

Development News

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Making NEW Impressions is a Success!

On March 3rd, Bonnet House's annual juried art exhibit and fundraiser was successfully re-launched as *Making NEW Impressions*. With a commitment to greater diversity in genre, a newly lowered ticket price, and additional tickets offered to event sponsors, nearly 200 people attended the opening night cocktail party—and what a party it was! A Alexander Events provided catering for the event free of charge that included liquor, beer, and wine pairings. Victoria Park Flower Studio donated beautiful, tropical centerpieces that complimented the program and invitation designs provided by PL&P Advertising. And to top it all off, Eddie B and Company donated DJ services that were so grooving that dancing broke out by the end of the night! So far, fourteen pieces of art have sold.



Board chair Dianna Silvagni with juror Mariavelia Savino

Committee co-chairs Bill O'Leary & TJ Bedard with People's Choice winner Diane Delorey

A sincere thank you goes to board members TJ Bedard and Bill O'Leary for co-chairing the event and Bill Hines and Dianna Silvagni for serving on the event committee. Bonnet House is also grateful to our guest juror, Mariavella Savino for her thoughtful selection and judging. The First Place award went to Jorge Leon, Second Place went to Iva Rom-Lorenz, and Third Place was awarded to Claudia Groll. Mike Fossler, Twyla Gettert, Terry Arroyo Mulrooney, Daniel Routhier, and Bunny Sheffield were awarded Honorable Mention awards, and Diane Delorey won the People's Choice Award for the second year in a row.

Making NEW Impressions will remain on exhibit in the Carl Weinhardt Gallery through May 1st. Stop by to see the exhibit during normal tour hours.

Bonnet House Annual Campaign Receives a Boost from the Board

One of the duties of Bonnet House board members is to ensure that the museum has adequate financial means to accomplish its mission. The board does this in a variety of means from holding events like *Making NEW Impressions* to each board member making his or her own financial commitment to support Bonnet House. But, Paige Brody who serves as chair of the board's Cultivation and Stewardship Committee thought even more could be done. With the help of former board members Mary Copeland and Judy Maus, Paige put together an appeal letter signing party in November to include a personal note from board members asking for constituent support. The result so far has been just over \$35,000 raised to help support the museum—about \$10,000 more than was raised by the previous year's effort. Thank you Paige for leading this effort, Bill O'Leary and Northern Trust for making their community room available for the gathering, and all the board members past and present that made the efforts such a success.



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2nd Place Winner, *Autumn Glamour*,
Iva Rom-Lorenz

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That Inspired Frederic
Bartlett