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The Newsletter of the Larchmont Historical Society

November 2005

Program Announcement: *Dee van Eyck, Program Chair*

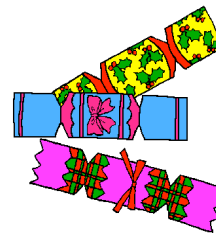
Bangs of Expectation!

HOLIDAY CRACKER WORKSHOP!



Bring the family and join us for a little Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa & New Year's cheer. We're making some beautiful "party crackers" for whatever holiday celebration you're planning!

Participants will create a colorful array of take-home crackers for their own festive tables while learning some fun, historical holiday traditions. All materials provided. Seating is limited, so register early!



SAVE THIS INFORMATION:

Date: Sunday, December 18th
Time: 3:00pm to 4:30pm
Cost: \$ 5.00 per person, pre-registration is required
Place: Larchmont Village Center (behind the library)
R.S.V.P.: Dee van Eyck 834-0449
(Children welcome. Younger children must be supervised. Holiday refreshments will be served)

WE'RE ONLINE!

Visit us virtually at:
www.larchmonthistory.org

Take a trip through Larchmont's past with a visit to our **online photo museum**. Learn more about LHS and our **activities**. Check our **calendar of events** to find out about **upcoming programs**.

Love Larchmont history? Then **become a member or renew your membership for 2005/2006!** Find out how to **make a donation, get involved, volunteer** for a research project, etc. - **all online!**

Spring House Tour 2006: *Susan Emery, Chairperson*

Save the Date for Spring House Tour 2006!

The Larchmont Historical Society's Annual Spring House Tour: Sunday, April 30th 2006.

2006 marks the 25th Anniversary of the House Tour and we promise it's going to be a truly special event. Tickets won't go on sale for a few months, but we hope you'll save the date!

We still need houses for this year's tour!

The LHS House Tour focuses on the history and architecture of the community. If you feel that your house is of historical significance to Larchmont and/or has wonderful period details, we would love to talk to you about the possibility of including it in this year's tour!

We also need more volunteers to help join our committee!

Get involved with a great event and meet some fabulous people! We need general committee members and individuals to fill the following positions:

- Head of staffing (organizing the house tour captains and list of docents)
- Underwriting (managing the sponsorship efforts)
- Reception Coordinators (the 25th Anniversary reception and art show following the tour)

Any and all are invited to contribute. **For more information, please contact: Susan Emery: 834-3682 or e-mail: susanemery@mindspring.com.**

CHC Century Homes Club

If your home is at least 100 years old, you are eligible to join the LHS Century Homes Club and receive a beautiful bronze plaque to mark your historic home...and more!

Call the Archives to get a free copy of the CHC informational brochure.

Program Recap: Dee van Eyck, Program Chair

Jekyll, Hyde & Mondshein illuminate the History of the Horror Film

The October LHS program featured two prominent Larchmont residents, Academy Award nominated film editor Andrew Mondshein and the legendary actor, John Barrymore.

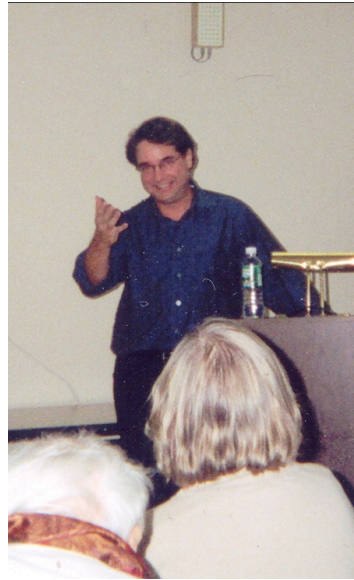
Mondshein regaled attendees with behind-the-scenes stories of his work with notable directors such as Sidney Lumet, Susan Sidelman, and Lasse Hallstrom. But it was his story of his collaboration with M. Night Shyamalan on "The Sixth Sense" that led into his stirring introduction of the silent film classic "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" starring John Barrymore.

The Larchmont Village Center was transformed into a silent-era movie house and filmgoers were treated to turn-of-the-century treats: popcorn, doughnuts, candied apples, root beer and cider.

This well attended event marked the inauguration of a new program series, "Larchmont Luminaries" which pairs past and present stellar local residents. Our special thanks to Mr. Mondshein for sharing his time and talent!

Nominations and volunteers for future series subjects can be sent to:

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Hours:
Tues. & Thurs: 9 am – 2 pm
(Other hours by appointment only)

Board Matters

New Board Member Elected

We are pleased to announce that **Stacy Caffrey** will be joining the LHS Board of Trustees in December.

Two years ago, Stacy and her husband left New York City after 17 years and purchased their home in Larchmont.

She received her undergraduate degree in Art History from Stamford University and was an art consultant in the city upon her graduation. She spent a year studying at Sotheby's Institute of Art in London, then came back to earn her graduate degree from Columbia University and go on to a career in equity research.

Her move to an older historic house in Larchmont found her facing a large renovation project. Stacy was prompted to do extensive research on the architectural and social history of her home. She did some digging around our Archives, pulled information from several records offices and delved so deep into the process, she wound up looking for even more answers in the city. Perhaps this naturally propelled her to join us here at the Historical Society, but whatever the reason, we're thrilled to have her background, expertise and enthusiasm on our team. **Welcome Stacy!**

Noteworthy Events

Richard M. Kemper Memorial Park


KEMPER PARK LEGAL ARGUMENT
A Court Date Has Been Set For:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
10:00 a.m.

New York Supreme Court
Appellate Division, Second Department
45 Monroe Place
Brooklyn, NY 11201

The Citizens for Kemper Memorial Park would like as many supporters as possible in attendance during the argument. For this reason, a generous benefactor has hired a luxury bus to provide transportation to the courthouse and back.

Pack a Sack Lunch & Take the FREE LUXURY BUS
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Boarding Time: 7:30 a.m. at Harbor Island.
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Looking Back at Larchmont History...

"Among Professional Folks Here Is ~ Waite Hoyt"

The "Among Professional Folks Here Is~ " column was featured in the 1930's issues of the Larchmont Times weekly newspaper. The column, in a series of interviews, chronicled a select group of professionals from Larchmont who had unique and important jobs that included sculptors, writers, cartoonists, radio personalities, journalists, musicians and athletes. The interviews, today, serve to evoke the images and lifestyle of Larchmont in the early twentieth century.

Thanks to LHS intern, Dan Plansky, you can now visit our Archives and browse through a beautiful binder that holds each article and photo reproduced in its original format, including the exact wording and grammar to maintain historical integrity.

(The following profile on Waite Hoyt is the 2nd in the series –from the February 6th 1930 issue of The Larchmont Times)

There lives in Larchmont, a hero of all small boys dreams, -- Waite Hoyt, the versatile pitcher on the New York Yankee Baseball team, who has made such a great name for himself in the world of sport. One feels rather timid at approaching a person often in the public eye, but this feeling is dispelled immediately by his smile and manner. For Mr. Hoyt, contrary to popular conception of a baseball player, does not swear or swagger. He is a gentleman and acts it.

Waite Hoyt, at the age of four, knew what he wanted to be when he grew up and, what is a lot more, stuck to his ambition of being a baseball player. When fifteen years old, he was the mascot of the Brooklyn Baseball team, and learned all the rudiments of the game there. While he attended Erasmus High School, he was a very successful pitcher on the school team. In 1918 came the biggest thrill of his life; when he pitched his first game for the Yankees. The team opposed the Boston Red Sox, and were victorious with a score of 2-1. Since then, everyone knows of the long list of winnings that he has piled up beside his name, and everywhere, he is pointed out as an excellent example of a good pitcher. His home is on Bungalow Road in the Woods, where he lives quietly with his wife and two children, Susy, five years old, and Harry, six. Also, he conducts a fine mortuary chapel on Chatsworth Avenue, in partnership with Richard Meehan. Although the chapel and baseball are a singular combination, nevertheless, it works well, keeping him busy both winter and summer. Mr. Hoyt is well known to the men of Larchmont, since he belongs to the Lions Club and the Masonic Club here, and has recently joined the Storey Health Institute. He enjoys Westchester, and thinks it is an ideal place to live in. "There is quite a difference between Larchmont and my old home in Brooklyn," he said. "I would certainly hate to live there again, after having stayed here any length of time." However, it is necessary that he leave shortly, (indeed in a very few days,) for St. Petersburg, Florida, to go in training there for another season as Yankee Pitcher.

"Baseball is the most interesting game there is," said Waite Hoyt, "at least, it is at first. Of course, when one plays for a long time, or as a professional, the novelty wears off, and the game is just tiresome. But I shall never forget the thrill I got, when I stood up before a crowd of thousands and pitched with the best I had in me. It's a great feeling when you play to win, ...know that you have to win, ...and then come out on top!" "However, I expect to be in the game only two or three years more. You see, I really must settle down and be a married man."

President's Message: Barbara R. Newman

Rallying Community Support

Given the season, I'd like to start by saying how thankful I am for our fantastic Board of Trustees and all their hard work this fall!

I realize that asking everyone to make a solid commitment to visibly expand the Historical Society's role in Larchmont, was a request for more of their valuable time. If I am surprised by the response, it is only because it's been wonderful!

We have now filled several of the key leadership roles for the committees we are working so hard to develop. The Board has great ideas for new programs and we are aiming not only to elevate our profile in the community, but to successfully launch a capital campaign that would raise money for a future home/museum for LHS. I am so pleased that these committees are finally evolving, as each supports our mission to document, preserve and disseminate Larchmont's history.

The programs and leaders are in place and what we need now are the volunteers to make it all happen (my ongoing plea, I know.) My expectations may be quite high, but I have seen what great things Larchmonters can accomplish. I believe that LHS can be very successful if the community will start to match our enthusiasm. I promise that the rewards will be fabulous – for our schools, our residents, town leaders and more. We realize there are so many worthy causes out there, but it is our great hope that you will seriously consider the Historical Society as a strong contender for your time and talent. I would be happy to personally answer any questions or discuss ideas relating to our programs or the capital campaign for an LHS Museum. E-mail me at:

president@larchmonthistory.org, call the office or log onto our website for more info.

Thanks and Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

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interior details for a book I am writing.

Please call: Ellen Washburn Martin

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Membership Form

Please enroll me as a member of the Larchmont Historical Society. My tax-deductible dues for one year are enclosed. Annual membership year is: September 2005 - May 31, 2006.

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Please indicate membership category:

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- Spring House Tour 25th Anniversary Events Grant Research/Writing
- Membership Publicity Exhibits
- Newsletter Century Homes Club Fundraising/Sponsorship
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