



## sundy house

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Historic Inn Lunch Dinner Sunday Brunch Special Events Atrium Bar Roux Bamboux Lounge



**The Sundy House** is often called the heart and soul of Delray Beach—a grand symbol of intrinsic beauty, environmental stewardship and historic and artistic preservation.

The history of the Sundy House is rich with stories of a pioneering family. Mr. John Shaw Sundy was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He moved to Florida in 1894 with his family and was superintendent of construction for what became the Florida East Coast Railway. In 1902, he built the Sundy home, a Victorian, Queen Anne-style house using South Carolina and Dade County pine. He surrounded it with pineapple fields and vegetables and started a feed and fertilizer business. In its heyday, the Feed Store was a hub of social and agricultural activity where farmers and their wives would come to gossip and pick up supplies while children would play among the bales of hay and sacks of grain.

The founding of Delray's first bank and Baptist Church took place at the Sundy House, as well as the incorporation of Delray Beach in 1911, when John Sundy was elected Mayor. John Sundy's wife, Elizabeth, taught the first pioneers' children in the Sundy home, and taught Latin to the high school children. She chaired the first board of education and co-founded the Ladies Improvement Society, a fundraising organization.

Many of the Sundy children took part in the family enterprises. Addie Sundy managed the Sundy Feed Store from 1915-1975. She was one of the first women on the Chamber of Commerce board and president of the Zonta Club for city businesswomen.

Benjamin Sundy worked at the Bank of Delray Beach and as a city councilman, director of the Chamber of Commerce, and a Palm Beach County Commissioner for seventeen years. Sarah "Sadie" Sundy lived in the family home all of her life except when she attended Pan-American College; she worked at City Hall for fifteen years.

Glen Sundy attended Stetson University and was mayor of Delray Beach in 1960. Four of the Sundy children left the area: John Dewey Sundy, Kathryn Elizabeth Sundy Adkins, Edward Allen "Pete" Sundy,



and Daisy L. Sundy Meehan. Daisy later returned and served as unofficial greeter at the current Sundy House in 1992, the same year it was placed on the **National Register of Historic Places**.

The prolific heritage of the Sundy House is alive and well today. In 1997, current owner and avid environmentalist Tom Worrell envisioned a bio-eco-friendly preserve and gathering place for locals and visitors alike. The fully restored Sundy House is a beautiful manifestation of his work in sustainability, conservation, historic preservation, and the ever-important theme of water. Lush tropical gardens bloom with fragrant flora. Aquatic life abounds in naturalized, freshwater pools and waterfalls. Interiors merge with the surrounding beauty and incorporate natural materials, such as bamboo, stone, tile and wood. Artwork and color schemes throughout are inspired by the cultural heritage of the local community.



The Sundy House boasts an award-winning restaurant and is one of the country's premier wedding destinations. The enchanting guest rooms are decorated with an individual attention to detail. Each room is uniquely themed and captures the narrative of the lush surroundings and the rich history of this beloved landmark in an authentic way rarely experienced.

### The Taru Gardens

"Royalty" greets you as you first approach the Sundy House entrance. The oldest documented Royal Poinciana tree in Palm

Beach County was planted here in the summer of 1919. An 8-year-old Pete Sundy, son of Mayor John Sundy, dug his hands into the hot dirt on his home's side yard and planted two 3-inch-tall Royal Poinciana seedlings. The preacher at the First Baptist Church gave Mr. Sundy two seedlings and little Pete named them after the preacher and his wife -- Robert and Grace.

Grace didn't make it, but the seedling named Robert has grown to over 50 feet tall, with an impressive stout trunk, wide spreading branches and a brilliant canopy of scarlet flowers that blooms every May through June, signaling the approach of summer.

Just beyond our majestic Royal Poinciana, you'll discover the Taru Gardens, a full acre of botanical beauty, featuring more than 5,000 plants and over 500 varieties of foliage from all over the world. Meander down quiet paths, and discover gazebos and benches hidden among streams and waterfalls. Don't miss the "Cenote," our naturalized, freshwater pool, where guests swim with fish!

Relax, explore and stay awhile! #

