



VILLAGE OF PINECREST

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Jungle to Botanical Garden: An 80 Year Journey

Celebrate Pinecrest Gardens with a look back via the Wolfson Archives and help this historic site continue to thrive

Pinecrest, Fla. – Join us this Thursday to celebrate the rich history of Pinecrest Gardens, which is the original site of Parrot Jungle and was listed on the National Registry of Historic Places October 2011. Journey to the wilds of South Miami-Dade and check out exotic and tourist-friendly spots like Musa Isle, the Miami Rare Bird Farm, Coral Castle and Jungles reserved for monkeys, orchids and our very our Parrot Jungle.

Writer and history buff Sylvia Gurinsky will be your guide with vintage film and video from the Wolfson Archives during *Roadside Florida: A Castle, Three Jungles and Snakes!* on Thursday, November 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pinecrest Branch Library, 5835 SW 111th Street.

Thursday, November 17th is also #GiveMiamiDay! Over a 24-hour period your donation to Pinecrest Gardens via the Garden Fund will make a significant impact because matching funds will be provided from the Miami Foundation. Your donation will help us continue to be the loving stewards of this historical asset. Please donate via our link on givemiamiday.org during this time period. Even the smallest donation adds up quickly.

About Pinecrest Gardens

Owing to its historical significance, natural beauty, and extensive public programming, Pinecrest Gardens is one of the most significant cultural assets in South Florida, and is known as South Florida's Cultural Arts Park. It serves as a model of excellence in civic

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engagement and community history for surrounding communities. The botanical oasis sits on 14 acres of native forested wetland, tropical hardwood hammock and native cypress slough. The park attracts over 150,000 visitors each year and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in October 2011, making it historically significant on a local, state and national platform. For more information, please visit www.pinecrestgardens.org.

About the Garden Fund

The Garden Fund is a non-profit organization which was created to meet the botanical needs of public green spaces, particularly at Pinecrest Gardens. The Garden Fund is comprised of a group of volunteers who appreciate the vital importance of preserving and enhancing local places of beauty and tranquility, and who believe that our public gardens need extra help from the community to ensure that they survive and thrive. The Garden Fund was formed as an adjunct to the work that Pinecrest local government does in the Garden.

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