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CORAL GABLES MUSEUM ANNOUNCES
ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN LECTURE SERIES

The Coral Gables Museum will present a First Fridays Architecture and Design Lecture Series, October 2008 – April 2009. Scheduled to coincide with the Gables' Gallery Nights, the lectures will be held at Coral Gables' original Art and Architecture Center at 2901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, now the Old Spanish Village Sales Gallery.

The series kicks off this Friday, October 3rd with:
The Fabulous Four: H. George Fink, Walter DeGarmo, Richard Kiehnel and Phineas Paist
Historian, author and Museum Board member Arva Moore Parks explores the works of the four most influential architects in the early development of Coral Gables.

The lecture will be followed by a wine and cheese reception and tours of the Museum's preview "Celebrate" exhibit, also housed at the Sales Gallery. In keeping with the spirit of the Museum's pre-opening programming, lectures are free and open to the public. Due to limited seating, reservations are required. Donations to the Museum are accepted. For information or to reserve, call 305-910-3996, e-mail info@coralgablesmuseum.org.

The remaining schedule features:

Friday, November 7, 2008
The New Deal in South Florida: FIU Professor of Architecture John Stuart explores the regional impact of a wide variety of New Deal projects including public murals, housing, parks, and architectural and community design, some of which are located in the Gables.

Friday, December 5, 2008:
Health and Well-Being in Coral Gables: UM Architecture Professor Joanna Lombard will present her fascinating research performed as a member of the University of Miami Built Environment and Health Team. Can urban planning and design affect the health of community residents? Yes!

Friday, February 6, 2009
Green Before Green: George Merrick and the Environment: Author and historian Arva Moore Parks talks about the environmentally correct design principles of George Merrick and his methodology for "greening" the Gables.

Friday, March 6, 2009
Building Close to Nature: The Early Architecture of Dade County's Park System
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UM School of Architecture professor and author Rocco Ceo's covers the design and construction of Miami-Dade County's early park architecture and how this architecture evolved in a context of forest fires, devastating hurricanes and the post-boom period of the 1930's.

Friday, April 3, 009
The Villages: From the Craft Section to Old Spanish Village
Historian and author Arva Moore Parks' research has given her great insight into the City of Coral Gables history and development, and how the architectural "village" theme was at the heart of the City's plan.

The First Fridays Art and Design Lecture Series is made possible with the support of the City of Coral Gables, Cuesta Construction, Old Spanish Village and the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and the Board of County Commissioners.

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