

Inspiring Individuals: A Legacy of Leadership in the Hudson River Valley



An all-day conference
Saturday, March 19, 2011
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Where

Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the
Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and the
Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site
Route 9, Hyde Park, New York

Registration fee

\$60 per person
Includes coffee and tea in the morning,
luncheon catered by Gigi Hudson Valley
and afternoon Great Estates site tours.
(\$10 additional for Payne Estate tour.)

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Inspiring Individuals: A Legacy of Leadership in the Hudson River Valley, the 7th annual conference organized by the Great Estates Consortium, will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2011 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home.

Inspiring Individuals will explore the leadership roles of inspiring Hudson River Valley personalities including Margaret Beekman Livingston, Frederic Church, and Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. The conference has been planned to coincide with Hudson Valley Restaurant Week 2011. This fifth annual valley-wide event will take place between March 14 - 27, and will showcase this scenic New York State region as a premier culinary destination. Visit www.hudsonvalleyrestaurantweek.com.

Kjirsten Gustavson, Curator of Education, Clermont State Historic Site, will discuss Margaret Beekman Livingston as one of the most storied members of the Livingston family. The widowed matriarch was the head of household at Clermont for almost 25 years, and her indomitable spirit sparked family tales that lasted for generations. But what does history tell us about her life? Ms. Gustavson will investigate documents from Clermont's collections and beyond to find the truth behind the legends of "the Old Lady of Clermont."

Valerie Balint, Associate Curator at Olana State Historic Site, will explore the meteoric rise of Hudson River School painter Frederic Edwin Church, who had garnered international acclaim by his thirtieth birthday. His reputation and fame secure by the time he moved to the Hudson Valley in 1860, he continued to be acknowledged as the premiere painter of this first truly American school of art; a writer asserting in his 1900 obituary that Church was "The commanding genius of that day." Ms. Balint will trace Frederic Church's extraordinary artistic career, but will also discuss the impact he made on his students including notable artists Walter

Launt Palmer and Lockwood de Forest. While Church is most often discussed as an artist and occasionally as a collector, few are aware that he was also a benefactor who made significant gifts to the growing cultural institutions in the United States. The lecture will introduce new aspects of this singularly recognized artist, whose reach went well beyond his epic canvases!

After a brief coffee break Jeffrey Urbin, Education Specialist, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum, will present *Leaders and Land Owners: The Roosevelts and the Hudson Valley Connection*. Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's influence has been felt in every corner of the world. From Poughkeepsie to Pakistan, from Hyde Park to Hong Kong, from South Road to South Africa their voices brought the hometown values of the Hudson Valley to the war torn hovels of the World. In so doing, they inspired not just their own generation, but each generation that followed; and not just their own countrymen, but people around the world. The Roosevelts had houses in Washington, Albany, Warm Springs, Georgia, and New York City; but only in Hyde Park did they have a home.

Lunch will be provided by Gigi Hudson Valley, inspired by historic recipes from Alice Livingston from Clermont State Historic Site and featuring local food. Laura Pensiero, RD chef/owner, Gigi Hudson Valley, will introduce the lunch and share with participants how she uses local farm products for her business and the current state of farming in Dutchess County.

Following lunch conference attendees will have the opportunity to visit participating Great Estates where they will be given an opportunity to engage in special behind-the-scenes tours and activities. Each site will pair with a restaurant offering visitors a Hudson Valley treat. There is an additional \$10.00 bus fee for visitors to the Payne Mansion, but no additional cost for visits to other historic sites. *Participants must pre-register to participate in the afternoon site visits.*

AFTERNOON SITE VISITS

Historic Colonel Oliver Hazard Payne Mansion – One of the most historically and architecturally significant homes in the Hudson River Valley, the Payne Mansion is a 42,000-square-foot Beaux Arts-style palazzo designed by the famed Manhattan firm of Carrère and Hastings, architects of the New York Public Library and the Frick Museum. It was built in 1905 by Colonel Oliver Hazard Payne, a brigadier general in the Civil War who founded an oil refinery that was later bought by John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Co. Colonel Payne went on to serve as Treasurer of Standard Oil. He became one of the wealthiest men of his generation.

After Colonel Payne's death in 1917, the mansion passed first to his nephew Harry Payne Bingham, then to the Episcopal Diocese of New York, which converted it into the Wiltwyck School for Boys. In 1942, part of the estate was sold to the Marist Brothers, who used it as a school and retreat house. In 1986 the mansion, boathouse, and 60 acres of land were purchased from the Marist Brothers and restored to their former glory by Mr. Raymond A. Rich, one of the most successful businessmen and industrialists of the 20th century. Upon his death in 2009, he bequeathed the property to Marist College to create the Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development.

Payne Mansion tour attendees will receive a Hudson Valley treat from Lola's Café in Poughkeepsie, New York. *Access only by bus, limit of 30 people per tour.*

Staatsburgh State Historic Site – Visit the “downstairs” rooms of the mansion that until recently had served as offices for the employees of the Taconic Region of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. These rooms, including the kitchen, the sculleries, the pastry room, the Butler's office and the male servant's bedrooms, will soon be restored by the Friends of Mills Mansion. Leave with a special treat from Terrapin Catering in Staatsburg.

Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site – *Servants To Stewards* tour. Guests are assigned the character of a servant and learn about their role in the running of the household. This tour requires climbing 74 stairs and is not handicap accessible. Comfortable shoes are strongly recommended. Following the tour the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt Historical Association will provide attendees with a Hudson Valley treat.

Locust Grove Estate – Be one of the first to tour the third floor of Locust Grove's historic mansion! Closed to the public for more than 30 years, the third floor includes bedrooms for house and scullery maids, a guest suite boasting a balcony overlooking the Hudson River, and store-rooms for linens and luggage. Now in the process of restoration prior to opening to the general public in the spring, the third floor will be open for the first ten registrants who sign up. You'll need to be comfortable climbing three steep flights of stairs, but you'll have a tasty cookie from Crumb Bakery in Beacon as your reward when you finish!

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum (*self-guided*) – Explore the life and times of America's only four-term president in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, only a short walk from the conference venue. The exhibits trace a story from FDR's birth at Hyde Park in 1882 through the dramatic years of his presidency, and include the life and career of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Before attendees tour the museum, Mrs. Nesbitt's Café will provide attendees with a special treat.

Seating for this conference and space on the historic site tours are limited, and meals and refreshments are included in the conference fee, so pre-registration is required. For additional information please call (845) 889-8851, x336.

Located in the heart of the historic Hudson River Valley, these magnificent properties offer great art, architecture, gardens, landscapes, hiking trails, special events, astonishing views, house tours, picnicking, museum shops, and more.

Staatsburgh State Historic Site

Staatsburgh, New York (845) 889-8851
www.staatsburgh.org

Olana State Historic Site

Hudson, New York (518) 828-0135
www.olana.org

Locust Grove Estate

Poughkeepsie, New York (845) 454-4500
www.lgny.org

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum

Hyde Park, New York (800) FDR-VISIT
www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu

Hudson River Valley Institute

Supported by a major grant from The National Endowment for the Arts
Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York (845) 575-3052
www.hudsonrivervalley.net

Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site

Hyde Park, New York (845) 229-9115
www.nps.gov/hofr

Wilderstein Historic Site

Rhinebeck, New York (845) 876-4818
www.wilderstein.org

Cedar Grove

Catskill, New York (518) 943-7465
www.thomascole.org

Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (Val-Kill)

Hyde Park, New York (845) 229-9115
www.nps.gov/elro

Clermont State Historic Site

Germantown, New York (518) 537-4240
www.friendsofclermont.org

Montgomery Place

Annandale-on-Hudson, New York (845) 758-5461
www.hudsonvalley.org

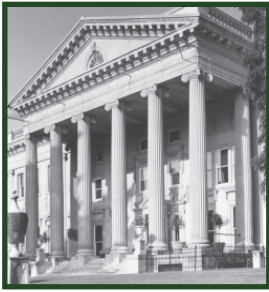
Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site

Hyde Park, New York (845) 229-9115
www.nps.gov/vama

FEATURED HISTORIC SITE:

Historic Col. Oliver Hazard Payne Mansion,

Home of The Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development
Esopus, NY (845) 575-3600
www.marist.edu



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Vanderbilt Mansion

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

The registration fee is **\$60 per person**. This includes a continental breakfast, the morning coffee break, a luncheon catered by Gigi Hudson Valley (at the Henry A. Wallace Center) and afternoon Great Estates site tours. **Additional \$10 bus fee for Payne Mansion tour. Seating is limited. Advance registration required.**

Please select one (per time slot) of the following afternoon options:

1:30 pm **Historic Col. Oliver Hazard
Payne Mansion (add \$10)
and Lola's Café**

**Staatsburgh State Historic Site
and Terrapin Catering in Staatsburgh**

**FDR Presidential Library
and Mrs. Nesbitt's Café**

**Vanderbilt Mansion NHS
and the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt
Historical Association**

**Locust Grove Estate
and Crumb Bakery**

3:30 pm **Historic Col. Oliver Hazard
Payne Mansion (add \$10)
and Lola's Café**

**FDR Presidential Library
and Mrs. Nesbitt's Café**

I prefer not to attend an afternoon session.

Checks should be made out to: *Friends of Mills Mansion*.

Please charge \$ _____ to my (circle one): Mastercard Visa

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Name (as printed on card) _____

Signature _____

Mail payment with this form to: **The Great Estates Consortium**
c/o Friends of Mills Mansion
P. O. Box 416
Staatsburgh, NY 12580

For additional information call (845) 889-8851, extension 336.