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Second Annual Founders Dinner Honors Bedford Riding Lanes Association

By Nancy Dexter

The period rooms and Ballroom at the John Jay Homestead were transformed on Saturday, March 7, into the elegant setting for a black-tie dinner celebrating the many contributions of the Bedford Riding Lanes Association (BRLA) to the Bedford community. The BRLA received the Second Annual Founders Award from Friends of John Jay Homestead to acknowledge their contributions to the community and the state and to thank the group for partnering with the Friends on many projects. The Award was presented to BRLA president Barbara Matarazzo-Silverman.



Founders Award Dinner Committee

In the front hall and period rooms, wine and champagne were passed, along with plentiful hors d'oeuvres prepared by Robbins Wolfe Eventeurs. During the dinner, Friends Chairman Mackin Pulsifer discussed the many ways in which the BRLA and the Friends missions are intertwined, and cited examples of how these groups assist one another in completing projects including the Perimeter Riding Trail (2002); the Draft Horse Barn Restoration (2003);

and the ongoing Carriage Barn restoration project, which will soon result in a new Education and Visitor Center at the site.

Members of the Dinner Committee were (see photo 1. to r.) Charlotte Kooyman, Mary Anne Hawley, Alex Hamer, Bob Torre, Sascha Douglass Greenberg, Barbara Matarazzo-Silverman, and Marian Torre. Shirley Bianco and Barbara Gatfield are not pictured.

The 90 guests at this festive event included many members of the BRLA and Friends of John Jay Homestead. The most colorful group was undoubtedly the five foxhunters from the Golden's Bridge Hounds, based in North Salem, all of whom wore their formal hunt attire for the occasion.



(l. to r.): Fellow foxhunters Eugene Colley, Stephen Mulligan, Ken Silverman, Mackin Pulsifer and Ed Kelly, in formal hunt attire.

Photos by Megan Dey

This dinner follows the first annual Founders Award Dinner, held on March 8, 2008, honoring Lloyd Bedford Cox, Jr. The Friends plan to continue the presentation of the Founders Award, to honor individuals or groups who have made extraordinary contributions to the community and the state.

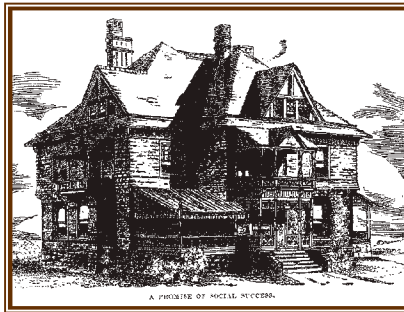
Preview Cocktail Party and House Tour in May

By Nancy Dexter

The 2009 House & Garden Tour, sponsored by Friends of John Jay Homestead (FOJH), has an exciting new format this year. The Tour will kick off with a Preview Cocktail Party on the evening of Friday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. to benefit Friends of John Jay Homestead, the Bedford Historical Society and the Bedford Hills Historical Museum. The party will take place at *Stonecrest*, an elegant Queen Anne style home (1879), that will be featured on the tour as well.

The House Tour itself will take place on Wednesday, May 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Designed as a walking tour of the "Woodpile," it is composed of five historic homes built by the Wood family between 1845 and 1910, four of which are on the National Register of Historic Places. The Honorary Co-chairs are the former residents of *Braewold*, Jim and Twink Wood. Chair of the House Tour Committee is Linda Mahon, and committee members include Allison Bamford, Michael DeCandia, Ginger Getz, Eric Hadar, Andrea Herron, Pamela Hubbard, Jennifer Madden, Nancy and Paul Ross, John Stockbridge, Natalie Strauel, Melissa Vail and Deborah White. The tour is sponsored by Houlihan Lawrence Real Estate.

Luncheon will be available for \$20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and lunches must be reserved in advance. Tickets are \$125 each for the cocktail party, \$175 - \$500 for the party and tour; \$60 for the tour only for members of FOJH, and \$80 for tour only for non-members. All proceeds from the House and Garden Tour will fund acquisitions, improvements and restoration projects at the Homestead. For more information about these unique events, please call the Friends office at (914) 232-8119, email friends@johnjay-homestead.org, or visit the website at www.johnjayhomestead.org.



Line drawing of Stonecrest

Register Now for the Eighth Season of Summer History Camp

By Nancy Dexter

The John Jay Homestead Summer History Camp is now entering its eighth season, and Museum Educator Bethany White is organizing the camp for the second year.

One major change for this summer is that the camp will run for four weeks, and is split into two-week sessions for different age groups with age-appropriate guests, historic crafts and games. The first session (July 20-23 and July 27-30) is for children entering 5th to 7th grades; the second session (Aug. 3 to 6 and Aug. 10 to 13) is for youngsters entering 2nd to 4th grades.

The cost per week remains the same, a bargain at \$300, with a 15% discount for Friends' members. The camp will run Mondays to Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, or to sign up your child(ren), please call (914) 232-5651, ext. 101, or visit the Friends' website at www.johnjayhomestead.org.

Home Improvements

On your next visit to the Homestead, make sure to spend some time in the Conservatory to see the lovely new plaster and paint in beautiful shades of blue and cream. This is just one of many improvements to the historic house funded by Friends of John Jay Homestead. The pastel colors brighten up the space, making it a welcoming refuge, with lovely views of the Terrace Garden maintained by the Rusticus Garden Club.