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www.GreystoneMansion.org

*Friends of Greystone* is a nonprofit organization founded to preserve, protect and enhance Greystone Mansion, as well as promote ongoing activities for the enjoyment and enrichment of the public. Please support Greystone's ongoing restoration projects. All funds go exclusively to benefit restoration of the Greystone Estate, a public treasure in the City of Beverly Hills.

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## 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.

# 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



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



## Attn: Kids, Kids at Heart & Everyone

## Brite a poem, send a letter... draw a picture.

Share your memories & impressions of Greystone. Mail or email submissions to: Lauren Radoff Cohen at Friends of Greystone, P.O. Box 16938, Beverly Hills 90209 or friendsofgreystone@yahoo.com. Submissions will not be returned & may be printed & referenced by Friends of Greystone in the future. We look forward to sharing your entries with our readership.













## **Greystone Family Festival is June 14th**

By: Lauren Radoff Cohen, Editor

Save the date! The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 well so 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.











## THE TREASURE

LIKE A GRAND OLD LADY IN A SMART GRAY GOWN. GREYSTONE DREAMS OF HER PAST RENOWN WITH DIGNITY, YET WE CAN SEE, THERE IS MUCH AHEAD...

IF HER STONES COULD SPEAK, SHE'D HAVE SUCH TALES TO TELL; HIDDEN SECRETS BEYOND THE YEIL OF HISTORY AND MYSTERY! WAITING TO BE FOUND...

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

FOR THIS STATELY LADY ON HER MOON SWEPT HILL, THERE ARE DREAMS, WE ARE DREAMING STILL. SHE'S 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.





### 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** 





## 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 created 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 rangers, Barbara beams when describing the celebrity weddings and other grand events she coordinates. She was provided two weeks notice to coordinate via the DNC fundraiser for President Obama's address and only a few minutes notice when the Princess of Japan and her entourage requested a VIP Tour of the estate.

## **DNC Fundraising Event at Greystone**



Front Lto R: Cindy Brynan, Daniel Hernandez, Barbara Rosenman, Brad Meverowitz: Back L to R: Chae Yi, Steve Clark, President Obama, Steve Zoet

Barbara loves people, networking, new challenges and lives faithfully by my 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 who enjoys yoga and spending time with her children and grandchildren. FOG thanks Barbara Rosenman.

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

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



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## Going on at Greystone



Classical Concerts Sundays at 2 pm April 19 Steven Vanhauwaert, Pianist June 21 Malesha Jessie & Friends, Opera

Franklin & Jefferson Play - in the Grand Salon March 28 & April 18<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm April 17 & April 24: 6pm



Includes musical entertainment & tour of the first floor May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> & August 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm

2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GREYSTONE FAMILY FESTIVAL Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Food, music, tours & entertainment.

CATSKILLS WEST PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER CAMP June – August Unique Day Camp for Kids



SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK: AS YOU LIKE IT Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:30-7:30

Tickets 310.285.6850 Info: 310.285.6830 www.greystonemansion.org & www.beverlyhills.org

Park Hours 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Standard Time 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Daylight Saving Time