

NCMA SPOUSE/COMPANION PROGRAM

The following events are included in the NCMA Spouse Registration:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Welcome Breakfast & Book Talk

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Welcome to Orlando! Spouses/Guests will enjoy a continental breakfast with other NCMA spouses/guests and learn what this beautiful city has to offer and to discuss the book, *Swamplandia!* by Karen Russell.

Swamplandia! by Karen Russell

Karen Russell's book has its roots in "Ava Wrestles the Alligator," a short story from her first collection, 2006's *St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves*. Russell's setting, the outlandish and fading coastal Florida theme park from which the book takes its title, is inhabited by a clan of "Bigtrees," a self-invented showbiz tribe who have no Seminole or Miccosukee blood but adopt the costumes of buckskin vests, headbands, feathers and gator "fang" necklaces nonetheless.



Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour and Peterbrooke Chocolate

1:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Downtown Winter Park's charm is magnified in its details: hidden gardens and side streets that are home to unique stores, a farmer's market that attracts both locals and visitors alike each Saturday morning and festive parades that make the seasons. This relaxing,



narrated, one hour cruise through the beautiful lakes and canals of historic Winter Park makes it a must on every person's list. It's really the only way to see the true beauty of Winter Park which includes Rollins College, Kraft Azalea Gardens, Isle of Sicily, tropical birds, plants, flowers and magnificent mansions.

Next up is a tour of Peterbrooke Chocolatier. Over the years, Peterbrooke Chocolatier has achieved incredible popularity and loyalty among its customers because of its creativity, service and unwavering dedication to using only the highest standards for quality and freshness in its ingredients. In the chocolate making class your guests will learn the history of chocolate and how to hand temper chocolate. They will dip and decorate caramel apples, cookies, pretzels and grahams. The Peterbrooke Vision: Sharing happiness through extraordinary chocolate experiences.



FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Breakfast

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Join fellow registered spouses and guests for a continental breakfast to recap the exciting events from the previous day and to discuss the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens tour scheduled for the afternoon.

Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Visit a showcase for a treasured artist and a peek into an old world European lifestyle. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens offers a unique opportunity to view the works and private collection of the internationally known Czech-American sculptor, Albin Polasek (1879-1965).

Polasek's work presents the patriotic spirit and love that he had for this country and his commitment to European figurative technique. Through a guided tour you will learn the inspiration behind Polasek's drive that led him to continue his work even after a stroke confined him to a wheelchair. Stroll through three acres of lush gardens filled with classical figurative sculpture and whimsical mythological pieces.