

The Banner Newsletter

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UPCOMING BANNERMAN ISLAND FUNDRAISERS!

**HUDSON VALLEY CHEFS FARM
FRESH DINNER
ON BANNERMAN ISLAND
SATURDAY — SEPTEMBER 8TH**

Photo by Jane Feldman

A five-course gourmet meal will be prepared by five noted Hudson Valley chefs in Helen Bannerman's garden, next to the newly stabilized Bannerman Residence, which will be transformed into a five-star restaurant complete with linens and plateware crafted from palm leaves. Hosted by The Hudson

Valley Chefs Consortium which features top Hudson Valley Chefs including Liz Beals, and Beth's Farm Kitchen, who will prepare the soup course; Ellie Markovitch of Story Cooking and Woodstock natural food caterer Noel Conklin will prepare the salad course. Jeff Loshinsky of Jeff Loshinsky Catering will prepare the cheese course. Dessert will be made by Josh Needleman of Chocolate Springs. The Hudson Valley Chefs Dinner was so popular, that in 2011 The BCT sold out two seatings and had over 30 people on a waiting list. Noah Sheetz is coordinating the event with Hudson Valley Chefs Consortium.

There will be two boat departures. One from Torches Landing in Newburgh at 3:00 p.m. and the second at 4:30 p.m. from the Beacon Ferry dock. The dinner includes a guided tour of Bannerman Island, as well as the cruise to and from the island. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit The Bannerman Castle stabilization of the main castle structures. We recommend walking shoes as Bannerman Island has 73 steps, inclines, and some rough terrain. The island is not handicap accessible. The Hudson Valley Chefs Farm Fresh Dinner is by far one of the highlights of the 2012 season. Don't miss this opportunity.

Reservations are advised because we sell out on this event and tickets are limited. To make a reservation e-mail contact

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Tickets are \$150 per person and \$100 is tax-deductible.

HUDSON VALLEY OUTFITTERS SPONSOR FUNDRAISING KAYAK CAMP OUT AND SUNSET KAYAK TOUR

BANNERMAN ISLAND. Includes: kayaks, instruction, food, island tour. September 15th (Saturday) - Donation \$235 - **For Reservations Call: Hudson Valley Outfitters at 845-265-0221**

**CAREY HARRISON
RETURNS TO HELP
PRESERVE
BANNERMAN CASTLE!**

**REX HARRISON
IN HOLLYWOOD**



September 13th (Thursday), 8:00 p.m. at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508

The son of the movie stars Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer grew up in Hollywood and on film sets worldwide. Through his parents, he met the great movie actors of the period, from Greta Garbo to Julie Andrews, and from David Niven to Richard Burton. The leading stage actors of this era, John Gielgud, Laurence Olivier, Peter Ustinov and others, were regular dinner guests and vacationers at the Harrisons' Italian Riviera home. Carey Harrison will bring to life the golden years of Hollywood, as his father and his film star mother, Lilli Palmer, lived them. Carey Harrison tells stories both hilarious and heartrending about growing up in the shadow of the movie business. As a child, he sat on Greta Garbo's knee (uncomfortable), played table tennis against Noel Coward (a good loser), and experienced a long sequence of glamorous stepmothers during his father's six-times-married life. Anecdotes about famous movie stars abound, but the best of all are about Rex Harrison himself, famously arrogant, witty and charming. The show will be taped by Bill Diamond Productions.

POETRY THROUGH THE AGES—September 20th, (Thursday), 8:00 p.m. at The Howland Cultural Center offers a brief history of the past 100 years in poetry recitation, employing both old recordings and Carey's own impersonations to trace the changes in styles of speaking poetry aloud. Featured in this presentation are distinguished poets and celebrated actors. Sir John Gielgud, one of Harrison's idols, who he says 'took his poetical 'virginity' with his famous 1940s recordings of Shakespeare, was a significant figure in Harrison's life. Gielgud was often present in the Harrison family home, gave Carey his first job after college, and finally, at the age of 90, recorded a play Carey wrote especially for him, in which Sir John played the great 17th century architect Sir Christopher Wren, who was also 90. Proceeds from both shows will benefit both The Bannerman Castle Trust and the Woodstock Players.

Tickets are \$15 per show, or, \$25 for both shows

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DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS TO BENEFIT BANNERMAN ISLAND!

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September 13th (Thursday) \$15 Donation

CAREY HARRISON IN 'POERTY THROUGH THE AGES' AT THE HOWLAND CENTER

September 20th (Thursday) \$15 Donation

THIRD SUNDAY LUNCH BOX MUSIC SELF-GUIDED TOURS

August 19th, September 16th and October 21st

WALKING TOURS ON ISLAND (THE POLLEPEL)

Saturdays and Sundays through October 31st

KAYAK FUNDRAISING TOURS

For info go to our website at www.bannermancastle.org

BANNERMAN ISLAND PROGRESS REPORT!

BCT RECEIVES NOTIFICATION OF \$40,000 GRANT FROM THE JANE W. NUHN FOUNDATION FOR STABILIZATION OF THE MAIN STRUCTURES ON BANNERMAN ISLAND

The Bannerman Castle Trust, Inc. would like to thank the Trustees of The Jane W. Nuhn Foundation of Poughkeepsie, NY, for a grant for \$40,000. The grant will be made in two \$20,000.00 installments. (One in 2012, and the second in 2013). The funds will be used for the first phase of the stabilization of the main structures on Bannerman Island.

BCT RECEIVES \$1,720 IN DONATIONS TO CELEBRATE BCT MEMBER SHELDON STOWE'S BIRTHDAY (39, Again!)

Special thanks to Sheldon and Michele Stowe for hosting a fundraiser for Bannerman Island at the home of Jeanette Stowe overlooking the Hudson River and Bannerman Island. In spite of torrential downpours, the Stowes raised \$1,720.00. Thanks again Sheldon and Michele, and Happy Birthday!

OLD HOUSE STRUCTURES AND JAN HIRD POKORNY ARCHITECTS COMPLETE PHASE ONE ARCHITECTURAL STABILIZATION DOCUMENTS

Construction documents have just been completed for the first phase of the stabilization of the main structures on Bannerman Island. The documents have been sent to Julian Adams from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for review and approvals.

FAIRWEATHER CONSULTANTS CONTINUE WORK ON BANNERMAN ISLAND STUDY TO IMPROVE THE SITE FOR HERITAGE TOURISM

**NEW OBSERVATION DECK AND PERFORMANCE STAGE
COMPLETED AT TOWER LOOK OUT.** Special thanks to Linda Cooper, Taconic Regional Director of NYSOPRHP and Arthur Chuisano.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO IBM VOLUNTEERS AND LOWE'S OF
NEWBURGH FOR IMPROVING TRAILS ON BANNERMAN ISLAND**
(These stories will be included in the next issue of *THE BANNER*)