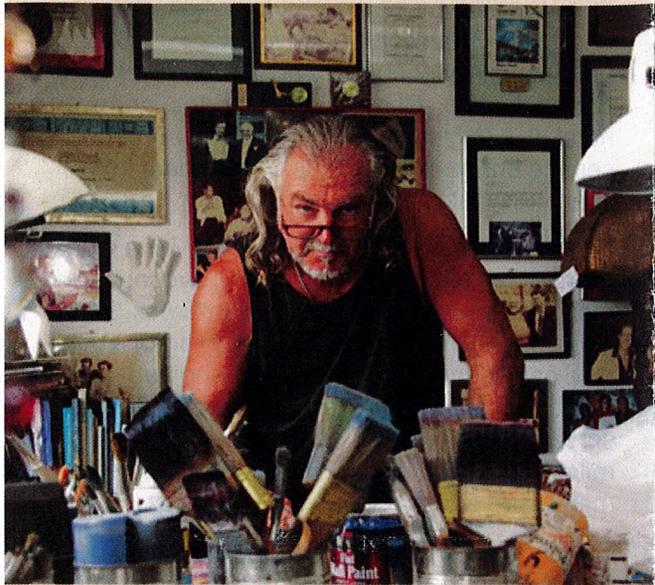


# HERBERT HOFER

Poster Artist for the Collins Canal  
Centennial Celebration.



Poster Artist for the Collins Canal Centennial Celebration, is world-traveled and world-famous for his distinctive style of painting which he calls "modern primitives." A native of Austria with a background in architecture and interior design, he has made Miami Beach his home since 1988, and loves the color and light of South Florida. See more of his wonderful artwork at his website, [www.herberthofer.com](http://www.herberthofer.com)



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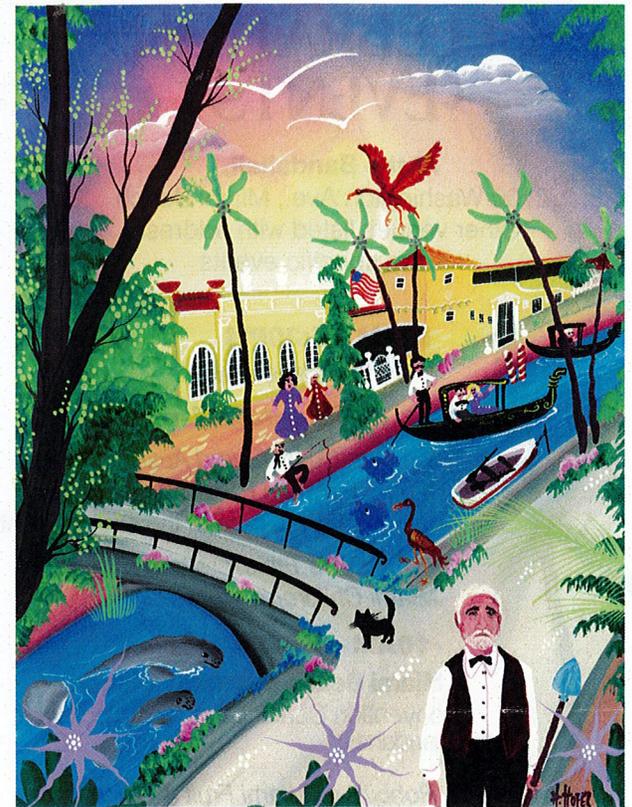
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**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**  
NOVEMBER 3RD, 2012  
**MIAMI BEACH**

# CELEBRATION EVENTS

## At the Bandshell,

2100 Washington Ave., Miami Beach

\*Other venues listed with address next to specific events

### 10AM – 5:30PM

#### At the Bandshell

- Food trucks & vendors
- *Coast Guard Auxiliary / Sea Partners Program* on boating safety & care of the environment
- *Children's Table*: crafts & games, by *Miami Children's Museum*

### 10AM – NOON

#### Miami Beach Botanical Garden,

Convention Center Drive (one block west of the Bandshell)

- *Chris Robbins* of *Miami Fruit & Spice Park* teaches "Backyard Citrus & Tropical Fruit," emphasizing avocados, with tastings!

### 11AM – 3PM

#### Miami Design Preservation League booth

Walking Tours on the hour of every hour by the *Miami Design Preservation League*

### 11AM – 3PM

#### Miami Beach Regional Library (227 22nd St., second floor)

Video Gaming for Teens

### 2PM

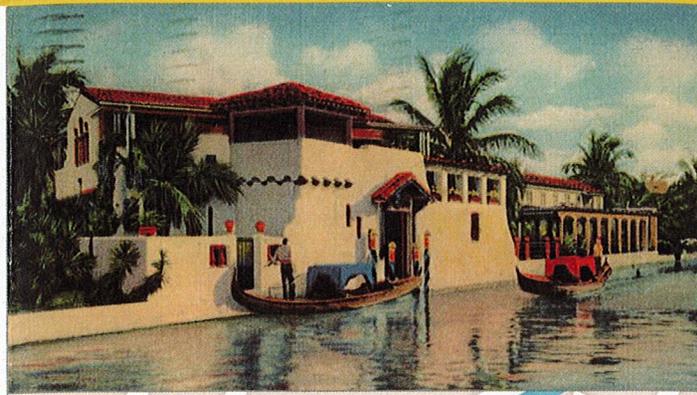
#### Miami Beach Regional Library

A visit by *John Collins*

### 3PM

#### Miami Beach Regional Library

Storytelling for toddlers



### 4PM

#### Official Ceremony:

- Miami Beach High School Bands
- Remembering John Collins
- City Proclamation & Birthday Cake with *Commissioner Jorge Exposito*
- Musical Finale by *SoBe Arts Chamber Ensemble*:
  - *Carson Kievman*, artistic director
  - *Robert Chumbley*, conductor

*Collins Canal Historic Exhibit on display through Nov. 14 at the Miami Beach Regional Library*

# 100 YEARS AGO...

It's 1912. Arizona and New Mexico become States, the Boston Red Sox win the World Series, and Woodrow Wilson wins the Presidency.

The City of Miami had been founded in 1896, but on the nearby oceanfront now known as Miami Beach there is still no town, no bridge, nor even a hotel. It is only accessible by boat, and ferry service brings adventurous beachgoers from Miami to what is now South Point.

Farther to the north, John S. Collins, 74, a Quaker farmer from New Jersey, is raising avocados and mangos on his land west of Indian Creek. In November he completes the dredging of a 1¼-mile canal, carved through the mangrove jungle, that connects Indian Creek to Biscayne Bay and serves to transport his crops to the port and railroad in Miami. It still remains as the oldest man-made structure within Miami Beach.

The canal also allows building materials to be brought into the beach, and resort development soon takes off. In 1913, with the help of Carl G. Fisher, Collins completes a 2½-mile bridge across the Bay, the first connection of the beach to the mainland and the longest wooden bridge in the world at the time. (In the 1920s, it would be replaced by the Venetian Causeway and its man-made islands.)

Collins and his family, including son-in-law Thomas Pancoast, form the Miami Beach Improvement Company in 1912, and join with other developers to charter the Town of Miami Beach in 1915. Collins lives until 1928. In 1931, the City's first public library building, now the Bass Museum, is dedicated to Collins "in love and respect for this friendly man. Miami Beach is a monument to his vision and courage."

