

## Palm Beach buzzes with three Easter egg hunt events in one day



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Children over age five line up for The Flagler Museum's annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 20, 2019 in Palm Beach. Children hunted for 8,000 eggs on the Museum's lawn and in the Coconut Grove. (Meghan McCarthy/palmbeachdailynews.com)



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Palm Beach was jam-packed with people decked out in pastels and Lilly Pulitzer searching for Easter eggs on Saturday.

The Flagler Museum provided a multitude of activities for its more than 1,000 attendees, with two separate egg hunts for ages 4 and under and ages 5 and older. Kids greeted — and in some cases, struggled to get away from — the Easter Bunny, made crafts, hula-hooped and got their faces painted.

Cate Sieving, 12, of Palm Beach, pushed around a pink stroller that held her 8-month-old white Holland Lop rabbit, Coconut. "He likes to lie in the stroller," Cate said.

The Sievings live a couple of blocks away from Flagler, making the museum a logical choice for them each year.

### PHOTOS: The Society of the Four Arts Easter event in Palm Beach



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Twins Eden and Ethan Evans, 2, Wellington with their found eggs. The Society of Four Arts Children's Library holds Peter Cottontail Day and Egg Hunt and special story time with children's author Robert L. Forbes in the Philip Hultar Sculpture Garden and Pannill Pavilion, April 18, 2019. Afterward, children under the age of four hunt for 8,000 eggs spread throughout the sculpture garden. Approximately 650 children and 850 adults attended. (Melanie Bell/palmbeachdailynews.com)



Daniela Kaminski, 18, her sister Bianca, 12, and their mother, Margaret, drove all the way to Palm Beach from Staten Island, New York, for Easter vacation, and they have been hunting for eggs at Flagler since 2010. This year, they brought their friend Jenna Karnatski, 18, for the first time.

"It's really pretty," Daniela said. "I'm determined to find the golden egg this year. Our dad said not to come home if we don't find it."

Lilly Boxshall, 7, of Jupiter, got a unicorn and a rainbow drawn on her face. Her sister, Bailey, 4, parents Lisa and Mark and grandmother Susan Kirkbride came back to Flagler for a second round this year because of its "beautiful" setting.

"It's a family tradition now," Mark said.

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The museum has been hosting its annual egg hunt for 15 years, said Flagler Museum Executive Director Erin Manning. The museum had sold 670 tickets as of Friday, but Manning said many people register the day of the event.

"We are so honored that people come to this event when there are so many choices," she said.

Meanwhile, at the Royal Poinciana Plaza on Saturday, Palm Beacher Derek Olsen held his 18-month-old Shih Tzu-Yorkshire Terrier mix, Holly, on a pink leash while his family searched for eggs.

"I'm loving seeing all the growth here," said Olsen, a realtor at Douglas Elliman in the plaza. "All the holiday events here bring the community together."

Hundreds of children scrambled around for eggs in the plaza courtyards and took photos with the fashionable couture Easter Bunnies. Many parents noshed on deviled eggs, sparkling wine and hummus with vegetables.

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Plaza stores also provided their own free fun for guests. Alice + Olivia employees made flower crowns and cotton candy, Sant Ambroeus handed out free gelato, and Stoney Clover Lane provided colorful cake bites almost too beautiful to eat.

Kevin and Sally Butan, of Boynton Beach, found the hunt through Eventbrite, and they were thrilled with it.

"We've already hit four Easter egg hunts this week," said Sally Butan, who brought their three children: Alexander, 3, Alissa, 2, and Austin, 7 weeks. "This one is awesome."

Andrine Toussaint, of West Palm Beach, preferred the Spring Carnival at The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea over the plaza's egg hunt, saying the latter was too crowded.

"This one is more laid-back and family-friendly," she said of Bethesda's event.

Her 8-year-old daughter, Arielle Liberal, and 18-month-old nephew, Ja'Cobi Geneste, found plenty of eggs at both hunts.

The church, which had a more reserved crowd of about 200, had inflatable slides, a dunk tank, and several egg hunts for different age groups. Whereas the other events let children pick as many eggs as they wanted, Bethesda gave a limit so all kids got eggs.

"Everyone gets 10 eggs," said Greg Knight, Bethesda's director of children and youth ministries director. "No one will go home empty-handed."