglades - to locations where ordinary boats cannot go. The Airboat Rides depart 25 minutes after the hour. March 12-March 19 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Included in admission Everglades Alligator Farm 40351 S.W. 192nd Ave., Homestead.

Alligator Feedings During this show, you'll see and learn about how alligators feed in the wild. Over 500 gators live in this breeding pond area. It's a wild and crazy show. Watch gators chomp down, and crawl over one another to get a hearty meal. March 12-March 19 12 p.m., 3 p.m. Included in admission Everglades Alligator Farm 40351 S.W. 192nd Ave., Homestead.

Alligator Shows The alligator show is one of the most entertaining aspects of the farm. Expert handlers educate guests on all aspects of these creatures of the swamp. You'll see primitive capturing techniques once used by Native American Indians. Stay after the show while expert handlers pass around a live baby alligator for photo opportunities. March 12-March 19 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. Included in admission Everglades Alligator Farm 40351 S.W. 192nd Ave., Homestead.

Annual Student Exhibition: I.D. The Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery, annually presents this juried exhibition showcasing the works of Broward College art students. Features a variety of media and concepts, offering a glimpse into what makes the Visual and Performing Arts Department diverse and exciting. The most exemplary works will be awarded during the reception night plus there will be a People's Choice Award. March 12-March 14, March 16-March 17 9 a.m.-5 p.m., March 18 9 a.m.-8 p.m., March 19 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Broward College - Central Campus 3501 S.W. Davie Rd., Davie.

Annual Twelve Good Men Luncheon The 22nd Annual Twelve Good Men Luncheon is one of Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of South Florida's premier fundraisers, honoring South Florida's leading men for their unwavering dedication to the community, civic service, and support of local charities. The money raised each year at the Twelve Good Men Luncheon helps RMHC support both the Miami and Fort Lauderdale Ronald McDonald Houses, which provide a "home away from home" for families with ill children receiving treatment South Florida's pediatric medical facilities. Sponsorship opportunities available. For more information visit the website www.rmhcsouthflorida.org. March 12 8:30 a.m. $50 per person Jungle Island 18 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami.

Art Gallery Exhibit: Gayla Hunt Covenant Village of Florida's Art Gallery will be exhibiting nearly 30 chalk pastel and oil paintings by resident artist Gayla Hunt. March 12-March 19 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Covenant Village of Florida 525 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation.

ARTcycle Awareness, Respect + Tolerance The exhibit that brought "ArtBikers" to the Coral Gables Museum returns for three months with a powerful third edition that focuses on what matters: the human on the bike. ARTcycle brings awareness to our driving habits, and how effective and conscientious actions at the wheel can put a stop to the growth of bike-related accidents and fatalities in South Florida. March 12-March 13 12 p.m.-6 p.m.; March 14 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; March 15 12 p.m.-5 p.m.; March 17-March 19 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Coral Gables Museum 285 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables.

Big O Birding Festival This event features guided trips, tours, birding trails, workshops, programs, keynote speakers and much more. March 12-March 15 Free-$65 Big O Birding Festival PO Box 2140, LaBelle

Bingo & Burgers This is an evening of bingo and burgers at Palmetto Bay's American Legion. March 12, March 19 7 p.m.-10:15 p.m. American Legion 16401 S.W. 90th Ave, Palmetto Bay.

Boris Chetkov: Portraits Global art agency and gallery Art Bastion Miami will be hosting an art exhibit of exclusive paintings from the "twice forgotten" Russian impressionist and glass artist, Boris Chetkov (1926-2010). "Portraits" features works from the private collection of Hoffman Art Institute founder Peter Hoffman. It' Many pieces have never been exhibited before. March 12-March 14, March 17-March 19 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Art Bastion 2085 NW 2nd Ave., Miami.

Brain: The World Inside Your Head The Museum will host the traveling exhibit "Brain: The World Inside Your Head." Made possible by Pfizer Inc. and produced by Evergreen Exhibitions in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health, "Brain: The World Inside Your Head" began its run at the Smithsonian and has been touring to select cities in North America. Using innovative special effects, hands-on learning activities, video games, optical illusions and interactive displays, BRAIN shows how the brain functions and how, like other parts of the body, it can sometimes malfunction. This fascinating limited-engagement exhibit for all ages provides a hands on and up close look at the human body's most essential and fascinating organ by exploring its development, geography and function. In the process, the exhibition makes brain-related disorders easier to understand. March 12-March 14 10 a.m.-5 p.m., March 15 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

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