About Sagamore Hill

Sagamore Hill was the permanent home of our 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt, overlooking Oyster Bay Harbor, New York. It is a unique American treasure filled with trophies, gifts, books, paintings, bronzes, flags and weapons that form a mosaic of his life. The home is a fascinating picture of American country life and household technology at the turn of the 20th Century. It is a simple fact that the moment you ascend the hill and see the house, you smile.

The 23 room Queen Anne style structure was his dream house. This solid frame and brick home was built during 1884-1885 after his first child Alice was born and his first wife, Alice Hathaway Lee, died tragically of Bright's disease.

In 1886 Theodore married Edith Kermit Carow and, together, they raised their energetic family and spent the rest of their lives at Sagamore Hill. TR, a devoted family man, enjoyed playing with his six children - Alice, Theodore Jr., Kermit, Ethel, Archibald and Quentin - and working in his fields.

On September 14, 1901, TR became president and Sagamore Hill became the nation's first "Summer White House" for his nearly two presidential terms. TR hosted many national and international conferences, entertained dignitaries, negotiated the Russo-Japanese War's end, spearheaded the Panama Canal, led the charge against monopolistic trusts and established federal protection of millions of acres of land.

On January 6, 1919, Theodore Roosevelt died at Sagamore Hill peacefully in his sleep at age 60. His widow, Edith, died here in 1948 at age 87. This home was only occupied by the Roosevelts. Its appearance with original furnishings has little changed. It is an American treasure and a significant piece of the Theodore Roosevelt legacy that must be preserved for all future generations.

Quotes by Theodore Roosevelt

"It is not the critic who counts... The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena."

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"I don't think any President ever enjoyed himself more than I did."

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"The one thing I want to leave my children is an honorable name."

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"Keep your eyes on the stars, but remember to keep your feet on the ground."

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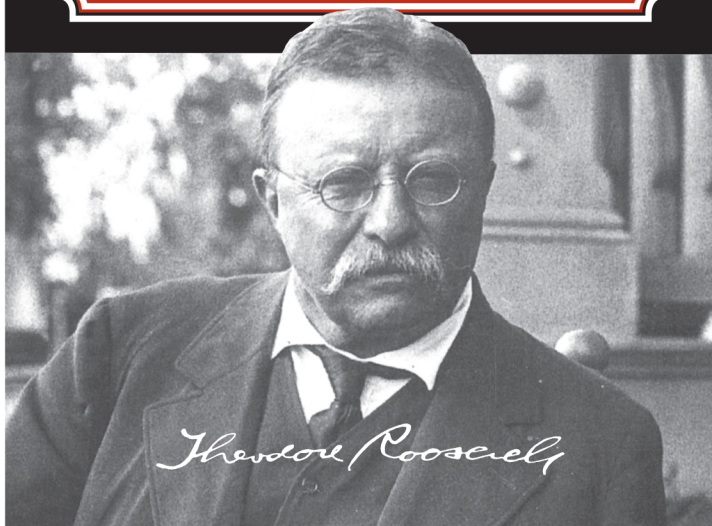
And on the eve of his death, Theodore Roosevelt told his wife Edith:

"I wonder if you will ever know how I love Sagamore Hill."

You Are Cordially Invited To Become A Member

The Friends of Sagamore Hill



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

❑ YES, Enclosed is my check for $_____
for annual dues at the level checked below:

- ❑ **Associate** $50
- ❑ **Family** $75
- ❑ **Sustaining** $100
- ❑ **Patron** $250
- ❑ **Sponsor** $500
- ❑ **Benefactor** $1000
- ❑ **Corporate** $5000

❑ NO, but accept my gift of $_____
to support Friends activities

❑ **Please** contact me about possible opportunities to volunteer at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

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A copy of the last financial report of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, filed with the Department of State of the State of New York, may be obtained upon request by writing either the Department of State, Office of Charities Registration, Albany, NY 12231 or the TRA, PO Box 719, Oyster Bay, NY 11771.

The Friends of Sagamore Hill

is a heritage-minded group of volunteers who join together to promote Theodore Roosevelt's legacies and who forge an ongoing partnership with Sagamore Hill National Historic Site to preserve, restore, enhance and protect his historically significant estate in Oyster Bay, New York. As a chapter of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, it is a nonprofit, nonpolitical, tax exempt organization .

Our Mission

- Assisting Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in the preservation, protection and enhancement of its cultural integrity.
- Advocating for the legacy of Sagamore Hill and Theodore Roosevelt through public programs and other outreach efforts.
- Supporting the Site's volunteers.
- Raising and administering funds for these purposes.

Your Membership Helps Preserve, Restore and Protect the only U.S. Presidential Site on Long Island

The Friends annually sponsor Theodore Roosevelt focused activities including the renowned John A. Gable Lecture Series. We also co-sponsor with the TRA the Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Contest for Nassau County Schools and the Theodore Roosevelt Police Awards for Nassau/Suffolk Counties. Each activity is tailored to promote the public's interest in a particular aspect of TR's ideals and vision which 100 years ago were so clear, so accurate and so true, that historians and a significant number of Americans are still motivated by him. We certainly are.

Step back into a simpler time, an era of honor and integrity. TR's newly refurbished home at Sagamore Hill embodies the best of America and the enduring spirit of Theodore Roosevelt.

The Friends funded several projects to help ensure a successful July 2015 reopening of the house after a 3-year restoration, including acquiring new historically accurate green and white awnings, conserving of trophy heads and tusks and buying period rugs for bedrooms.

We have also acquired, repaired or funded many treasures at Sagamore Hill including:

- Charles Fraser's plaster cast used to make TR's bronze death mask given to his wife Edith and the plaster cast of his right hand.
- Linking the Internet Education Kiosk of TR's life and influence to the Theodore Roosevelt Center at Dickinson State University in Dickinson, North Dakota.
- The Gutzon Borglum artistic presidential eagle as well as TR's dressing room.
- The Site's entrance sign and the "Chicken Coop."

There are many other projects we have funded, but membership dues and donations are needed to fund many, many more projects and activities in the future.

Joining us includes membership in the prestigious Theodore Roosevelt Association (TRA), founded in 1919 and chartered by Congress, along with its quarterly TRA Journal, the leading source of new scholarship about TR, his life, times and legacy.