Veranda’s 2008 “Great House”

By: Lauren Radoff Cohen, Editor

This year’s design showcase was a feast for the eyes and full of joie de vivre. Leading designers from across the globe, celebrities, local residents and others fancied the VIP and fundraising events at the Pacific Design Center and Greystone for two weeks.

FOG auctioned its coveted Private Dinners at the Mansion, estate and contemporary jewelry as well as other enticing merchandise. All money raised goes toward restoration.

The volunteers devoted much time but had oodles of fun. Check out Veranda’s March issue for fabulous photos and details about the designers.

Above: Actors, Bob Tannenbaum, Nancy Krause, Victor Bardack, Elliot Finkel, (City of Beverly Hills Treasurer), Max Salter (Former Mayor of Beverly Hills) & Marty Geimer

FRANKLIN & JEFFERSON
SEX, POLITICS AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

With two sold out performances in the living room to date, Franklin & Jefferson has made a splash at Greystone. Reserve tickets for an upcoming show - you will never look at our Founding Fathers and our struggle for Independence the same way again!

Through the words and actions of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson this is the exciting story of how that improbable dream was achieved. It begins with George Washington’s appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Armies and ends shortly after Franklin returns home from France. Thank you Victor Bardack for bringing this thought-provoking scripted reading to Greystone for the community to appreciate.

Saturday Matinee at 1:30 pm: March 28 or April 18
Friday Evening at 6 pm: April 17 or April 24
310.285.8830 Advance Registration Only
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LIKE A GRAND OLD LADY
IN A SMART GRAY GOWN,
GREYSTONE DREAMS OF HER PAST RENOWN
WITH DIGNITY, YET WE CAN SEE,
THIS HOUSE HAS A BEAUTY
THAT CAN BE SEEN AND TOUCHED.

I’VE LOOKED UP AT THE VENDERBILTS
FOR YEARS, AND START TO SEE... 
IF HER STONES COULD SPEAK, SHE
WILL HAVE MANY TALES TO TELL.
HIDDEN SECRETS BEYOND THE VEIL
OF HISTORY AND MYSTERY!
WEARING TO BE FOUND...

FOR CAMERAS HERE STILL ROLL!
ACTORS SING HER PRAISE!
AND GREAT DESIGNERS DECK HER HALLS
WITH FESTIVE EVENTS, ON FESTIVE DAYS,
TO BE SEEN BY ALL...

FOR THIS STATELY LADY
ON HER MOON SWEEP HILL.
THERE ARE DREAMS, WE ARE DREAMING STILL.
SHES THE TREASURE, BEYOND MEASURE,
OF BEVERLY HILLS!

JoyLea Parrish, a published writer & playwright,
generously submitted & donated this poem to the Friends
of Greystone for our publication, reproduction & use.
Heartfelt thanks to JoyLea.

THE TREASURE

Greystone Family Festival is June 14th
By: Lauren Radoff Cohen, Editor

Save the date! The 2nd Annual Greystone Family Festival is Sunday, June 14th.

Enjoy the afternoon with your children, grandchildren and friends at Greystone Park and Mansion. Last year’s event was so well received that Friends of Greystone decided to establish the event as an annual Welcome-to-Summer tradition. Enjoy docent-led tours of the Mansion, terrific food, entertainment and activities for all ages. Shop for merchandise as well.

The Beverly Hills Police will do a K-9 demonstration, the Fire Department will showcase vintage fire trucks and the Park Rangers will also give a presentation. There are also some (planned) surprises to delight the crowd. There will be different tours – one for adults as well as a shorter, age appropriate tour for families with younger children.

Stay tuned for more information on sign ups, tickets and volunteer opportunities. More information will also be forthcoming on the website, through the city and in the mail. As always, proceeds benefit restoration efforts.

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Festive Events at the Mansion

Top L: Model Lily Collins at Bridal Fashion Presentation
Top R: Summer Shakespeare Production in Courtyard
Lower L: Tea on the Terrace Table Setting
Lower R: Lawry’s Mystery Dinner in the Mansion

Congratulations Gay Parrish: Recipient of the City of Beverly Hills Recreation & Parks Department annual Volunteer Award.

On behalf of FOOG, Gay recruited, trained & organized volunteers for Veranda’s Great House.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT GREYSTONE…
A CHAT WITH BARBARA ROSENMAN

By: Lauren Radoff Cohen, Editor

If you have attended a wedding, Shakespeare reading, Jazz at the House, Tea on the Terrace or any special event at Greystone, Barbara Rosenman, Recreation Specialist for the City of Beverly Hills for more than 20 years, helped create the magic you experienced.

Working tirelessly from Greystone’s charming Gatehouse, Barbara is full of zest and passion. Always praising her colleagues, Friends of Greystone and the park,Rosenman, Barbara always praised her colleagues and friends. Friends of Greystone and the park, found joy in the park and the events they hosted. Rosenman, the park, and her work was always praised by her colleagues.

Barbara loves people, networking, new challenges and lives faithfully by her mother’s favorite adage, “you get more flies with honey than with vinegar”. She looks forward to seeing Greystone’s events evolve, especially as the house and grounds are restored and upgraded.

Outside of Greystone, Barbara is an avid traveler and enjoys yoga and spending time with her children. Outside of Greystone, Barbara is an avid traveler and enjoys yoga and spending time with her children.

DNC Fundraising Event at Greystone

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