

MAKE PLANS

Glass sculptures mingle with plants and flowers in **Reflections of Glass on Water**, a new exhibition that beautifully marries art and nature at **Vero Beach's McKee Botanical Garden**. From **November-April 2009**. 772.794.0601, mckee-garden.org

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CHECKING IN

secrets of a concierge

Atlantic Resort & Spa's concierge, Paul McGannon, who is also a member of the South Florida and Gold Coast concierge associations, gives us an insider's view of Fort Lauderdale.

1 + Friday nights' "Mix, Muddle and Mingle" party at the resort's Trina lounge is a must. Ask for the Cubeltini, a mix of mint, vodka, simple syrup and cucumbers. starwoodhotels.com

2 + I love sending guests to the Bonnet House, a historic museum adorned with antiques and an orchid garden. You can sometimes glimpse wild Costa Rican squirrel monkeys in the trees. bonnethouse.org

3 + For great music and dancing, the Blue Martini has a live band nightly. Of the 36 specialty martinis on the menu, their Moccachino is among the most popular. bluemartinilounge.com

4 + Sushi Rock on Las Olas Boulevard is far from your average sushi bar. Classic album covers garnish the walls, and the rolls have music-inspired names, such as Wallflowers. While there, ask for Tami; she'll make sure the sake is always flowing. 954.462.5541 — **KELLY LADD SANCHEZ**

The presidential "palace" at the Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach



the suite life

IN HONOR OF THE 2008 ELECTIONS, THESE PRESIDENTIAL SUITES SNAGGED OUR VOTE

TRAVEL You don't have to run for the highest office in the land to enjoy the posh amenities at some of the best (and newest) presidential suites in the state. At the new **Regent Bal Harbour** (regenthotels.com), the top chamber boasts a team of dedicated professionals: a butler, a private chef and an on-call stylist who will turn any wardrobe from conservative to chic. Stay at the recently renovated **Marco Island Marriott** (marcoislandmarriott.com), and take in Gulf of Mexico views from a terrace large enough for 150 of your most loyal supporters. Opt for the Commander and Chief Suite at the **Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach** (ritzcarlton.com), and you can play billiards.



Even the décor here is fun, with a quirky "Shoe Art" collection that pays homage to former first ladies. Pieces reflect each woman's signature style (a Jackie Kennedy shoe has a 1960s-style square toe). When work is a must, sit at a replica of the famous Resolute desk at the **JW Marriott Hotel in Miami** (marriott.com), where everything is inspired by the Oval Office. — **KRISTEN MANIERI**

Miami's JW Marriott Hotel has a very literal interpretation of a presidential suite — Old Glory and all.