



THE FRIENDS OF SAGAMORE HILL

2019 John A. Gable Memorial Lecture Series

Thursday, June 20, 7PM

Christ Church Parish Hall, 61 East Main Street, Oyster Bay

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Jeff Heatley

“Col. Theodore Roosevelt at Camp Wikoff, Montauk, 1898”



VICTOR—AND VICTIM.

On August 15, 1898, Col. Roosevelt arrived at Camp Wikoff, Montauk, a national war hero for leading the charge at San Juan Hill in the Spanish American War. Against a backdrop of the quarantine camp, with its thousands of fever-stricken troops, support began to build for Col. Roosevelt to run for NYS Governor in the fall. Delegates, however, to the NYS Convention at Saratoga in September were already committed to the re-election of incumbent Republican Governor Black, who had the support of political boss Senator Thomas C. Platt, and prospects of a change at that time were nonexistent. This presentation will detail the difficult political situation that ultimately lead to the nomination of Col. Roosevelt as the NYS Republican Gubernatorial Candidate, including Roosevelt's first campaign speech at Carnegie Hall on October 5, 1898.

Jeff Heatley is a freelance architectural photographer, working primarily on the East End of Long Island. He was the principal photographer for renowned architect Norman Jaffe; photographed Jackson Pollock's studio floor in Springs for the Pollock Retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art; photographed the construction of Herzog & de Meuron's Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill; and, photographed the restoration of the Thomas Moran Studio in East Hampton. In 2012, he founded the online portfolio publication, *Art & Architecture Quarterly / East End*, which features several Camp Wikoff portfolios, as well as portfolios on the construction and restoration of the Parrish Art Museum and Moran Studio, respectively.

In 1971, at the request of his father, Jeff Heatley began to research Camp Wikoff. In 1998, the Montauk Historical Society published his edited newspaper chronicle – *BULLY! Col. Theodore Roosevelt, the Rough Riders & Camp Wikoff, Montauk, New York – 1898*.

Free to all. Light refreshments will be provided.