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**DESPITE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES MAP COLLECTORS AND HOBBYISTS  
ARE PROVING THAT MAPS ARE FOR EVERYONE**

*The Historical Museum of Southern Florida hosts the Sixteenth Miami International Map Fair,  
Saturday and Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Miami*

**(Miami, FL)** – The City of Miami holds the honor of being one of only five cities – London, Paris, Breda (Holland), and Denver – to host an international map fair. Once again the Miami International Map Fair returns to the Historical Museum of Southern Florida on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The fair unites map dealers, collectors, hobbyists and aficionados from around the world for a weekend of browsing, buying and selling of antique maps and prints.

It has been said that some people collect maps in the hopes that they will appreciate in value. Some maps provide people with a window into the past or the ability to relive a memory through a recognizable landmark. Other maps are valuable because they are simply rare. Regardless the motivation, the Map Fair has sparked worldwide interest and captivated the attention of those looking for a sound investment in the arts.

Unique maps featured and available for purchase at the Map Fair include for the first time ever, the **First Plan of Havana** by Joseph Bouquet, published in Cuba in 1801, presented by Martayan Lan Fine Antique Maps of New York City. Martayan Lan Fine Antique Maps is one of the world's leading map dealers. The Plan of Havana is for sale for \$45,000.

Bernard J Shapero Rare Books from London brings the **"Ricci" Map** – the "impossible black tulip." One of seven known examples of the first of Father Matteo Ricci's (1552-1610) massive third world map, the "Ricci" is one of the earliest and the first map known to combine eastern and western cartography.

Also on display in celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Galileo Galilei's telescope, Shapero Rare Books will exhibit the first printed star charts, one of 11 examples worldwide, and one of only two recorded with contemporary hand-color. The charts, completed by Albrecht Dürer, Johannes Stabius and Conrad Heinfogel in Nuremberg in 1515, can be viewed not only as a cartographic 'first', but also as a representation of over two thousand years of intellectual thought; incorporating elements of Babylonian, Greek, Islamic and German Renaissance scholarship.

Map Fair general admission for adults is \$10; \$5 for children 6-12; and free for museum members and children under 6. Admission includes entrance to the international dealer's marketplace, appraisals, and door prizes.

## Historical Museum of Southern Florida

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**Who:** General Public  
Collectors and Hobbyists  
Vendors

**What:** Historical Museum of Southern Florida hosts the 16<sup>th</sup> Miami International Map Fair uniting map dealers, collectors, hobbyists and aficionados from around the world.

**When:** February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 10A – 5P

**Where:** Historical Museum of Southern Florida  
101 West Flagler Street  
Miami, FL 33130  
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### Historical Museum of Southern Florida

Founded in 1940, the Historical Museum of Southern Florida (HMSF) is one of the largest private, regional history museums in the country. HMSF is recognized for excellence in programming and management by the Florida Department of State and national museum services organizations. As reflected in its mission to educate and preserve the history of South Florida and the Caribbean as the "Gateway of the Americas", HMSF reaches out to a vast and culturally diverse audience through its exhibitions, educational programs, special events and publications. HMSF is home to over 30,000 three-dimensional artifacts and maintains a premier Research Collection of archives and over one million photographs. HMSF is located in downtown Miami in the Miami-Dade Cultural Center, across the street from Metrorail's Government Center Station at 101 West Flagler Street, Downtown Miami, Florida 33130. Hours are Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., third Thursdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Admission for adults is \$8, children (ages 6-12) is \$5, and children under 6 are free. Visit <http://www.hmsf.org>.

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