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## Villagers Fund Restoration Project at Vizcaya

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*Marie Vacca, The Villagers' President Marie Vacca presents check to Vizcaya's Linda Aragon with Villager Treasurer Beverly Loftus.*

Another restoration project funded by The Villagers has been completed at Vizcaya. A standing stone candelabrum has been successfully finished including stabilizing the massive piece and visually reintegrating surfaces. Conservators also removed prior failed repairs, carefully cleaning each section.

Work was conducted in the Courtyard of the Main House allowing visitors to witness a conservation project in process. The piece is estimated to be from the late first/early second century A.D. It was one of several ancient marbles James Deering purchased to decorate Vizcaya's Main House and gardens.



Some of the extensive damage needing restoration.

“We were happy to be able to support this project,” said Villager President Marie Vacca. “Many visitors don’t realize the time, effort, and funds needed to preserve Vizcaya and all its beautiful historic interior furnishings.”

The Villagers have completed numerous restoration projects for Vizcaya throughout the last 50 years. One of Miami-Dade’s most valuable public attractions, Vizcaya is a National Historic Landmark.

The Villagers Inc. is Miami-Dade County’s oldest historic preservation organization, founded in 1966. The not-for-profit all-volunteer group has assisted locally endangered sites with 170 grants. Through educating, advocating, fundraising, restoration, and documentation The Villagers continue a 55-year tradition of service for the preservation of local historic sites.