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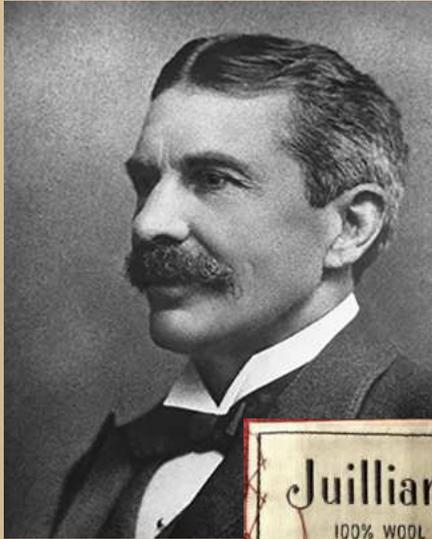
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TUXEDO PARK'S AUGUSTUS D. JUILLIARD

ENABLING MUSIC TO REACH THE WORLD



Augustus D. Juilliard



In 1897, Matthew Watson DeBaun and Henry DeBaun, builders headquartered in Nyack, were commissioned by Juilliard (whose generous endowment allowed for the founding of the famed music school after his death), to build a fine house and barn in Tuxedo Park.

A newspaper article dated Jan. 4, 1897, announced plans for the building: "The DeBaun's had the contract for a large and handsome barn for A.D. Juilliard, the well-known dealer in woolens in New York City..." This barn is finished and fitted up in the most modern of style, and will have apartments for the coachmen."

Construction was finished in 1898. While the original house no longer stands, the barn itself has been renovated into a home, and has only changed hands about half a dozen times in its long history.

Augustus D. Juilliard was an American businessman and philanthropist, born at sea as his parents were emigrating to the United States from France. Making a successful career in New York City, he bequeathed much of his estate to the advancement of music in the United States.



The son of immigrants from the Burgundy region of France, his parents were Jean Nicolas Juilliard, a shoemaker, and Anna Burlette, who were both Huguenots. Augustus was raised near Louisville, Ohio, and attended local schools.

In 1866, Juilliard moved to New York City, where he worked in the garment industry for a textile manufacturing company that produced worsted fabrics. When the company went bankrupt seven years later, Juilliard founded his own corporation, the Augustus D. Juilliard Company, in 1874. The corporation distributed textiles including wool, silk, and cotton. In 1884, Juilliard was the plaintiff in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Juilliard v. Greenman*, challenging the law requiring acceptance of federal reserve notes as legal currency; the challenge failed.

He became a successful and wealthy merchant, who added to his fortune through investments and board appointments in banking, railroad and insurance. He resided in Tuxedo Park, New York, where he owned a grand mansion, and also had an apartment on the West Side of Manhattan.

A patron of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History, he served as President of the Metropolitan Opera for nearly three decades, from 1892 until his death.



Augustus D. Juilliard is best remembered as the millionaire music lover and philanthropist whose death led to the founding of the Juilliard School of Music in New York City. He worked in the garment industry in NYC for a textile manufacturer with mills in Fulton, New York. When they went bankrupt in 1874, he bought what remained of the company, and started A.D. Juilliard & Co, making high-end woolens, as well as importing and distributing other textiles.

Juilliard Woolen Mills expanded elsewhere in New York State during the panic of 1893, with the purchase of another bankrupt mill in Stottville. Juilliard Woolens did well through the first half of the 20th century. Their registered trademark was “Fine fabrics are the foundation of fashion”, and garments made with their fabrics were sold at high-end department stores including Bonwit Teller, Frederick & Nelson, Lord & Taylor, and J.W. Robinson. The fabrics were also available by the yard to home sewers. Juilliard Woolens went out of business in 1953, and the mills were shut down, at a time when the textile industry was foundering in the northeastern US.

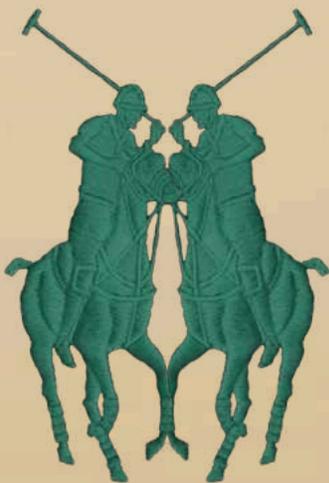
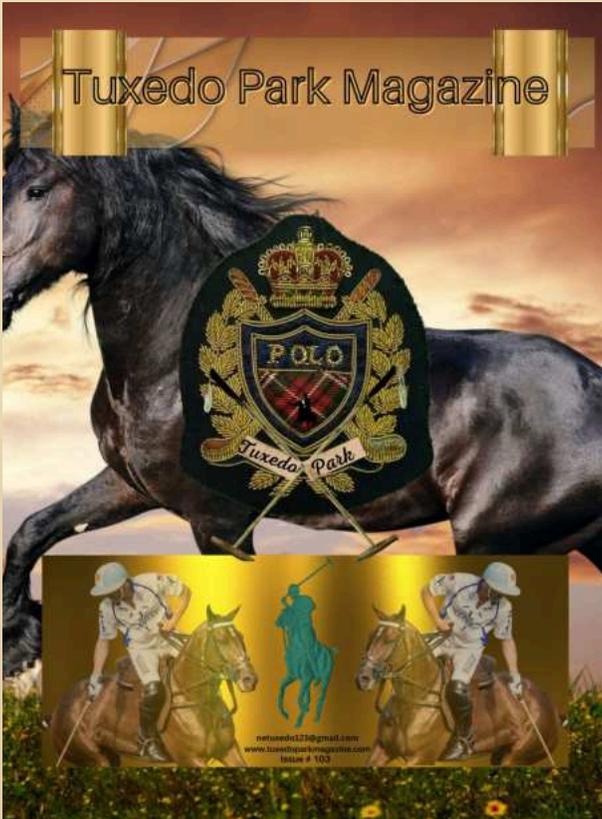
Juilliard made donations to hospitals, museums and other charitable causes, but the vast majority of his estate, \$5 million (equivalent to \$90,700,000 in 2024).

In 1924, the Foundation's funds were used by its Trustees to establish the Juilliard Graduate School to assist excelling students with an advanced music education. In 1926, the school was merged with the New York Institute of Musical Art. This music academy was established by Dr. Frank Damrosch (godson of Franz Liszt) and was dedicated to providing a teaching level equaling that of the European conservatories.



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Stories From The First Gilded Age Society... Tuxedo Park

Footnotes

From Diaries, Memories, & Social Clippings

Many stories shared with us over the years were gleaned from diaries, memories, and social clippings from archival literature. Stories from direct descendants of the original Gilded Age Cottagers in Tuxedo Park.

Vocal memories accompanied a twinkle in the eye of several, as they unfolded their tales willingly. In front of grand fireplaces, on white wicker furnished veranda's, and formal gardens over one hundred years old, stories unfolded and carried a clear glimpse of life in the first Gilded Age Society known as Tuxedo Park.

Many of these story-tellers were direct descendants of captains of finance and industry in the Gilded Age. Legendary icons enabling this country to become strong and independent. Industrialists and philanthropists revolutionized industry and defined the structure of monetary gain. They walked through the finest clubs in America, where money was "aged", and "new" money balanced on that noble money, became ripe. The blue bloods of iconic industry, their gilded empires appeared like legendary fairytales of capital worth, and sent echoes of success down the corridors of Wall Street. The old clubs which still exist such as the Tuxedo Club, the Union Club, and the old Knickerbocker Club, where once these men shared visions of industry and wealth with one another over fine brandy and cigars. Some of the corridors of these clubs still display an old portrait or two of the club's founding fathers. These portraits are a tangible glimpse into the world of the Gilded Age, and the men who moved it.

Many wonderful stories of the grand women are also in our collection.

*By Tuxedo Park Magazine
& Design Studios*

TUXEDO PARK'S HERBERT CLAIBORNE PELL



United States Ambassador to Hungary

Herbert Claiborne Pell Jr. was born in New York City on February 16, 1884. He was the elder son of two children born to Katherine Lorillard Pell (1858–1917) and Herbert Claiborne Pell (1853–1926). His younger brother was Clarence Cecil Pell (1885–1964). He was a great-grandson of U.S. Representative John Francis Hamtramck Claiborne, and great-great-grandnephew of William Charles Cole Claiborne and Nathaniel Herbert Claiborne.

Through his mother and maternal grandparents, James Powell Kernochan and Catherine (née Lorillard) Kernochan, the daughter of Pierre Lorillard III, he inherited a share of the Lorillard Tobacco fortune. He was also a direct descendant of Wampage I, a Siwanoy chieftain, as reflected in a Congressional Record entry relating to his son Claiborne Pell.

Pell was educated at the Pomfret School, in Connecticut. He attended Harvard University, Columbia University, and New York University.

Herbert Claiborne Pell Jr. was a United States representative from New York, U.S. Minister to Portugal, U.S. Minister to Hungary, and a creator and member of the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

A native of New York City and a member of the prominent and wealthy Lorillard and Claiborne families.

Originally active in politics as a Progressive, he later became a Democrat. In 1918, Pell was elected to Congress, and he served from 1919 to 1921. He was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1920.

Pell continued to remain active in politics, and was chairman of the New York State Democratic Committee from 1921 to 1926 and a delegate to the 1924 Democratic National Convention. He served as vice chairman of the Democratic National Campaign Committee for the 1936 elections.

In 1937, Pell was appointed as Minister to Portugal, where he served from May 27, 1937, until 1941, when he was appointed Minister to Hungary. In December 1941, Pell received Hungary's declaration of war against the United States. He closed the embassy and returned to the United States. He formally resigned in November 1942.

From 1942 to 1945, Pell was the United States representative on the United Nations War Crimes Commission. Pell was recognized as an internationalist on foreign policy and a progressive despite coming from the wealthy and conservative class.

He was the leading American seeking to build awareness of the plight of European Jews in the 1930s and 1940s and prevent the Holocaust, and was able to aid in holding the perpetrators responsible as the principal U.S. sponsor of and U.S. representative of the War Crimes Commission.

Pell died in Munich, West Germany on July 17, 1961. His remains were cremated and scattered in the Atlantic Ocean at Beavertail in Jamestown, Rhode Island.

The governess's role in a wealthy household



A governess was a woman employed as a private tutor, who taught and trained a child or children in their home. She often lived in the same residence as the children she was teaching; depending on terms of their employment, they may or may not fulfill the limited role of an au pair, cook, and/or maid as a secondary function. In contrast to a nanny, the primary role of a governess was teaching, rather than meeting the physical needs of children; hence a governess was usually in charge of school-aged children, rather than babies.

The position of governess used to be common in affluent European families before the First World War, especially in the countryside where no suitable school existed nearby and when parents preferred to educate their children at home rather than send them away to boarding school for months at a time, and varied across time and countries. Governesses were usually in charge of girls and younger boys. When a boy was old enough, he left his governess for a male tutor or a school.

Governesses are rarer now, except within large and wealthy households or royal families and in remote regions such as outback Australia. There has been a recent resurgence amongst wealthy families worldwide to employ governesses or full-time tutors. The reasons for this include personal security, the benefits of a tailored education, and the flexibility to travel or live in multiple locations.



Traditionally, governesses taught "the three Rs" (reading, writing, and arithmetic to young children.

They also taught the "accomplishments" expected of upper-class and middle-class women to the young girls under their care, such as French or another language, the piano or another musical instrument, and often painting (usually the more ladylike watercolors, rather than oils) or poetry. It was also possible for other (usually male) teachers with specialist knowledge and skills to be brought in, such as a drawing master or dancing master.

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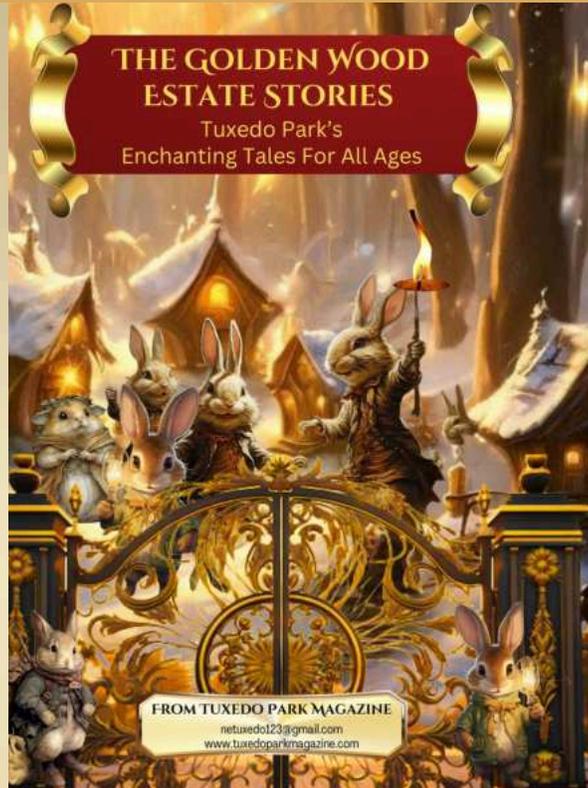
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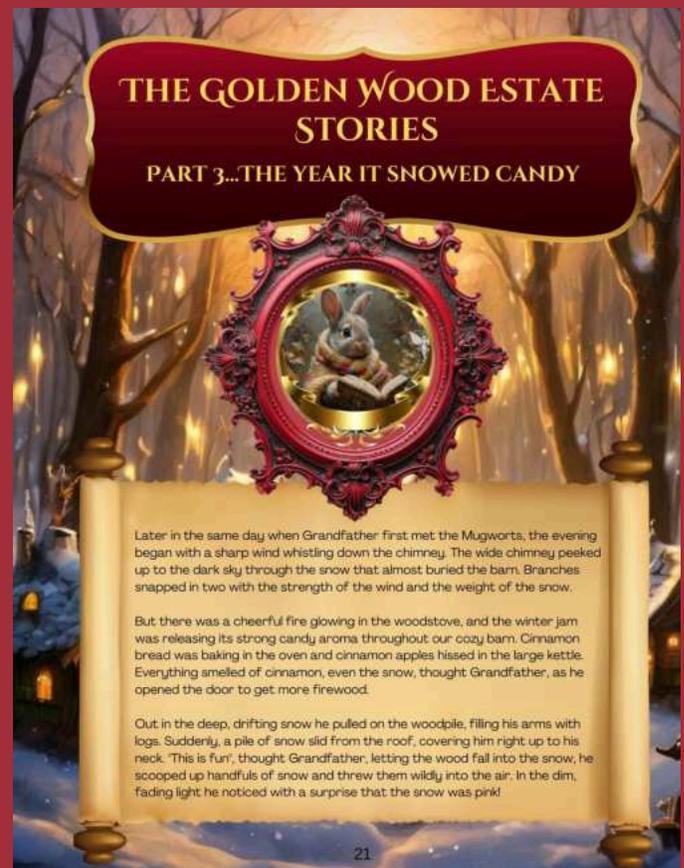
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THE GOLDEN WOOD ESTATE STORIES

PART 3...THE YEAR IT SNOWED CANDY

Later in the same day when Grandfather first met the Mugworts, the evening began with a sharp wind whistling down the chimney. The wide chimney peeked up to the dark sky through the snow that almost buried the barn. Branches snapped in two with the strength of the wind and the weight of the snow.

But there was a cheerful fire glowing in the woodstove, and the winter jam was releasing its strong candy aroma throughout our cozy barn. Cinnamon bread was baking in the oven and cinnamon apples hissed in the large kettle. Everything smelled of cinnamon, even the snow, thought Grandfather, as he opened the door to get more firewood.

Out in the deep, drifting snow he pulled on the woodpile, filling his arms with logs. Suddenly, a pile of snow slid from the roof, covering him right up to his neck. "This is fun", thought Grandfather, letting the wood fall into the snow, he scooped up handfuls of snow and threw them wildly into the air. In the dim, fading light he noticed with a surprise that the snow was pink!

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Morning On The Estate

Tuxedo Park...1909

Across the lawn of velvet green, the balustrade met a staircase which descended down to the formal gardens. Hydrangea trees with large, fluted pedals were white against the rose vines that climbed the stone wall. Mornings were spent sitting on granite benches, that played audience to a statue playing a flute within a Venetian style decorated pond.

The early morning's coolness was lifting, making room for the approaching heat of the mid July day. The scent from the ancient cedar trees mingled with honeysuckle that perfumed and drifted throughout the gardens.

In the near distance, the sound of clipping was present from the gardeners' trimming hedges, and push lawn mowers were being moved briskly over the velvet lawn. The estate was stirring, and the tranquil morning was making way for a beautiful day.

We strolled through the herb garden where spearmint and sage quelled the mosquitos and carried the scent of freshness. A young kitchen maid could be glimpsed gathering armfuls of fresh rosemary and lavender for the preparation of the evening's meal, of pork cutlets and lamb chops.

Our guests would be arriving soon for an afternoon of croquet on the south lawn. We took one last deep breath of the scented morning mood in the formal gardens, and we were on our way back to the mansion to ready ourselves for a wonderful day on the estate.

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From Uncertainty to Success: How Saddle River Day School Guides Students on the Road to College Success

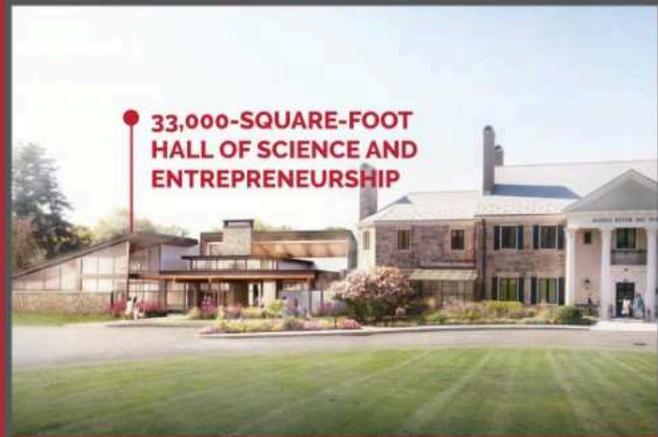


Over the past five years, the college admissions process has undergone enormous changes; submitting test scores was optional but now it might not be anymore, AI has entered the conversation and the future of the college essay is in doubt, the value of Advanced Placement classes and tests has been questioned, and the cost of a college education has continued to increase.

For both parents and students, the ever-evolving college admissions landscape has become increasingly stressful and uncertain. That's why having a knowledgeable, experienced partner can make all the difference in what is often one of the most significant milestones in a high school student's life.

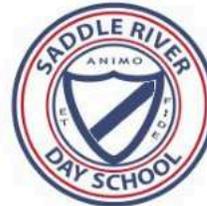
To provide even more comprehensive support, Saddle River Day School expanded its College Counseling Office last fall to include two full-time college counselors. Director of College Counseling Karen Ferretti was joined by Ms. Jackie Williams, a seasoned professional with experience on both sides of the admissions process. Jackie came to SRDS from Maayanot Yeshiva High School, where she served since 2022. Her prior roles in admissions at Stevens Institute of Technology, the College of Mount Saint Vincent, and NYU—along with her undergraduate degree from Muhlenberg College and a Master's in Public Administration from NYU—equip her with a deep understanding of the process and a valuable network of connections. Her insight and enthusiasm have made her a welcome and impactful addition to the Saddle River Day School community.

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This year, Karen and Jackie partnered to develop a thoughtful, student-centered framework that allowed them to truly understand each Upper School student as a unique individual. For the Class of 2025, Karen served as the primary advisor, offering individualized guidance and strategic insight throughout the college application process. Jackie led the fall seminar for juniors and later transitioned to working with sophomores as they began their college exploration in the winter—just as Karen resumed seminar instruction for the juniors. Together, their goal remains clear: to gain a comprehensive understanding of each student’s academic profile, extracurricular passions, and personal strengths, and to use that knowledge to craft a customized, well-balanced list of colleges that align with each student’s goals and values.

So how does a student begin to narrow down their choices, and what exactly is the latest on what’s happening with all the changes in the college admissions process?

Karen Ferretti emphasizes that the best way for students to begin understanding their college options is still by visiting campuses in person. It’s often during these visits that students start to recognize the factors that matter most to them—such as location, proximity to home, available degree programs, research opportunities, campus culture, facilities, investment in career services, and overall cost. Frequently, she notes, the college a student has long dreamed of attending turns out to be an imperfect fit when faced with the reality of a remote rural setting, a lack of a defined campus, or an environment that feels either too large or too small. The ultimate goal of the College Counseling Office is to ensure students are well-informed and approach the application process with a broad and realistic list of options—not just one “dream” school. Ms. Ferretti also notes a renewed shift toward standardized testing, with some colleges reinstating ACT or SAT score requirements as a practical way to streamline the selection process amid staffing reductions. As for concerns about artificial intelligence replacing the traditional personal essay, she believes those worries are premature. Experienced admissions officers can still easily distinguish between an essay written by a student and one crafted by AI—or even an overly involved parent. Advanced Placement (AP) courses remain a staple of the academic landscape, and Ferretti predicts their role may even expand as colleges continue to explore how to evaluate AP exam scores for credit. She is hopeful that as application numbers remain heavily concentrated at a small group of highly selective schools, students will start to explore lesser-known institutions—many of which offer dynamic programs, passionate faculty, and unique opportunities that are too often overlooked. To encourage this, one of the first assignments in her college seminar asks students to research and present a lesser-known college to their classmates. The result is often a surprising discovery of a school that ends up on their final college list—one they may never have considered otherwise.

In the end, the college application process is all about finding the place from which a student can launch their career. Karen Ferretti believes that Saddle River Day School students have a distinct advantage because in their classrooms and with their friends and teachers, SRDS students have developed an acute self-awareness, and a confidence in their intelligence that enables them to assess critically, question rigorously, and choose decisively. This is the hallmark of a Saddle River Day School education, and one of the many factors that set SRDS students apart from their peers. The results speak for themselves. This year, members of the Class of 2025 have earned admission to some of the most selective and inspiring institutions across the country, including Boston University, Bucknell, Colgate, Cornell, Duke, Johns Hopkins, MIT, NYU, Vanderbilt, and Wake Forest.

These outcomes underscore the power of a personalized, thoughtful college counseling process—one that Saddle River Day School continues to refine and strengthen every year.





Liborio Derario's original pen & ink drawings—when architectural renderings were created “the old-fashioned” way.



ARCHITECTURE IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Today, many young architects have been trained to design using CAD (computer-aided design) systems and 3-D modeling programs. I, too, now use these programs myself and find them very useful indeed. However, it was not long ago when the Architect needed to produce 3-dimensional perspectives and color renderings using the tools of an artist.

It seems some of the nuance of architectural design have been passed up by the digital age of computer-aided graphics. As a student of architecture in the late 70's and early 80's at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, I was taught the old-fashioned way. I used a drafting table and a T-square to produce many of the drawings required to convey a design and construct a potential project.

The architect's training took him through an assortment of art classes, painting classes and sculpture classes. These classes taught the young architect how to mix colors, create forms out of many different mediums and communicate these ideas to others.

Life drawing allowed the student to train in transferring what the eye was

seeing in the real world and re-creating those forms with shade and shadow onto a two-dimensional surface (paper or canvas). My training was in the classical Beaux Arts style of architecture, while simultaneously being on the cusp of the newly developing post-modern and neo-classic styles. It was a very interesting period in architecture and many architectural design colleges were just starting to embrace the computer as a tool to perform architectural designs.

This article came to mind while I was scanning some of my pen and ink perspectives and pastel wash renderings I had completed for some of my first clients projects in the early 80's, when I started my practice. I reflected back on numerous times while working these pen and ink drawings. I could only proceed with a little spot at a time until the ink dried on the mylar or vellum and then move along to the next spot on the drawing. I also remember the pain and frustration of making a mistake with the pen and ink. This meant I had to start over!!! Needless to say I became

very proficient in the art of pen and ink rendering so as to not complete the drawings two or three times.

I believe that this type of training and visual representation of a project gives it more softness and character, and expresses the design with more feeling than a photo-realistic rendering. The architect, like a sculptor, is fully engaged with the form of the structure.

I truly enjoyed this time in my career and the different mediums I used for these project renderings. I believe, however, with the advances in CAD they have all but disappeared from the architect's tool box. The field has advanced to a point where the client expects instant revisions in color and form, which now can only be achieved timely through computer-aided design!

For my design process, I still start all my projects with pen and paper...

It is what I still love most about my profession!!" 🍷

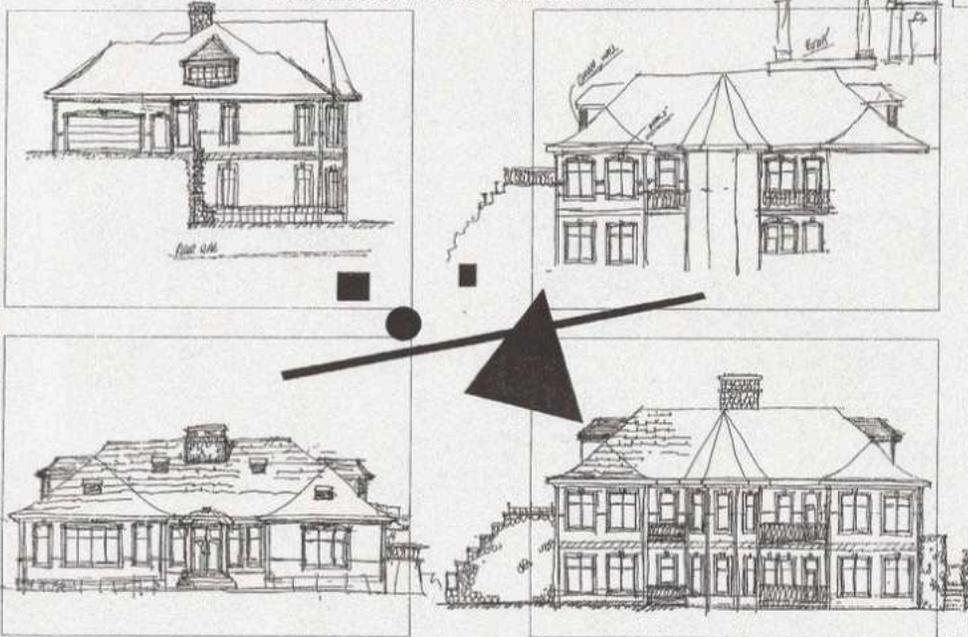
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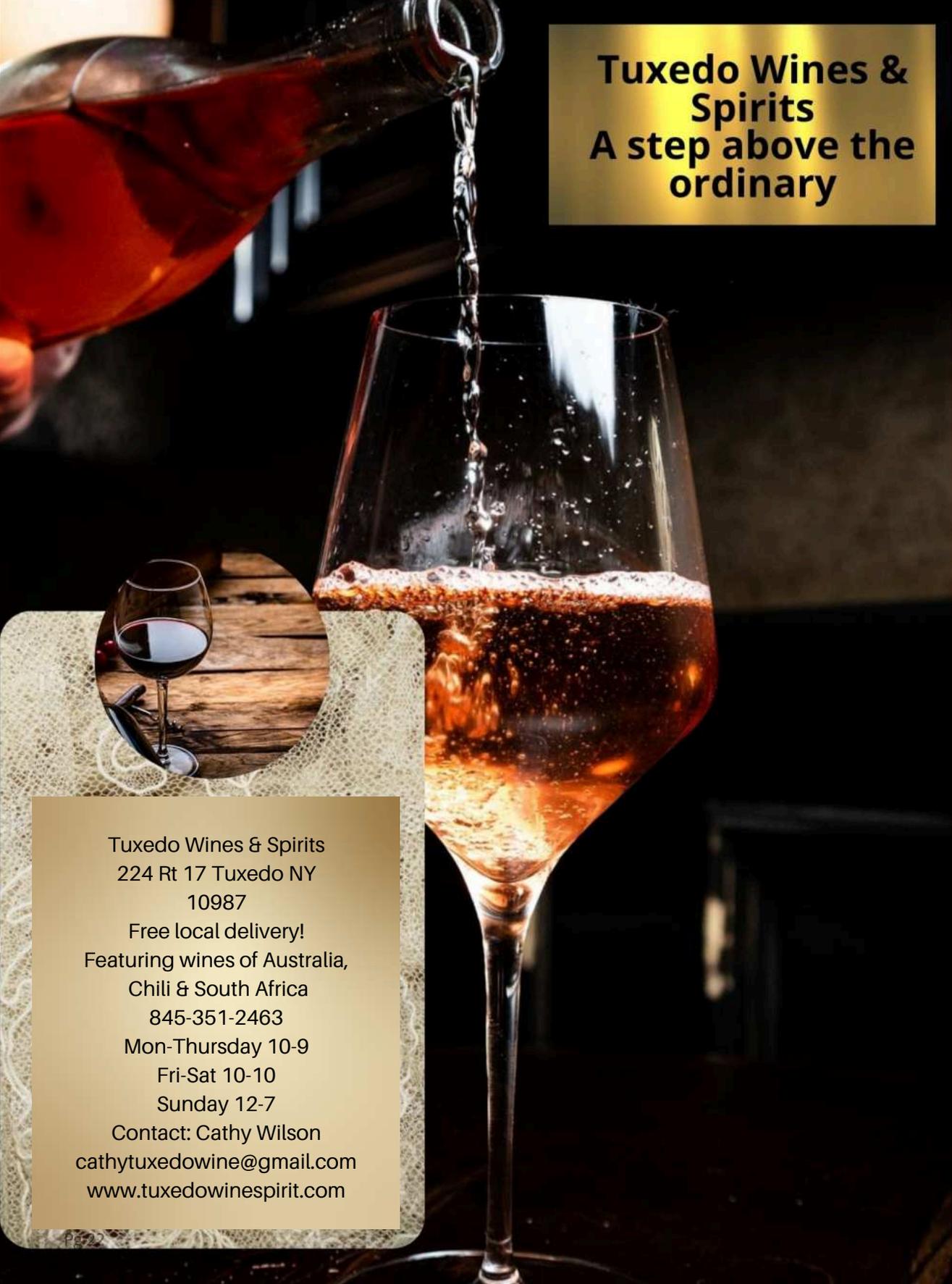
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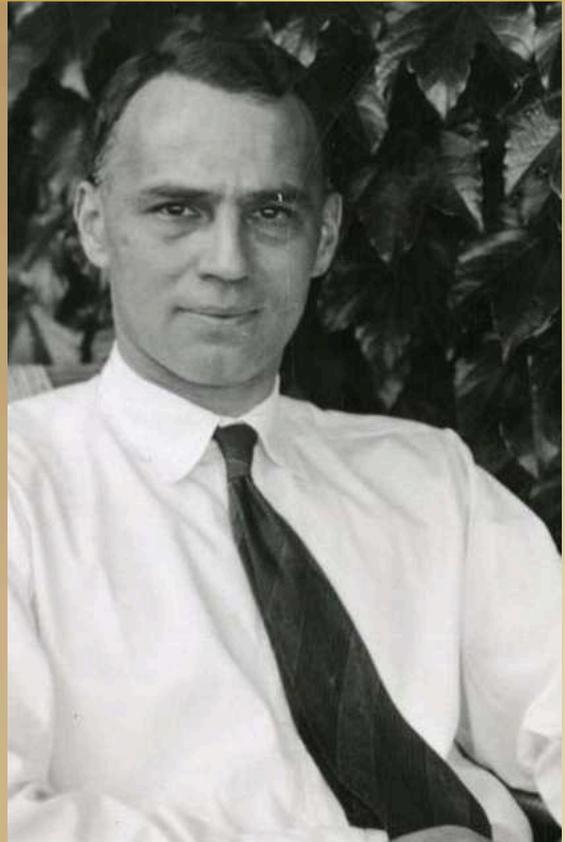
*Tuxedo Park's, Alfred Loomis...
President Roosevelt praised the value
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Throughout the years, he traded vast sums of money on the financial market during the week—in the evenings and weekends he worked with the world's greatest scientists at his own secret laboratory in Tuxedo Park.

In the early 1920s, Alfred Lee Loomis and his staff conducted experiments in sound waves, spectrometry and precise time measurements.

He was credited with the inventions of the Aberdeen chronometer, a microscope centrifuge, and a pressurized fire extinguisher.

In 1928, anticipating the coming Wall Street Crash of 1929, he, his partner, and his firm had converted their investments into cash, having determined that the market had risen so dramatically that it was unsustainable and a crash was inevitable. Once the stock market crash had bankrupted the majority of speculators, and Wall Street floundered, he and his firm became extremely wealthy as a result of purchasing stocks cheaply after they had plummeted in value, and few people had the cash to reinvest.



From the late 1920s through the 1930s Loomis and renowned scientists performed successful research at his Tuxedo Park laboratory.

Besides working on ultrasonics; he collaborated with George Kistiakowski on spectroscopy; and with E. Newton Harvey on electrical signals in the brain and heart. His Tuxedo Park laboratory was nicknamed the "Tower House" and "The Palace of Science".

He turned this Tuxedo Park laboratory into a meeting place for the most visionary minds of the century, such as Albert Einstein. Alfred Loomis invented the artillery chronograph to better measure the speed of artillery shells, and conceived of and patented the LORAN system (Long Range Aid to Navigation) of navigation transmitters and receivers.

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He worked with Vannevar Bush, who in mid-1940 convinced Franklin Roosevelt to start the National Defense Research Committee (NDRC) to coordinate the work of civilian scientists in the event that America was drawn into the European war.

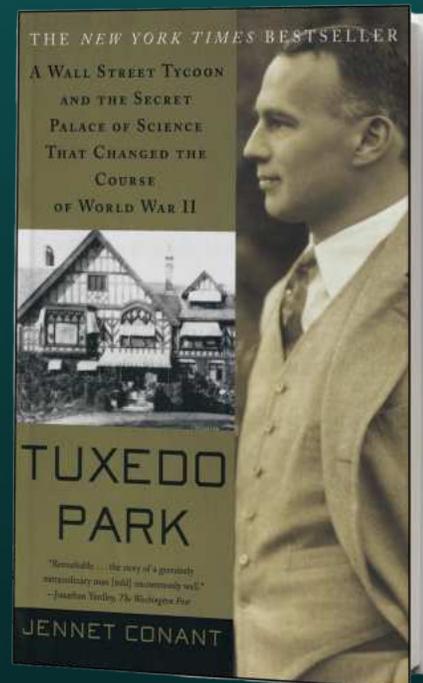
Loomis's own radar studies, coupled with his money and influence, being a first cousin to Henry Stimson, Secretary of War in both World Wars, made him an ideal choice to head the NDRC's Microwave Radar Project.

It was in that capacity that Loomis hosted the British scientists who brought the cavity magnetron to Tuxedo Park.

Loomis later worked closely with FDR and his administration in preparing the country's technological base for war.

Using his many contacts in New York finance, and with generous sums from his own considerable fortune, he financed the early developments in radar before government money could be provided.

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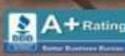
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