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# Special Event at Greystone By Lori Gordon

### Concert in the *Court*-vard

Saturday July 24th, the Concert in the Court-yard will feature the Los Angeles Lawyers Philharmonic with Founder-Conductor Gary S. Greene, Esq. The night will begin at 5 PM with a reception on the terrace, followed at 6 PM with the orchestra performing a program of popular and light classical music in the central courtyard.

The public is invited to attend this special evening; tickets are \$80 per person. As a special bonus, each ticket sold will also include a complementary one year Friends of Greystone membership at Partner Level. For those who would like to dine after the concert, we are offering dinner at Enoteca Drago (a short ride down the hill from Greystone, on Beverly Hills 'elite Canon Drive restaurant row). Tickets for the entire evening (reception, concert and dinner) are \$150.

You will have a chance to dine, meet new friends and tour the mansion to see the important restoration work that membership dollars helped make possible. More information is available at 310-286-0119 and www.greystonemansion.org.

*Net proceeds from this event go toward ongoing restoration* projects chosen by Friends of Greystone.



Lori Gordon FOG, Gary S. Greene, Esq. Founder-Conductor, June Lockhart, Marc Staenberg Executive Director BH Bar, Susan Rosen FOG.

## LO HIVERLY ON GREYSTONE MANSION

### Concours d'Elegance

On Sunday April 11, 2010, Friends of Greystone and the City of Beverly Hills sponsored the inaugural Greystone mansion "Concours d' Elegance", where hundreds of visitors attended the event. FOG conducted mansion tours and displayed a historic exhibit for the guests.



Orange County Visionary Developer and general contractor, Michael Harrah won the Spirit of Greystone Award

for his 1929 Packard Convertible Sedan. Pictured on left with Barry Meguiar the President and CEO of Meguiars.



The Concours exhibition included rare, vintage and celebrity-owned classics from pre-war and post-war eras.

The highlight of the event was Michael Harrah's entry a 1931 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Drop head coupe "Merlin Special" – 27 liter V12 Merlin Mark I aircraft engine (straight out of a 1938 Spitfire) fed by two fuel pumps delivering up to 100 gallons per hour to three Carter carburetors, approx. 1,100 BHP at 3,000 RPM.

In the background is Beverly Hills Police Chief Dave Snowden enjoying the demonstration of the roar of the powerful aircraft engine.

Michael Howard (left), group director of Tiffany's presenting an award for "Best of Ferrari" to Shane McCoy, who is driving her father's (Peter McCoy's) completely restored 1958 Ferrari 250 PF Cab Series 1 with her husband Louis Fermelia.





Best of Pre-War European, a 1929 Rolls Royce PI Ascot. The winners, Erick and Belva Baltzar, are pictured with Friends of Greystone Historian Katherine Timme.

# **Greystone Filming Trivia....Did you Know?**



in the Spiderman (2002) movie series, Greystone was the home of Henry Osborne's father, The Green Goblin.

In Indecent Proposal (1993), real estate agent Demi Moore showed millionaire Robert Redford through the empty living room. He did not like it.



The famous marriage of "Luke & Laura" on TV's General Hospital (1981) was taped in the gardens posing as the Port Charles Mayor's mansion.

# **Greystone Card Room**

by: Historian/Archivist Katherine Timme

Lucy Doheny, an avid bridge player, loved to play cards in a very special room called "The Card Room". The card room was as much an art showcase as it was a card room.



In 1928, the room was sparsely decorated with antiques from the Cheesewright Co. of Pasadena. Prominently displayed was a tri-pod style English card table, a baby grand piano and murals depicting scenes of Tuscany, painted by landscape artist John Frost.

Dominating the center of the room was an octagonal marble fountain with a bronze statue surrounded by a white Carrara and black Belgian marble floor.



By 1945, the card room had gone through a major transformation. The murals were replaced with French Chinoiserie wallpaper. The fountain, the furniture, and the piano were exchanged for a décor with much excess and a new Sheraton satinwood card table was added to the room. Lucy enjoyed playing cards so much that both card tables accompanied her when she moved to her future home at the "Knoll".

# **Greystone Renovation Projects**

### LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Inspired by the original landscape for Greystone by Paul Theine,

this renovation returns Greystone to the historic period of the 1920's. Phase III is a 2-acre area encompassing the Doheny Road streetscape, the Main and Secondary Entry Gates, the original Rose Garden, and the gardens surrounding the historic Greenhouse. The historic, formal Rose

Garden adjacent to the Gate

House will be renovated



using original brick walks, and will include an area with a large shady oak tree that will provide an intimate place to relax and enjoy the view of the Mansion above.



### KITCHEN ADDITION

The installation of a "commercial quality grade" catering kitchen was completed on the first floor servants' wing and includes everything a professional chef would require! It has a walkin freezer/refrigerator, ovens, dish-washing elements, pastry preparing equipment,

coffee makers, ice makers and storage units for all necessary supplies. A lift has been installed to bring items downstairs to the main floor of the mansion. Now that the kitchen is complete, staff are working on a business plan for Greystone in-house caterer(s).



Limited seating.

Teen Activities

BHUSD students with valid ID (13 and above).

# Wedding at Greystone

Benny Hayoun and his beautiful bride, Auria Mehterian, married July 8, 2009 on the Terrace of Greystone Mansion.

They are celebrating their first anniversary with memories of their Greystone wedding day.



Ian Ziering, one of the original stars of Beverly Hills 90210, with FOG youth Board Member, Natalie Gordon, who volunteered at Concours d'Elegance

### On the Garden Front...

by: Elaine S. Glass

The late fall garden show event "Le Jardin" originally planned for November, 2010, has now been moved to the weekend of September 16, 17 and 18, 2011. The official kick-off gala will take place on Thursday evening, September 15.

Le Jardin promises to be a spectacular event and will include many venues such as cooking demonstrations, gardening classes, lectures,

book signings, vendors, growers and more. There will also be brunches and afternoon teas, both inside Greystone Mansion and on the terrace. The steering committee is in the process of identifying participants and will have more information available in the next newsletter.



# VIP Tours at Greystone

FOG docents were invited and delighted to participate in the 22nd

Vintage Bouquet Charity Wine Auction Event hosted by the Beverly Hills Bar Association Barristers. Approximately two hundred VIP guests enjoyed first floor tours that included



small collection of historical photos along with family facts and history about Greystone Mansion.

# Friends of Greystone Page on



by: Kathy Melamed

Love of historic landmark Greystone Mansion mixed with social networking plus cyberspace equals The Friends of Greystone Facebook Page! The Friends of Greystone are proud of our increasingly popular presence on Facebook. The FOG page connects people with a passion for Greystone. Be the first to get unique updates on events, see rare photos, and join the conversation by sharing your thoughts.

Our fan base is growing on a daily basis, with people joining us from all over the world. What better way to celebrate that love than to become a fan on Facebook. Find and join us Facebook by searching "Friends of Greystone".

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# **Upcoming at Greystone 2010**

### THEATRE 40: THE MANOR/MURDER AND MYSTERY

This fall Theatre 40 will be on a hiatus at Greystone but will return in January 2011. Information on other Theatre 40 programs: 310.694.6118

#### **GREYSTONE FRIGHT NIGHTS**

Do you have the nerve to join the Park Rangers for a scary night time tour of Greystone Mansion? Learn about the strange activities that have occurred in this deserted mansion. Are the haunting rumors true? Find out for yourself....if you dare.

Friday, October 22nd 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Saturday, October 23rd 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Friday, October 29th 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Saturday, October 30th 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Tickets: \$25

No children under 12 years old; Children 12 to 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets: 310.285.6850 | Information: 310.285.6830

### INSIDE GREYSTONE PRIVATE RANGER TOUR

The History/The Gardens/The Architecture/The Mansion. Join the Park Ranger on Saturday for a guided walking tour of Greystone Mansion and Estate grounds. See the gardens, learn about the mansion's English Gothic architecture, as well as, the history of how the City acquired this jewel. Tour lasts approximately 11/2 hours. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and warm clothing. Due to the historic character of Greystone Park, there are many areas with limited disability access. Private tours can be scheduled, subject to availability and film schedule. No one under 12 years old. Children 12 to 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Fees: \$15 per person

Date: December 4

Day: Saturday (option of: 10:00am or 2:00pm)

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ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY: 310.285.6850

AND AS SPACE PERMITS

### MAGIC IN THE MANSION

On Friday, August 6th, there will be a very special evening to benefit Theater 40! Magic In The Mansion from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

Four remarkable MAGICIANS from The Magic Castle will perform fabulous feats of prestidigitation in the fabled rooms of Greystone Mansion. Enjoy complimentary Wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Call Theatre 40 for reservations & information: 310.364.0535.

Ticket: \$100.00 per person.