



Around & About - Cost: \$25.00/pp
Thursday, September 25, 2025 - 10:00am
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens
900 North Birch Road
Fort Lauderdale

Meet at the Wellington Community Center parking lot by 8:30am / Depart at 9:00am / Arrive at 10:00am.

Take a wonderful trip through time at beautiful, historic Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, as you are transported to the beginning of the 20th Century, and the days of gracious living, charm and whimsy when Florida was one of the nation's last frontier outposts. Built in 1920 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens is one of the few complete homes and studios of two American artists with original furnishings open to the public. Nestled among miles of beachfront development are 35 acres of a native barrier island ecosystem that guests experience via a Tram Tour.

Chicago-born artist Frederic Clay Bartlett created Bonnet House in 1920 on South Florida oceanfront land given to him and his second wife, Helen Louise Birch, by her father, Hugh Taylor Birch. The newlyweds began construction of Bonnet House in 1920, eager for a winter retreat where Frederic could pursue his artwork and Helen could compose music and poetry. Today, the estate is a preeminent house museum dedicated not only to historic and environmental preservation, but also to learning and creative expression – much like the Bartletts and Birches themselves.

Lunch at Coconuts, 429 Seabreeze Blvd, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Lunch is at the individual's expense.