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Historical Society

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2012 Annual Meeting – Sunday, April 29th – 2:00-4:00 pm The Law Mansion

Dear Members and Friends:

March 2012

We take great pleasure in inviting you to the Society's Annual Meeting at the Manor House of Irene and Paul Bogoni – formerly the mansion home of our Village's founder, Walter W. Law – on Scarborough Road. Our gracious hosts, who allowed us to hold our Annual Meet-

Today, the Bogoni home is still amazing, but different. Recalling a Venetian Palace, it is actually much more. They have created a true landmark and a real showplace. It's a great tribute to their creative vision, which has been realized down to the smallest detail. This will certainly be a memorable event.



Walter Law's Mansion on Scarborough Road is even more fabulous under the Bogoni's care than it was when he bought it in 1891

ing here six years ago, have kindly invited us back so more of you have a chance to see and enjoy their stunning home.

The meeting will include:

- **A very brief business meeting and election of officers.**
- **Review of the past year.**
- **Announcement of upcoming activities**, including a unique "night at the movies" in honor of a famous local celebrity film star, a special display you can take part in, plus a look ahead at exciting fall events!
- **Brief profile of The Manor House and the Law family** and the interesting role both played in our Village history.
- **Visual presentation: "Knowing Where You Live"** – an introduction to discovering more about the specific history of your home, with special tips and a brochure to take home. The speaker will be Robert Little, Scarborough resident and an expert in property matters through a long career involving legal and government research into real estate holdings in the tri-state area.
- **Refreshments** and a chance to catch up with friends and neighbors at this very special private estate.

The Manor House was purchased by Walter W. Law in 1891 and had 25 rooms, 18 fireplaces, a 5,000 volume library, and a bowling alley.

Our annual meeting is never a "members only" function, but space is limited to approximately 80. Please put the date on your calendar and reserve space now by calling 941-4393, or visiting mail@briarcliffhistory.org. Be sure to include the number of people in your party.

(Note: you should also know that our regular Board Meetings (third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm) are also open. We welcome members and friends to join in. Just let us know you're coming (941-4393.)

Quick look at last year

To report on 2011 events, in February we were asked by Wells-Fargo Bank to help them create a photo mural in the entryway of the former Wachovia Bank. After lots of research and editing, we submitted photos and captions and were happy to receive a nice donation to the Society for our efforts. The mural looks great!

Our third and final Houses of Worship Tour took place in March, visiting Faith Lutheran Brethren and St. Theresa Roman Catholic churches. Followed by a reception in our Historical Center, there were attendees from all three tours, plus several staff members from houses of worship. It was agreed that visits to these esteemed Village sites should be repeated.

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Past Presidents: John Manuele, Carol Haddad (front), here with Co-Presidents Tom Vincent and Mimi Boe, were honored at a special October reception

Our Annual Meeting in April at Rosecliff was a knockout. The ornate home of Edward Harden, whose estate was originally named *The Wilderness*, is now central to Rosecliff social life and limited to use by residents. We were fortunately allowed access for our meeting. Katie Hite, Director of the Westchester County Historical Society, gave a terrific presentation on National Register properties in the county, followed by excellent refreshments and much good cheer.

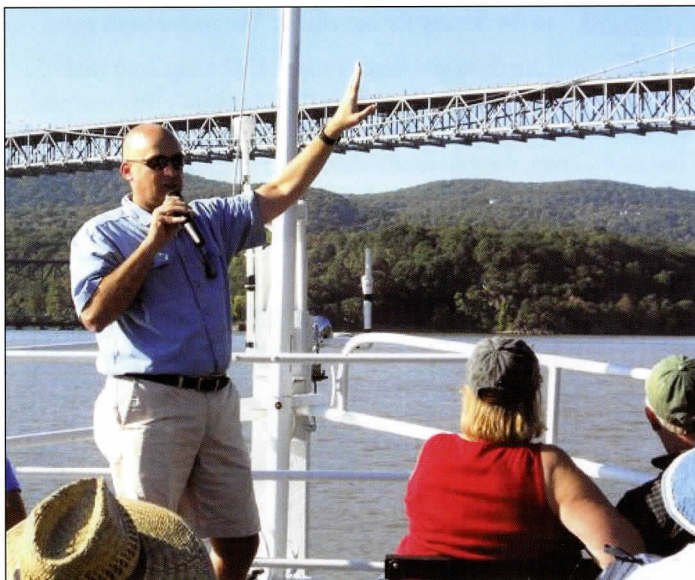
Revisiting the Lodge

In May, with The Club at Briarcliff Manor as co-sponsors, we hosted a Briarcliff Lodge presentation by Rob Yasinsac at The Club's Information & Design Center. It was most appropriate for this event to take place on the actual spot where the Lodge existed for many wonderful years. Attendees also enjoyed refreshments and a tour of The Club's professionally-decorated model homes.

In June, we mounted a display of antique glass bottles from Briarcliff Farms, The Briarcliff Water Company, and other vitreous treasures. These included a Mason jar from the 1800s and several original French perfume flasks from the early 1900s. These items were loaned by Dawn Orza, who found them by digging in the family's back yard off Chappaqua Road when she was a child. Visitors found the exhibit fascinating and some asked what other displays were coming up. The answer came after Labor Day.

Hook & Ladder's 75th

In late September, to celebrate the Hook & Ladder Company's 75th Anniversary, we were fortunate to house a beautifully-prepared display of H&L's contributions to the community in words and pictures. Designed by the firemen themselves, it told the story of a small town volunteer organization from 1936, through WWII to today. A well-attended reception kicked off many visits right through late October.



On our Commander Cruise, Scott Craven gave us Bear Mt. Bridge history and tons more fascinating Hudson lore

A cruise to remember

In early October, we hosted the most popular *Commander Hudson* Cruise in our history. With nearly 100 passengers, we cruised up to

Cold Spring for the first time and discovered more about the lower Hudson than we thought possible from the inestimable Scott Craven. He continually amazes us with his knowledge, personality and charm. Disembarking passengers asked us to cruise again soon.

In late October we hosted a wine and cheese reception to honor two treasured Society members – Carol Haddad and John Manuele. After 30-plus years Carol is leaving the Society's Board. Her leadership has been a major factor in fostering the heritage of our community. John headed our board as president and provided safe harbor for the entire furnishings of a home, donated to the Society many years ago – many of which now grace our new home.

Enlightening seminars

Our final 2011 event, the Family & Home Discovery Seminar, November 6th, was sabotaged by the crazy Halloween Storm. We postponed it until this year and decided genealogy and home history were too much for a two-hour session. This February, we explored genealogy with Larry Fermi – who got rave reviews from 50 attendees -- and moved home history with Bob Little to the Annual Meeting.

Looking forward, please note two other fast-approaching items in Upcoming Events – the Map Display and the special Movie Night. We would love to feature your historical maps or drawings along with those we have on hand. We're also looking forward to a very special movie outing, reception and tribute, along with members of the Ossining Historical Society. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Members keep us rolling

Your membership helps the Society provide compelling events and activities that keep the past alive – and we're really on a roll. 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 – or stop in at our Historic Center home in the library any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. We'll be happy to talk over your comments and ideas. Also, visit our website for more information and news about our role in the community.

With a permanent home, targeted events and informative speakers, we're increasing our ability to help promote local history in many different interesting ways. With this increased vitality, we hope you'll want to join us in continuing our role as the flag bearer for the heritage of our Village. Please join us in "making history" in Briarcliff Manor and Scarborough!

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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 (donation to the Eileen Weber Scholarship Fund for BHS Seniors in honor of a graduate is a great gift opportunity) or museum/archival center. To ensure proper credit, please complete the entire return envelope – especially your current email address – so we can keep you properly informed. Many thanks.

Briarcliff Manor/Scarborough Historical Society

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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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Now geared up for show and tell, Society displays last year featured glass treasures from Briarcliff Farms, among others— seen here with our Karen Smith—and the Hook & Ladder Company's 75th Anniversary display. This year, local maps are on tap. starting April 10th.

INDIVIDUAL

Joan Austin, Sandra Austin, Bertan Cikigil, Priscilla Ewing, Barbara Gilbert, Joan Glascott, Miguel Hernandez, Sidney & Lana Hiller, W. Jean Horkans, Robert Kelderhouse, Barbara Lewis, Carolyn Lynch, Tina Messina, Diane Mezzatesta, Grant North, Maxine Olson, Marilyn Remy, Ruth Schwab, Henry Stroobants, Evelyn Tukururu, Richard Verardo

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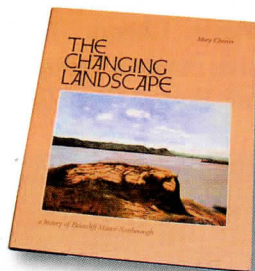
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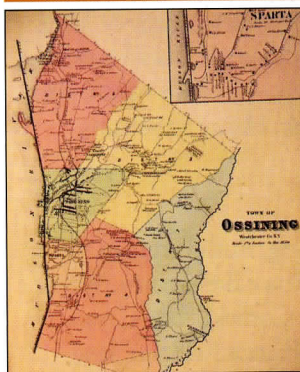
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Annual Meeting at The Law Mansion Sunday, April 29th & Movie Night Tribute, May 17th

UPCOMING EVENTS Mark Your Calendars!



SPECIAL DISPLAY: MAPS, DRAWINGS & ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIALS of Early Briarcliff & New York! April 10th thru June 30th at our Historical Center home in the library

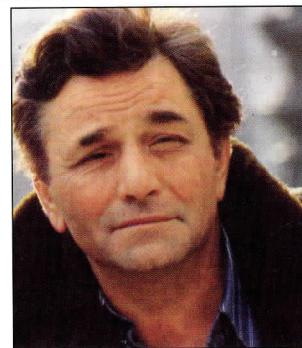
This presentation will showcase many archive items that relate to early life in the community and surroundings. Most are prior to WWII, but some geographic

changes have been made since which have led to interesting maps and drawings. We welcome your own contributions to the display and will be happy to look over any materials you care to show – as well as give you proper credit for those chosen. This Ossining map is dated 1867. Please call George Behling at 417-7041 for further information.

MOVIE NIGHT TRIBUTE TO PETER FALK: MEMORIAL PRESENTATION, "The In-Laws" Screening & Reception! Thursday, May 17th – 5:00 pm – The Ossining Library Budarz Theater

John Farr analyzes movies and stars like nobody else. His multi-media enterprise, *Best Movies by Farr*, promotes film

via lectures, a 2,400 film website, a weekly *Huffington Post* film column, and appearances on PBS, CNN and NBC. John's a great fan of the late Peter Falk, who grew up in Ossining on Prospect Ave (now Peter Falk Place). John will review Falk's amazing career and introduce probably the funniest movie of the 47 he appeared in, "The In-Laws." After the



screening, a wine and cheese reception will let us reminisce about this special man. The evening is co-hosted with the Ossining Historical Society and members of either Society will be admitted for \$12; friends for \$15. Library rules require all payments to be made in advance. Please send checks to "BMSHS", Box 11, Briarcliff Manor NY 10510.

SPECIAL FALL EVENTS Among the events and activities we're actively working on are a gala wine dinner, an antiques auction and additional seminar presentations on your favorite subjects. We're also considering a musical history of Briarcliff– a cabaret show in celebration of the Village's 110th Year and Walter Law's 175th birthday. Visit briarcliffhistory.org for up-to-date information, to ask questions or make comments.