

## **Vizcaya Museum & Gardens**

### **May Events**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2009**

**Evening Talk at Vizcaya: *Preservation and Monticello***

**7:00 p.m.**

**FREE**

Vizcaya presents Susan R. Stein, the Richard Gilder Senior Curator and Vice President of Museum Programs at Monticello. Ms. Stein oversees the operation of the house, including the interpretation and curatorial departments. She is the project director of the interpretive elements of the new Thomas Jefferson Visitor Center at Monticello —four exhibitions and the film, Thomas Jefferson's World. Ms. Stein speaks will speak on various aspects of Jefferson and Monticello. Her research interests involve domestic life and material culture at Monticello, especially the decorative arts and art acquired by Jefferson in France.

**Saturday, May 9 and Sunday (Mother's Day), May 10, 2009**

**National Public Gardens Day**

**10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

**FREE with admission**

Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, along with more than 500 other botanical gardens, conservatories, and historical landscapes will celebrate the first National Public Gardens Day by offering guided tours of the Gardens at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. National Public Gardens Day celebrates the role that Vizcaya and other American public gardens play in educating the public on the importance of environmental education.

**May 31, 2009: Portrait Drawing**

**Family Programs: Viz(ual) Arts**

**Drop in between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**FREE with admission**

Vizcaya Museum and Gardens welcomes families, specifically children with their adult companions, to explore the art, history and environment of James Deering's home and estate through afternoon programs. Art making programs are currently held on one Sunday of each month through the spring of 2009. Facilitated by a museum educator or a guest artist, this program offers families the chance explore an aspect of Vizcaya and its collections, and create their own works of art in response. All art projects are portable and eco-friendly. On May 31, 2009, using Vizcaya's European sculptures as a point of departure, participants will explore elements of portrait drawing with Arts for Learning teaching artist, Armando Droulers.

### ***About Vizcaya Museum & Gardens***

*Vizcaya Museum and Gardens preserves the Miami estate of International Harvester Vice President James Deering (1859–1925). Built between 1914 and 1922, Vizcaya is one of the most intact remaining architectural examples from the era in United States history known as the American Renaissance, when the nation's wealthy industrialists built lavish estates inspired by the palaces of Europe. Vizcaya was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1994 for its national significance as an achievement of American Renaissance architecture, landscape design, decorative arts, and art collecting.*

*Vizcaya features a main house, ten acres of formal gardens, a rockland hammock (native forest), mangrove shore, and soon-to-be-restored historic village that will provide additional venues for programs and community outreach. Vizcaya is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visit [www.vizcayamuseum.org](http://www.vizcayamuseum.org) or call 305-250-9133.*