



Miami Beach Visual Memoirs Project Interviewees Through September 2019

1. **Steve Adkins:** President of Miami-Dade Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce
2. **Michael Aller:** Tourism and Convention Director, “Mr. Miami Beach”
3. **Arlene Amarant:** Beach High graduate; big Hungarian Jewish family, life on South Beach
4. **Aristotle Ares:** Born and raised on Beach, Public Works Asst. Director, laid out streets
5. **JoAnn Bass:** Third-generation owner of Joe’s Stone crab restaurant
6. **Moses Battle:** Black worker at Joe’s Stone Crab since late ‘70s
7. **Marvin Baumel:** “Rey Mambo,” popular entertainer in the 1950’s, Beach High grad
8. **Bette Baron Bernstein:** Advocate for disabled, grew up on Beach, contracted polio as a girl
9. **Lynn Bernstein:** City of Miami Beach Community Outreach Coordinator, former MDPL director
10. **Stuart Blumberg:** Miami Beach hotelier and hotel promoter, founder
11. **Matti Bower:** Former Mayor, Grassroots organizer, MDPL director, Miami Beach commissioner
12. **Robert Bowman:** Grew up and worked on South Beach (Joe’s), son of “Fish Mary”
13. **Norman Braman:** Billionaire car dealer, art collector, philanthropist, Art Basel Miami
14. **Seth Bramson:** Miami Beach High graduate, local historian, collector, and author
15. **Edna Buchanan:** Pulitzer-Prize winning crime reporter/M. Herald, novelist, Miami Beach Daily Sun police beat and society reporter
16. **Gregory Bush, PhD:** UM History Professor, author of White Sand: Black Beach
17. **Diane Camber:** Art Consultant, former director Bass Museum, former MDPL director
18. **Andrew Capitman:** son of Barbara, investor, Deco developer, preservationist
19. **Norman Ciment:** Former Mayor, created “eruv” (Kosher high wire enclosure encircling MB)
20. **Marty Cintron:** Musician, music producer, founder of pop group No Mercy
21. **Sabrina Cohen:** Disabled activist, creator of all-access beachfront park
22. **Denise Courshon:** Family ties to the Beach since the Depression, helped start Miami Ballet
23. **Marlo Courtney:** Tony Goldman associate, leader of Ocean Drive association, involved in the 1980s/90s transformation of South Beach
24. **Gaylord Cull:** Miami Beach Botanical Gardens staff, close friend of Leonard Horowitz
25. **Teri D’Amico:** Interior designer, preservationist, and MiMo expert
26. **Alex Daoud:** Former Miami Beach Mayor convicted of corruption, grew up on Beach
27. **Marian DelVecchio:** Miami Herald editorial cartoonist and author of HUNGER
28. **David Dermer:** Three-term Miami Beach Mayor, son of former Mayor Jay Dermer, teacher at Beach High
29. **Richard Dixon:** Beach High graduate in 1953, son of prolific Miami Beach architect L. Murray Dixon
30. **Jeff Donnelly:** Miami Design Preservation League’s historian and board member, long-time tour guide and lecturer
31. **Margaret Ann Doyle:** Designer, preservationist, Capitman protégé, married to Andrew Capitman.
32. **Judy Drucker:** World-renowned impresario, Pavarotti concert on the sand, raised on beach, Beach High graduate

33. **Marvin Dunn:** Historian, Black experience on Miami Beach
34. **Lynne Elster:** Miami Beach High graduate class of 1960, father ran Miami Beach nightclubs in 50s.
35. **Maurice Finegold:** Architect and city planner, created first Miami Beach designation plan
36. **Jerry Fisher:** Carl Fisher's great nephew and biographer
37. **Ray Fisher:** Photographer, Beach High grad, WW2 photographer assigned to Patton
38. **Russell Galbut:** Condo conversion developer, hotel owner; 3rd generation resident
39. **Luis Garcia:** Cuban exile, former Beach Fire Chief, state legislator, ran for Congress
40. **Dan Gelber:** Mayor, Former state legislator, attorney, father 3 times mayor.
41. **Seymour Gelber:** Former Miami Beach Mayor, Juvenile Court Judge
42. **Ira Giller:** MiMo architect and historic preservationist, son of Norman Giller, "Father of MiMo," friend of Morris Lapidus
43. **Barbara Gillman:** art gallery owner, Lincoln Mall; hosted Andy Warhol during Miami Beach visit
44. **Barton Goldberg:** grew up on Beach, banker, Chamber of Commerce leader, on zoning board
45. **Bob Goodman:** Former Beach Commissioner, political activist, Art Basel Florida representative
46. **Thorn Grafton:** Architect, preservationist, descendant of John Collins/Pancoast family
47. **Pepi Granat:** Family physician, Beach High grad, WWII on the Beach
48. **Ben Grenald:** Decorated Naval officer, pharmacist entrepreneur, Visitor and Convention Authority, 3 time Vice Mayor of Miami Beach
49. **Selma Grenald:** Born and raised on Miami Beach, local reporter, actor, Frank Sinatra story
50. **Jane Gross:** Historic preservationist, friend of Leonard Horowitz
51. **Saul Gross:** Deco developer, former Miami Beach commissioner, MB Design Review board
52. **Betty Gutierrez:** Founding member of MDPL, employee of Washington Storage Company, friend of Leonard Horowitz
53. **Steven Haas:** Restaurateur, created Miami Spice, developer, former Chair GMVCB
54. **Allan Hall:** Retired attorney, professor and **Holocaust** survivor, MB High grad
55. **Francinelee Hand:** Life-long Beach resident active in the Arts and Preservation, Miami City Ballet
56. **Robert Hauser:** Nephew of MB architect Henry Hohausser, Miami Beach High School alumni
57. **Michel Hausmann:** Venezuelan-born theater director and producer, co-founder and artistic director Miami New Drama at the Colony Theatre
58. **Irving Heller:** Retired Assistant Miami-Dade Chief of Police, raised on Miami Beach, a Beach High grad
59. **Stephen Hertz:** VCA Board, father helped design Lincoln Mall
60. **Beatrice Hines:** First female Black reporter for the Miami Herald, worked as a domestic for Miami Beach family as did her mother
61. **Richard Hoberman:** Long-time Beach resident
62. **Herbert Hofer:** Popular artist, Miami Beach since 1988
63. **James Jones:** Captain at Joe's Stone Crab, and Black worker on the Beach since 1972
64. **Raymond Jungles:** Landscape architect, 1111 Lincoln Mall and MB Botanical Garden
65. **Helen Sir Kaplan:** MB Resident since childhood, moved to Miami Beach in 1936 (at the age of 6) Beach High grad, mother of Mitchell Kaplan, owner of Books&Books
66. **Joseph Kaplan:** Retired labor attorney, represented Beach hotel workers in 1955 landmark suit to form a union
67. **Mitchell Kaplan:** Owner of Book & Books bookstores, Beach High graduate and Miami Beach native.
68. **Ruth Karp:** Carnival Fruit Company, resident since '50's, mother of Martin Karp-MDCPS school board
69. **Niesen Kasdin:** Attorney, former Mayor and Chair of the MB Development Corp

70. **Norman Kassoff:** Born and raised on Beach, Beach High grad, former law enforcement
71. **Marcos Kerbel:** Pedro Pan evacuee, a founder of Cuban Hebrew Congregation
72. **Michael Kinerk:** Art Deco activist, Barbara Capitman protogee, MDPL Chair Emeritus
73. **Mac Klein:** Long-time owner Mac's Club Deuce bar, oldest operating bar on MB
74. **William Lane:** Architect and designer of iconic MB lifeguard stations
75. **Kathy Leff:** Director of the Wolfsonian
76. **Coman Leonard:** MDPL preservationist, worked at Washington Storage during Mariel influx and conversion to Wolfsonian
77. **Philip Levine:** Former Miami Beach Mayor, cruise lines media entrepreneur
78. **Jerry Libbin:** President and CEO of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce
79. **Robert Libman:** Developer, son of Betsy Ross manager, grew up on the Beach
80. **Nancy Liebman:** Former MDPL director, Chair Historic Preservation Board, MB Commissioner
81. **Rosa Lowinger:** Art conservator and author, TROPICANA NIGHTS, history of Havana nightclubs, came with parents from Havana in 1960, attended Hebrew Academy
82. **Clotilde Luce:** Preservationist, Morris Lapidus afficianado, MDPL board member
83. **Joy Van Wye Malakoff:** Miami Beach Commissioner, grew up on Beach, banker
84. **Shareef Malnik:** Owner of Miami Beach restaurant The Forge, grew up on Beach
85. **Arthur Marcus:** Art Deco architect, member of MDPL board, Miami Beach design review board
86. **Ernie Martin:** Retired urban planner, community activist, long-time Beach resident
87. **Manny Meland:** Miami Beach hotel owner and condo conversion developer
88. **Rosalind Merritt:** Artist, interior decorator, active in the MBSH alumni association, father Miami Beach builder
89. **Jimmy Morales:** Beach High graduate former county commissioner, Miami Beach City Manager
90. **George Neary:** Barbara Capitman cadre, former MDPL director, Miami-Dade Convention Bureau
91. **Jonathan Nelson :** Miami Beach Senior High Teacher, grew up at 13th + Michigan, nephew of Judy Drucker, impresario
92. **Tamara Nixon:** Grew up on Beach, retired banker, advocate with Funding Arts Network
93. **Michele Oka Doner:** Renowned artist, born and raised on Miami Beach, daughter of Harold Oka, twice Mayor
94. **Mel Olman:** Musician, pianist, Fontainebleau
95. **Michael Orovitz:** Beach High grad, banker, son of Max Orovitz, a founder of Mt. Sinai Hospital
96. **John Pancoast:** Pancoast Hotel and Collins legacy
97. **Ruth Enilda Pasarell:** Puerto Rican immigrant in her teens, South Beach Public Housing resident, Community advocate, Housing Authority Board
98. **Wayne Pathman:** Land-use Attorney, expert on sea level rise, born and raised on Beach, resident of MB
99. **Enid Pinkney:** African-American parents worked on Miami Beach as caretakers of an estate
100. **Frank Pinkney:** African-American worked his way up on MB, shoeshine boy, golf caddy
101. **Jonathan Plutzik:** Owner of The Betsy hotel
102. **Brett Ratner:** Hollywood Producer/Director, grew up on MB
103. **Karl Robertson:** Black worker at Joe's Stone Crab since '70s
104. **Craig Robins:** "Deco" Developer, South Beach revival, born on the Beach
105. **Randall Robinson:** Miami Beach resident, Coined term Miami Modern to distinguish the unique Miami architectural style
106. **Harold Rosen:** Retired attorney, Miami Beach commissioner, former Mayor, VCA Board
107. **Leslie Rosenfeld:** Chief Learning and Development Officer, City of Miami Beach, raised on Beach
108. **Denis Russ:** Capitman cadre, MBCDC, MDPL
109. **Mickey Schermer:** Grew up on South Beach, retired builder, stock broker

- 110. **Susan Schermer:** Grew up on Mid-Beach, business owner, photographer, Jewish community
- 111. **Mel Schlessler:** Developer and historic preservationist
- 112. **Dennis Scholl:** Knight Foundation, developer, Tony Goldman protegee, impact of Mariel
- 113. **Gerald K. Schwartz:** Lawyer, JCC/Community Leader
- 114. **Charles Seraydar:** Former Detective Miami Beach Police Department under Alex Daoud
- 115. **Allan Shulman:** Architect, historic preservation on Miami Beach, challenges of preservation
- 116. **Peter Sobel:** Hotel owner during Mariel impact
- 117. **Herb Sosa:** Designer, Preservationist of Deco and MiMo, LGBTQ activist
- 118. **Mark Soyka:** Miami/Miami Beach developer and restaurateur
- 119. **Alfred Spellman:** Filmmaker of Cocaine Cowboys and Miami Beach 100
- 120. **Robert Swedroe:** Architect and artist, worked with Morris Lapidus
- 121. **Lila Terry:** Owner and operator of three gay nightclubs during 1970s
- 122. **Annsheila Turkel:** Miami Beach long-time resident and activist during Civil Rights era
- 123. **Bruce Turkel:** Born and raised on the Beach, family involved in civil rights, Miami Beach branding
- 124. **Caryl Rose Unger:** Hotel family, Royal Palm, WW2 impact
- 125. **Dennis Wilhelm:** MDPL, Capitman cadre, Capitman archivist
- 126. **Richard Winer:** Beach High graduate, grew up on Miami Beach, teen-age work experiences
- 127. **Nancy Wolcott:** Miami Beach resident, active since the 80's in promoting the artistic and cultural aspects of Miami Beach.
- 128. **Micky Wolfson:** Collector, Wolfsonian Founder, father was MB Mayor in 1943
- 129. **Dona Zemo:** South Beach marketer, coined term "Sobe," Barbara Capitman's concept of a café society
- 130. **Linda Zilber:** Miami Beach High graduate, former Mayor of Bay Harbor Island

Key:

GMVCB- Greater Miami Visitors and Convention Bureau
 MB - Miami Beach
 MDPL - Miami Design Preservation League
 MBCDC - Miami Beach Community Development Corporation
 M-DC - Miami Dade County
 VCA - Visitor and Convention Authority (MB)