



## VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*Pinecrest Gardens awarded grant to host Smithsonian exhibit further positioning it as South Florida's Premier Cultural Arts Park*

**Pinecrest, FL.** – Pinecrest Gardens was awarded the Museum on Main Street (MoMs) Grant from the Florida Humanities Council to host the Smithsonian exhibit “The Way We Worked”.

Only six cities in Florida were awarded this prestigious grant over the next two years, further positioning Pinecrest Gardens as South Florida’s premier cultural arts park. The exhibit will be on display in Pinecrest Gardens next year from September 5th through October 17th of 2015.

“The Way We Worked” explores how work became such a central element in American culture by tracing the many changes that affected the workforce and work environments over the past 150 years. The exhibition draws from the National Archives’ rich collections to tell this compelling story.

Work is important because we spend so much of our life on the job. To honor the American men and women workers who have created this great country, this exhibit uses multimedia to show snapshots in time that document how work has evolved on land, in the sky, in the sea, and by hand and machine.

MoMS circulates Smithsonian exhibitions focusing on broad topics of national history. To date, these exhibits have focused on a variety of subjects including WWII, American farming, regional food traditions, and the history of American music. Since 1991 these exhibits have traveled to over 900 small towns across the country.

MoMs is a partnership of the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) and state humanities councils nationwide. Funded by the United States Congress, MoMS combines the prestige of Smithsonian exhibitions and the program expertise of state humanities councils with the rich heritage and local resources of small communities

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### **About Pinecrest Gardens**

It has taken more than a half-century for Pinecrest Gardens to evolve into the lush oasis of towering banyans, natural streams filled with turtles, Japanese Koi, and a lake that provides a home for an array of magnificent water fowl. It is a place to experience cultural enrichment in a panoramic setting and to learn about history and our environment. Every element of the Garden reflects excellence, beauty and inspiration to transform the visitor experience into one of discovery, enlightenment and entertainment. The Gardens contains approximately 4.3 acres of native forested wetland, 3.3 acres of tropical hardwood hammock and an acre of native cypress slough hammock. In addition, the site contains remnants of the original bed of Snapper Creek. Pinecrest Gardens features over 1,000 varieties of rare tropical and exotic plants, and has long served the South Florida community as an educational resource for natural science teachers, students and researchers. Among the facilities you'll find a children's Splash 'N Play water amusement area, a petting zoo, playground and picnic areas and spectacular landscapes. There is a 500 seat outdoor theater and several meeting and party venues. The site was designated as an individual historic site pursuant to the Metropolitan Dade County Historic Preservation Ordinance on December 19, 1990 and on October 17, 2011, the National Park Service announced the addition of Pinecrest Gardens to the National Register of Historic Places.

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