

*Biltmore*  
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**THE BILTMORE TO HOST LECTURE & TOUR**  
***“A RETROSPECTIVE: THE BILTMORE HOTEL,  
75 YEARS IN THE MAKING 1926-2001”***

**CORAL GABLES, FL. (SEPTEMBER 17, 2001)** -The Biltmore Hotel will host a one-day lecture and tour that will focus on its vibrant history and its impact in our community on October 6, 2001 beginning at 10:00 AM. The event will be held in the Conference Center of the Americas located in Country Club Building, adjacent to the hotel. Several recognized experts, directly involved in the preservation efforts of The Biltmore, will be presenters at this event.

The keynote speaker is Dwight Young, Senior Communications Associate of the National Historic Trust, who will speak on “The Heyday of the Grand Hotel, 1880-1930.” Mr. Young will provide an overview of the development of the American hotel, leading up to hotels like the Biltmore.

“The Biltmore is a symbol of our city’s history here for South Floridians to experience,” said Gene Prescott, President of The Biltmore Hotel. “We want to continue to reach out to the community and offer a way for those who may not have the opportunity to visit the hotel to come and learn of its colorful past and role in the development of this area.”

Other speakers include Ellen Uguccioni, Preservation Planner for the City of Del Rey Beach; Arva Moore Parks, President of Arva Moore Parks & Company and Centennial Publishing; Samuel LaRoue, Director of College Admissions & Registration for Miami Dade Community College and Joseph Herndon, Principal with DMS Architects and Project Managers.

The Four-Star Four-Diamond Biltmore hotel offers luxurious accommodation and meeting facilities as well as golf, tennis, a spa and fitness center and the largest hotel swimming pool in the Continental United States. Built in 1926, The Biltmore is designed in the Mediterranean-revival style with large stone columns, decorative hand-painted ceilings, Italian marble floors and an open-air courtyard and fountains. Its magnificent architectural centerpiece is a 15-story, 300-foot copper-clad tower modeled after the Giralda Tower in Seville, Spain.

Following this two-hour seminar, there will be a guided tour of the hotel for participants. The seminar is open to the public and limited seating is available. To RSVP, please contact The Biltmore’s Public Relations Department at (305) 445-8066, ext. 2342.