

Saturday, May 1 / 10AM to 1PM

**Go Green, Go Native**

The Garden's annual environmental expo includes lectures, demonstrations, sale of native plants, and showcase of products, services and organizations dedicated to "green living" and sustainability with water and energy conservation, xeriscaping, solar power, recycling initiatives, and preservation of natural resources. Free and open to the public.

May 1 to 31

**Miami Museum Month**

Join One, See Them All. May is Miami Museums Month, promoted by the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau. Your membership in the Garden is a free pass to any of the other participating museums. To become a Garden member with online convenience, visit [www.mbgarden.org](http://www.mbgarden.org). For Museum Month participants and program information, <http://www.miamimuseummonth.com/>

Sunday, May 2 / 6PM

**Music in Beautiful Spaces: English Chamber Music**

The South Beach Chamber Ensemble presents English Chamber Music accompanied by new poetry by Miami Beach poet Carlos Pintado inspired by the magnificent Elgar String Quartet. Included on the program are Elgar's String Quartet Op. 83; Vaughn Williams' Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis, the St. Paul Suite by Holst and Simple Symphony by Britten. Artists include Luis Fernandez and Tony Seepersad on violin, Rafael Ramirez on viola and Michael Andrews on cello. Admission at the door is \$15, \$10 students and seniors. For information, call 305.673.2183 or see the website: [www.sobechamberensemble.org](http://www.sobechamberensemble.org)

Thursday, May 6 / 6:30 PM

**Miami/Mumbai Evening Presented by the Miami Beach Dance Festival**

A feature event of the Miami Dance Festival, the Miami/Mumbai evening presents guest artists Geeta Dias and NeSh Dance as two of the world's most compelling young dance styles come together. Miami meets Mumbai with a performance of Bollywood and semi-classical Indian dance that incorporates the flair, color and drama intrinsic to Mumbai, the home of Bollywood movies and dance. Under the direction of Geeta Dias, dance students from Momentum Dance Company's Arts in Education Residency at Ferguson Senior High School and Miami Dade College perform original choreography. Also on the program is a premiere performance by the latest in Miami-style Hip-Hop with the newly-formed NeSh Dance, an exciting new troupe on the local scene. NeSh is characterized by an extravagant array of cultural diversity with its international cast of dancers. The crew fuses diverse dance styles from modern to break dance, evolving a personal cultural style that is unique in the Miami hip hop scene. NeSh is committed to passionate creation that reflects a dream and a lifestyle with highly energized choreography. Admission Free. Cash Bar. For Festival information [www.momentumdance.com](http://www.momentumdance.com)

Friday, May 7

**National Public Gardens Day**

Across the nation, public gardens participate in an official day of celebration to raise awareness of America's public gardens and their important role in promoting environmental stewardship and awareness, plant and water conservation and education in our communities. We are a proud member of the National Public Gardens Association.

**Summer Art Program Registration Open**

Book now for the Garden's Summer Art & Craft Classes every Tuesday morning from 10 AM to Noon. Instructors Winsome Bolt and Denise Marlow have designed a creative program of art activities with a focus on environmental themes, using plants and recycled materials. For information, e-mail [wboltusa@hotmail.com](mailto:wboltusa@hotmail.com) or call 305-305-9141.

Tuesday, May 11 / 12 Noon to 2PM

**Green Book Club**

Bring a brown bag lunch to the Green Book Club for discussion of books and authors on natural sciences.

Sunday, May 23 / 4 – 6PM

**The Sunflower Society Art Exhibit**

View an eclectic exhibit of arts and craft projected created by students enrolled in the Sunflower Society's after-school programs in Miami Beach and El Portal. Meet the young artists. Free admission.

**Miami Beach Toastmasters**

Every Thursday / 6:30 to 7:30PM

Whether you want to polish your professional presentations, engage your social circle with greater ease, or champion your community cause, effective communication is essential. Your desire to become better today than you were yesterday is all you need to join Miami Beach Toastmasters at the Garden. For over 85 years, Toastmasters international has helped 100,000's of people just like to you to speak, lead and succeed. Please visit [www.miamibeachtoastmasters.com](http://www.miamibeachtoastmasters.com) to learn more.

Art in the Landscape

**Edouard Duval Carrié Exhibit**

We are proud to present an outdoor exhibit by Edouard Duval Carrié of the Vodou gods/Loas, come to visit in their flamboyant colors, rendered in resin. The goddesses of love, Ezrulie, the god of war, Ogou, and others, are sunning and funning in Miami Beach.

Over 200 years ago, the prosperous French colony of Saint Dominique saw the massive deportation of African slaves to its coasts. The influx in Haiti created a Pan-African state. The slaves came with sets of beliefs that evolved into a combined religion loosely called Vodou today. Vodou has been the soul of Haiti, the essence that permitted the Haitians to emancipate themselves. Visit the Garden to learn more about the exhibit and artist Duval Carrié, represented by Bernice Steinbaum Gallery.