BARTOW - PELL MANSION MUSEUM

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Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum's 'Moonlight Ball' a Huge Success

Over 360 Guests Celebrated at May 10th Event in Centennial Style

Bronx, NY, April 22, 2014— The Moonlight Ball, Bartow-Pell Conservancy's signature centennial held on May 10th was an evening to remember. Co-chairs Cynthia Brown, Ann Auwarter, and Lynn Byrne created an event that was a success by all measures. Held on the grounds of the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum in a tent fabulously decorated by Lynn Byrne and Jennifer Mehditash, the rain held off long enough for guests to enjoy mansion's beautiful newly restored Delano & Aldrich formal sunken garden. Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a three-course dinner, catered by Scarborough Fair, and dancing to the jazz-age sounds of Michael Arenella and his Dreamland Orchestra.

Stuart P. and Sue K. Feld of Hirschl & Adler Galleries, honorary co-chairs, and honorees Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Frank Sanchis, a leader in historic preservation and currently Director of U.S. Programs at the World Monument Fund, drew a sold-out crowd for the evening. The spirited live auction, which featured one-of-a-kind trips and experiences was organized by Ann Auwarter and led by auctioneer George McNeely, Vice President for Strategic & International Affairs at the World Monuments Fund and formerly of Christie's.

Borough President Díaz was honored in special recognition of the 100th anniversary of Bronx County, as well as his accomplishments as Borough President. Other local politicians in attendance at the event included New York State Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, New York State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, who presented a citation, Westchester County Legislator Jim Maisano, and Pelham Mayor Tim Cassidy.

Funds raised at the Moonlight Ball will be used to install a new decorative floor covering in the entrance hall and support ongoing operations at Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum.

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ABOUT THE BARTOW-PELL MANSION MUSEUM

A New York City Landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum (BPMM) is owned by the City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation and is a member of the Historic House Trust of New York City. It is operated by the private, non-profit Bartow-Pell Conservancy. The Bartow-Pell Conservancy, originally known as the International Garden Club, was formed in 1914 by a group passionate about horticulture. That year, New York City gave them permission to use the Bartow family mansion on Pelham Bay in the Bronx, as their headquarters in exchange for restoring it, creating public gardens and programs, and preserving it for generations to come. The International Garden Club officially changed its name to the Bartow-Pell Conservancy in 2008 as well its membership model to that of a typical cultural organization. BPMM is located at 895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, New York. The mansion and carriage house are open to the public for guided tours on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The gardens and grounds are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to dusk. For more information about Bartow-Pell, visit www.bpmm.org.