

FRIENDS OF GREYSTONE



NEWS FROM THE MANSION

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Photo by Bernard Samstag

THEATRE 40 BRINGS “THE MANOR” BACK TO GREYSTONE

“The Manor,” Theatre 40’s critically-acclaimed, highly entertaining drama of intrigue and family tragedy created and presented especially for Greystone is returning to Greystone Mansion for a sixth season. The mansion is the scene of the crime that inspired this story by Kathrine Bates, who co-produces with David Hunt Stafford.

The fictionalized re-enactment chronicles the triumphs and travails of the prominent MacAlister family during the 1920s. Costumed performers inhabit the mansion’s opulent rooms and roam its echoing hallways to weave its tale. Audience members follow the actors through the mansion’s first floor as the tragic family saga is revealed.

PARK HOURS

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Standard Time

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Daylight Saving Time

— Going on at Greystone —

INSIDE RANGER TOURS

Park Ranger lead guided walking tours of the 1st floor of Mansion and Estate.

Saturday, March 15

Saturday, April 12

Fee: \$10. Minimum of 10 participants required.

Due to the historic character of Greystone Park there is limited disability access and many steps.

Advance Reservations Required

Call (310) 285-6850 for reservations;

(310) 285-6830 for information.

THEATRE 40 PRESENTS:

THE MANOR / MURDER & MYSTERY

Audience members follow the actors through the first floor of the mansion as the drama unfolds.

Saturday / Sunday Matinees at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday / Friday performances at 6:00 p.m.

March 1, 2 and 22

May 1, 2, 22 and 23

June 5, 6, 12 and 13

Light refreshments will be served

Seating is Limited.

Admission: \$45.

Comfortable shoes & warm clothing recommended.

Reservations required. Call (310) 364-0535

MUSIC IN THE MANSION

Sunday afternoons – 2:00 p.m.

March 16 – Jan Bratoz

April 20 – The AlmaNova Duo

May 11 – Midnight Winds Quintet

Tickets: \$20 – Adult

\$15 – Seniors, Students & minors 10+

Call (310) 285-6850 for tickets

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Friends of Greystone Chair Susan Rosen, Council Member Nancy Krasne, Friends of Greystone historian and archivist Katherine Timme, Council Member Linda Briskman and Friends of Greystone Event Co-Chair Allison Balson enjoy the afternoon's activities. Event Chair Elaine Glass was unavailable at the time of photo. **Photo:** Vicky Nguyen

FRIENDS OF GREYSTONE AND VERANDA MAGAZINE CO-HOSTS HISTORICAL TOUR

By Helene Harris

Wednesday, Nov. 7, during the 6th Annual Garden & Design Showcase at historic Greystone Estate, Veranda Magazine and the Friends of Greystone co-hosted a very special event. In addition to a self guided tour of the gardens and the many rooms decorated by American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) for the 2007 Garden & Design Showcase, guests were treated to a presentation by Greystone Historian and archivist, Katherine Timme, "Greystone: The Doheny Legacy," with an introduction by Veranda Magazine Editor, Deborah Sanders. At the reception held by the pool, guests enjoyed Kendall Jackson wines and catering by Patina as they tour the Estate's gardens. "The event was highly successful in increasing awareness of Greystone Estate and our continuing restoration campaigns," offered FOG Chairperson Susan Rosen. "We're looking forward to the 80th Anniversary of Greystone Mansion in Sept., 2008.

The Friends of Greystone is a broad based community volunteer organization created to preserve, protect and enhance Greystone Mansion. The Friends of Greystone promote ongoing activities for the enjoyment and enrichment of the public. All funds raised go exclusively to the benefit of Greystone Estate. For more information on the Friends of Greystone please visit the website at www.greystonemansionfriends.org



Four 1927 sconces ready to be revitalized, restored and reinstated in their proper home

RESTORING A "SPARK"

By Katherine Hyman Timme
Chair of the Greystone Restoration Committee

This year, the Friends of Greystone's new restoration project will give a special room in the mansion a bright new look. In 1999 while digging for Greystone artifacts, four very special sconces were unearthed in a basement room. Despite their protruding wires and miserable condition, they were a happy discovery. From 1969 to 1982 The American Film Institute leased the mansion from the City of Beverly Hills. At that time many of the existing sconces were removed from the walls in the study, the theater and other common rooms and replaced with more contemporary, and most likely serviceable, fixtures.

These sconces represent the only authentic light fixtures remaining in the mansion. They were designed by the B.B. Bell & Company in 1927. These lightning beauties belong to the North wing walls of the house in a room known as the "Boys Study" where the two eldest Doheny children, Edward and William shared the room.

— *Going on at Greystone* —
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TEA WITH TOTO AND DOROTHY

For 3 to 7 year olds only and their adult guest
(One adult per child is required for supervision)

*Join Dorothy and Toto for a very special afternoon
Tea and story book performance in the living room.*

Sunday, April 13, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Tickets:

BH Resident Adults: \$35. Children: \$25
Non-Resident Adults: \$44, Children: \$32

Call: (310) 285-6850 for tickets
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Left to right: Steve Clark, Randy Attia, Chanh Hang, Chae Yi, Sandra Martinez, Stephanie Grosch, Daniel Hernandez, Loku Jayasekara, Gabriel Jara, Veronica Franco, Richard Kleimeier.

GREYSTONE RANGERS PROVIDE A SURPRISING VARIETY OF SERVICES

The City of Beverly Hills Rangers Program started in the early 1990s with a couple of part-time staff donning polo shirts up at Greystone Park. Over the years the program has evolved into a professionally trained team of four full-time and nine part-time rangers, smartly outfitted in class A uniforms patrolling the city parks. Their presence helps keep order in the parks and ensures that all visitors can equally enjoy the parks.

At Greystone Mansion and Park, in addition to the routine enforcement of City municipal codes and the park's rules and regulations, the four full-time Rangers (Steven Clark, Daniel Hernandez, Gabriel Jara and Chae Yi) also oversee all film production, special events and lead guided walking tours of the mansion and park. This last duty requires an impressive knowledge of the history, the architecture and the unique elements that make Greystone so special.

Their mission is to enhance, educate and present a safe and comfortable environment for the community. Mission accomplished.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 21, 2008 on the grounds of historic Greystone Estate, there will be A Greystone Park Family Festival, co-hosted by the Friends of Greystone the City, Beverly Hills Fire Department and the Beverly Hills Police Department. Be sure to bring the family. Details to follow.

The Friends of Greystone sadly say goodbye to our dear friend and colleague, Willy Zwirn, who recently passed. Willy will be greatly missed.

FRIENDS OF GREYSTONE ORGANIZATION

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IN MEMORIAM

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WILLY ZWIRN

— *Weddings at Greystone* —

With many areas recently renovated, Greystone Estate provides an exclusive, unique setting for a very special wedding. The Formal Gardens, the Inner Courtyard, the recently renovated Pool area and the Terrace each have distinctive architectural features, providing elegance, grace and charm.

Wedding locations may be viewed without an appointment during Park hours. Greystone Park's hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from October through March, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from April through September.

Weddings are coordinated from the Greystone Estate Gatehouse. All weddings take place outdoors during normal park hours. Appointments to discuss, tour through the site and apply for permits are accommodated during regular business hours by contacting the office at 310.550.4796.

Membership

We would like to cordially invite you to become a member or donor and support the ongoing restoration projects of this historical landmark. All funds go exclusively to the benefit of Greystone Estate.

- \$35.00 Bronze Level (Active Member)
- \$50.00 Silver Level (Supporting Member)
- \$100.00 Gold Level (Patron Member)
- \$500.00 Platinum (Lifetime Benefactor)
- \$2,500.00 Diamond (President's Circle)
- _____ Please accept my donation
- _____ I would like to volunteer/become more involved

All members receive:

- 15% Discount on Greystone Merchandise
- Subscription to Newsletter
- Guided Tour of Greystone Mansion & Gardens (subject to availability)
- The Greystone "Great Escapes" Calendar
- Opportunity to volunteer at Greystone events

Platinum & Diamond donors also receive:

- Invitations to special events

For information: Call (310) 286-0119 or visit www.GreystoneMansion.org
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