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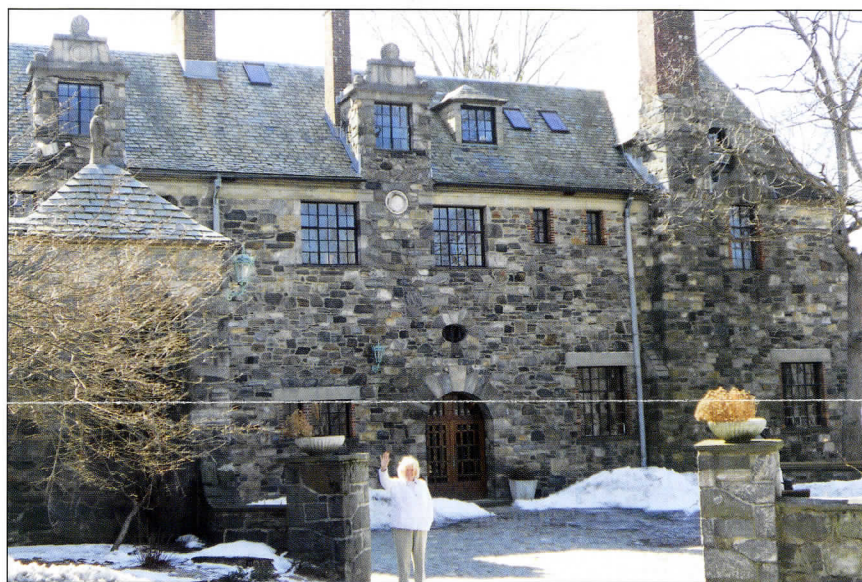
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2011 Annual Meeting – Wednesday, April 27th – 7:30 pm The Mansion at Rosecliff

Dear Members and Friends:

March 2011

You are most cordially invited to the Society's Annual Meeting in The Mansion at Rosecliff, on the site of the former Harden Estate, The Wilderness, which is just off Long Hill Road West.



The Mansion at Rosecliff: this historic, stately Italianate mansion built by Edward Harden in the 1920's -- our Annual Meeting site -- has a courtyard paved with Belgian cobblestones

The meeting will include:

- **A very brief business meeting and election of officers**
- **Review of the past year**, including results of our Member Survey, with a few interesting surprises
- **Status of the Society's new home** in the Briarcliff Library
- **Announcement of upcoming activities**, including a unique historic presentation on The Briarcliff Lodge at The Club at Briarcliff Manor, plus a look ahead at exciting fall events!
- **Brief profile of The Wilderness and Rosecliff** and the interesting role this property has played in our Village history
- **Visual presentation of "Touring Westchester: Historic Treasures In Our Own Backyard"**, by Katie Hite, Executive Director of the Westchester

County Historical Society. These attractions have been gleaned from "Picturing Our Past", a full-color, hard-cover volume recently published by the WCHS, featuring county sites on the National Register. This

presentation will probably turn you into a local traveler very soon.

• **Refreshments** and the fun of mixing with friends and neighbors in a very special place.

Edward Walker Harden was a major newspaper editor, member of the NYSE and friend of Frank Vanderlip. He bought several acres between Sleepy Hollow and Long Hill Roads in the 1920s and later bought the neighboring Brandywine estate. Our ornate meeting site was his home during his later life, and evidence of his intriguing personal touches remains. The Mansion's use is strictly limited to Rosecliff residents. We are most fortunate to be allowed access for our meeting.

Our speaker, **Katie Hite**, originally from Wisconsin, has been with the WCHS for 15 years, has lived in Westchester for 42 years and really knows local history. She received

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Officers and Board Members of the Society gathered outside our new home in the Briarcliff Library prior to the October Bus Tour

her BA from Northwestern University with a double major in English and Political Science. Prior to her present affiliation, she was Director of Alumni Relations and Major Gifts for Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville. Katie's son Andrew and his family live in Briarcliff— and used to live in Rosecliff.

Our annual meeting is never a “member’s only” function, but space is limited to approximately 80. Please put the date on your calendar and reserve space now by calling 941-4393 with the number in your party. This will help give us an accurate count. Many thanks.



A nearby “Backyard Treasure”: Greeley House: built in the 1850s; home to Horace; almost demolished; saved; became a gift shop, then restaurant; now the New Castle Historical Society’s home, it was put on the National Register in 1979

To report on 2010 projects, last year’s letter mentioned the first Houses of Worship Tour in February and the amazing March 21st housewarming & dedication of our new home on the lower level of the expanded Briarcliff Library. More than 200 Society members and friends gathered to see what their generous donations had made possible, and they were as excited as our Officers and Board were about the wonderful result. We’re still filing, cataloging and archiving – and we’ll be open soon!

In other news, the 2010 Annual Meeting at The Great Hall at Edith Macy Conference Center in April was like meeting in a National Park Lodge. There were two fireplaces, lots of stone and wood, a terrific presentation by Scott Craven on local historic surprises, and by Dave Vogt, the center’s General Manager, on Edith Macy’s unique role in the community. All that, plus good food, drink and conversation, made all 80-plus of us feel most fortunate to have such a world-class his-

toric attraction in our midst.

In May, we participated in the second “Arts Abloom” day at the Library, sponsored by BriCA, and early in June we awarded the Eileen Weber Scholarship at Briarcliff High School. Later in June, we held our second Houses of Worship Tour with more than 40 attendees. It included visits to Congregation Sons of Israel, Holy Innocents Anglican Church and St. Mary’s Episcopal Church.

After a heavy-lifting summer moving archives from storage to the Library, we participated in Family Day at Law Park. Our “Join the Historic Astronauts” toss game with prizes for the kids was well received and all enjoyed the very professional fireworks.

October included a table at the outdoor “Harvest in the Village” sale and resumption of our classic Briarcliff Bus Tour.

The bus went out full – all 34 seats – and provided a comfortable, interesting ride, with good weather and sparkling commentary by our leader, Betsy O’Leary, and her compatriot, Eileen Weber. The tour came back to a truly epicurean reception at Betsy and John O’Leary’s home. What a great day!!

Your membership helps the Society provide compelling events that keep the past alive. Please send in your dues now while it’s on your mind. We appreciate your financial help and also welcome your personal involvement. If you’re interested, email or phone us so we can discuss your comments and ideas. We’ve already noticed a decided uptick in requests for information and help since we moved into the library. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mimi Boe & Tom Vincent – Co-Presidents

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Please Note: Membership dues cover our yearly operating costs. Additional donations are welcome and can be designated for any special fund – scholarship or museum/archival center. To ensure proper credit please complete the entire return envelope. Many thanks.

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(Note: Our membership year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st of the calendar year)

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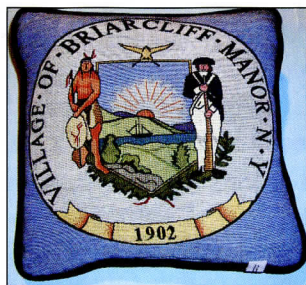
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Annual Meeting at Rosecliff, April 27th & Briarcliff Lodge Presentation, May 19th



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR III – SUN, MARCH 27TH– 130 PM - Meet at Faith Lutheran Brethren Church Parking Lot

We will also tour Saint Theresa Catholic Church, built on the original Stillman Farm and Walter Law's office sites. This will complete visits to all eight Village houses of worship in your own car as our guests. Then join the reception in our Library home for refreshments, memorabilia display and to meet representatives from all eight locations. Call 941-4393 to reserve.

ANNUAL MEETING– WED, APRIL 27th – 730 PM –The Mansion at Rosecliff

This is the celebrated and majestic centerpiece of the 1920s Harden Estate — The Wilderness -- perfect for our meeting, refreshments and enjoying members and friends. Be our guest, but limit of 80, so please do make reservations at 941-4393.

BRIARCLIFF LODGE: “THE ULTIMATE RE- SORT” PRESENTATION THURSDAY, MAY 19TH–3 PM–The Club At Briarcliff Manor

Author of both *The Briarcliff Lodge* and *Hudson Valley Ruins*, Rob knows Briarcliff and its history intimately. This historical slide presentation focuses on both the Village and the Lodge – the latter originally on the site of this presentation. This site will now be the home of a dramatic and remarkable continuing care retirement community – The Club at Briarcliff Manor –with whom we are co-sponsoring the event. It will be held in their new Information and Design Center at 25 Scarborough Road, with light refreshments and an optional tour of The Club's three outstanding model homes. To make a reservation, please call 923-4050. Space is limited so do call soon.

SPECIAL FALL EVENTS

Several events and activities are being considered, including a Hudson River cruise, a wine-tasting, a variety of historic speakers and a prequel event for next year's celebration of the Village's 110th year and Walter Law's 175th birthday! Please check our website at briarcliffhistory.org frequently for the latest information, or for questions or comments.