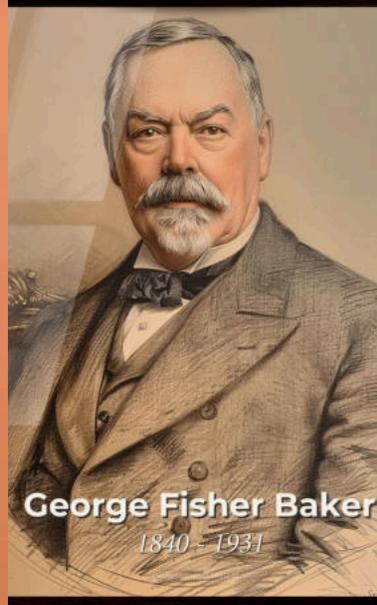
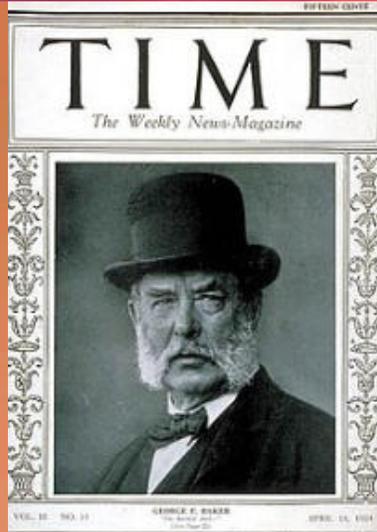


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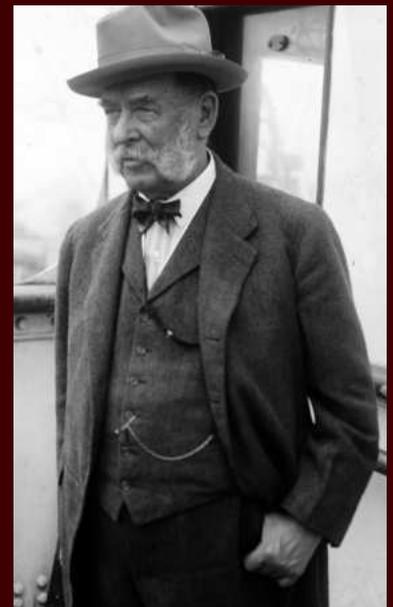
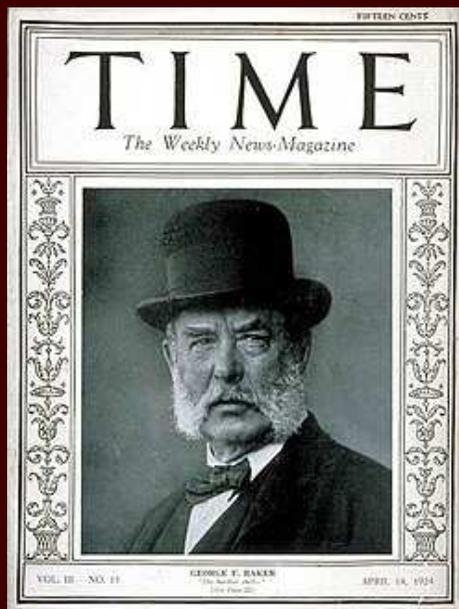
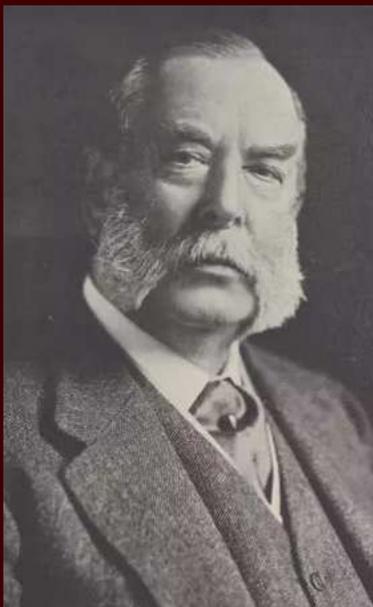
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## Tuxedo Park's George F. Baker Academia Philanthropist

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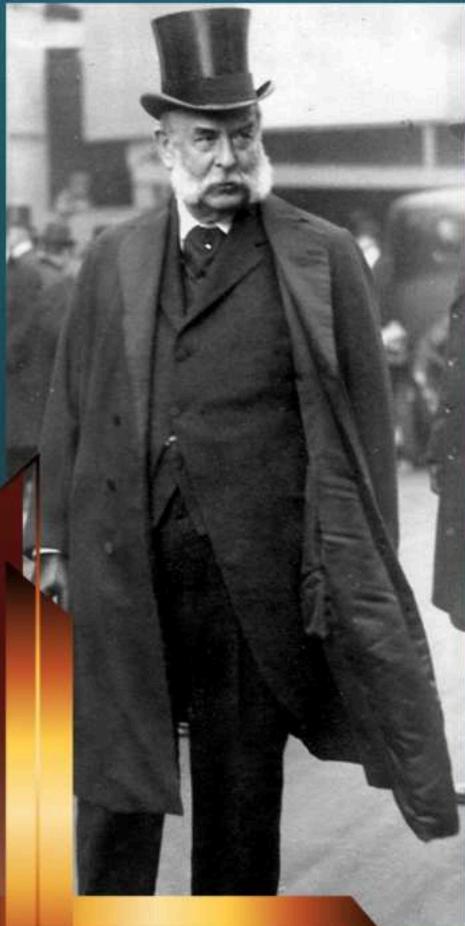
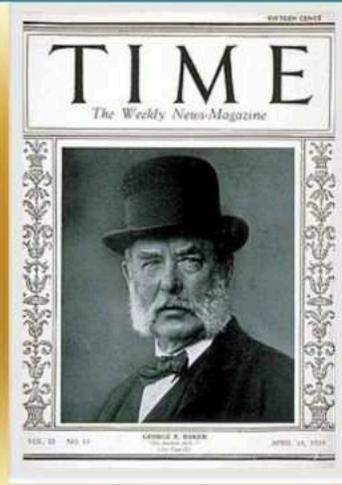
Outside of Tuxedo Park was the small town of Tuxedo. Separate from the park, the town did not have a school, and Tuxedo Park's George F. Baker donated the funds to build the little town a school. From Harvard Business School to Columbia University, he continued to support and donate heavily to the world of academia.



# TUXEDO PARK'S GEORGE F. BAKER ACADEMIA PHILANTHROPIST

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The George F. Baker high school in Tuxedo NY was a gift to the town by Tuxedo Park resident George Fisher Baker, an American banker and philanthropist. The school was built in 1931. Baker was known as the "American Dean of Banking" and was a cofounder of the First National Bank of New York, which was the forerunner of today's Citibank. By the time of his death, Mr. Baker had amassed such a fortune in banking and railroads that he was estimated to be the third richest man in the United States, after Henry Ford and John D. Rockefeller. The George F. Baker High School building is modeled after the Harvard Business School's, Baker Library

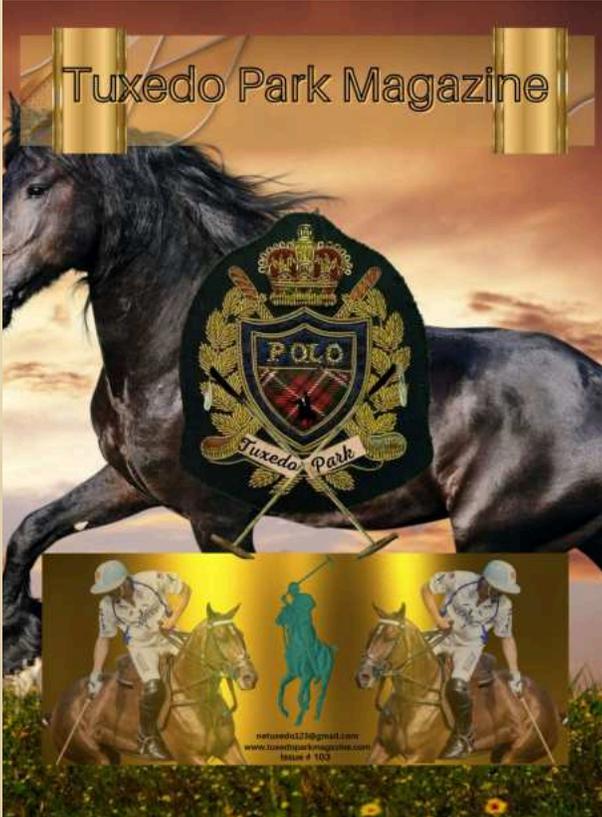


Tuxedo Park's George F. Baker, provided the majority of the funding for Harvard Business School with a 1924 grant of five million, for which Harvard gave him an honorary doctorate and named the library after him. In 1922, he established a million dollar endowment fund for the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He had been a member of the museum board since 1909. George Baker donated 2 million to Cornell University for the construction of the Baker Laboratory of Chemistry, as well as Baker dormitories, and he endowed the Baker Lecture Series, the oldest continuous lectureship in chemistry in the United States. He made other large donations to charitable causes throughout New York City and funded the construction of Baker Field, Columbia University's primary athletic facility. He was well liked in Tuxedo Park, where many of his close friends and business associates also resided.

George Baker was closely associated with Wall Street banker J.P. Morgan. Both were members of the Tuxedo Club in Tuxedo Park, where George had a grand home and thought Tuxedo Park one of the finest places, where one could establish a dignified lifestyle.

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

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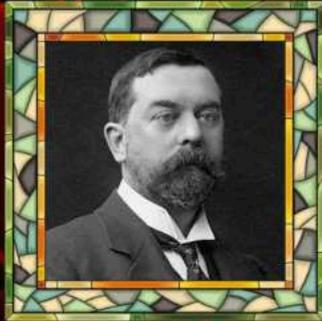
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## *John Singer Sargent-Tuxedo Park's portraitist*

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From the white house to Tuxedo Park, John Singer Sargent painted portraits of the notorious, and the very wealthy. Many residents in Tuxedo Park commissioned him.

John Singer Sargent was a prominent portrait painter during the Gilded Age, a period of rapid economic growth and social change in the late 19th century. He was known for his elegant and insightful portraits of wealthy individuals, capturing both their likenesses and the spirit of the era. His portraits offer a glimpse into the opulent lifestyles and social structures of the Gilded Age, highlighting the aspirations and self-perception of the wealthy, showcasing the importance of portraiture in establishing social status and capturing moments of transition.

In a society obsessed with appearances, Sargent is a fitting addition, a reminder that a well-crafted image can be as powerful as any fortune, often flattering those lucky enough to possess both. Best known for the Portrait of Madame X, Sargent was a master of grandeur, capturing the privileged elite with both flattery and subtle psychological insight. While he was a fixture of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, he is back in the cultural conversation at the moment, thanks to The Metropolitan Museum of Art's latest exhibition, "Sargent and Paris".

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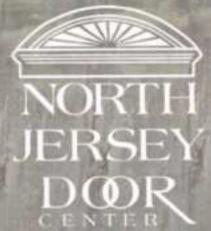
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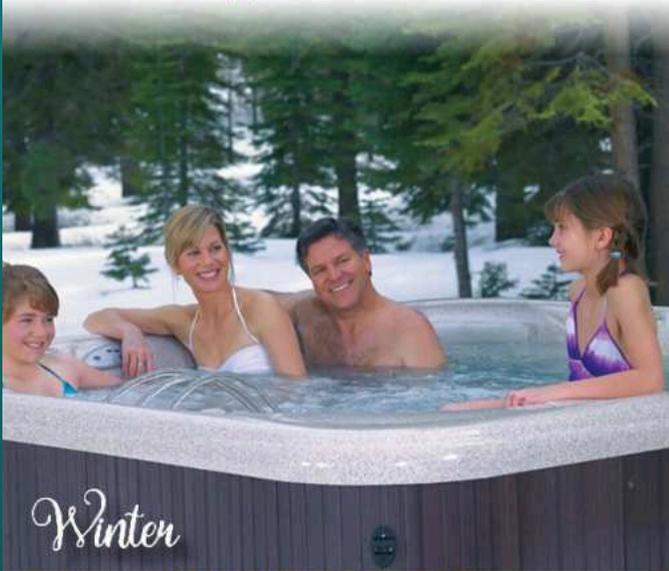
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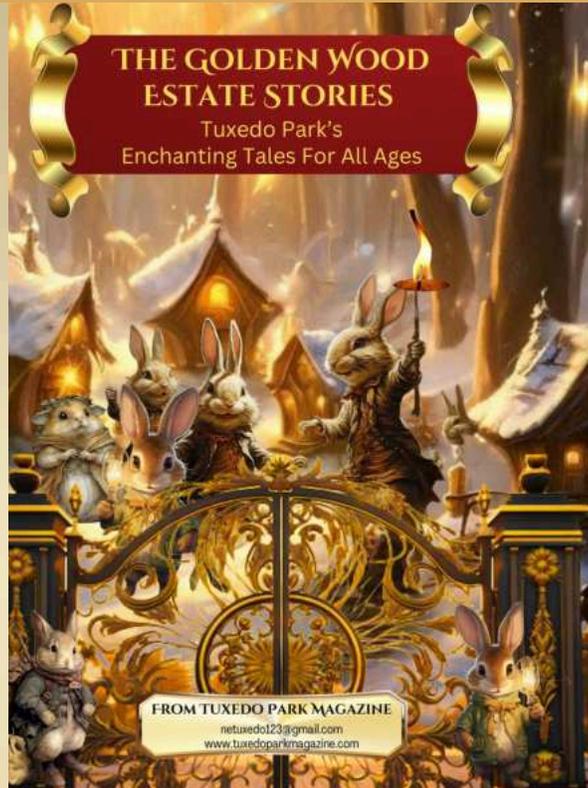


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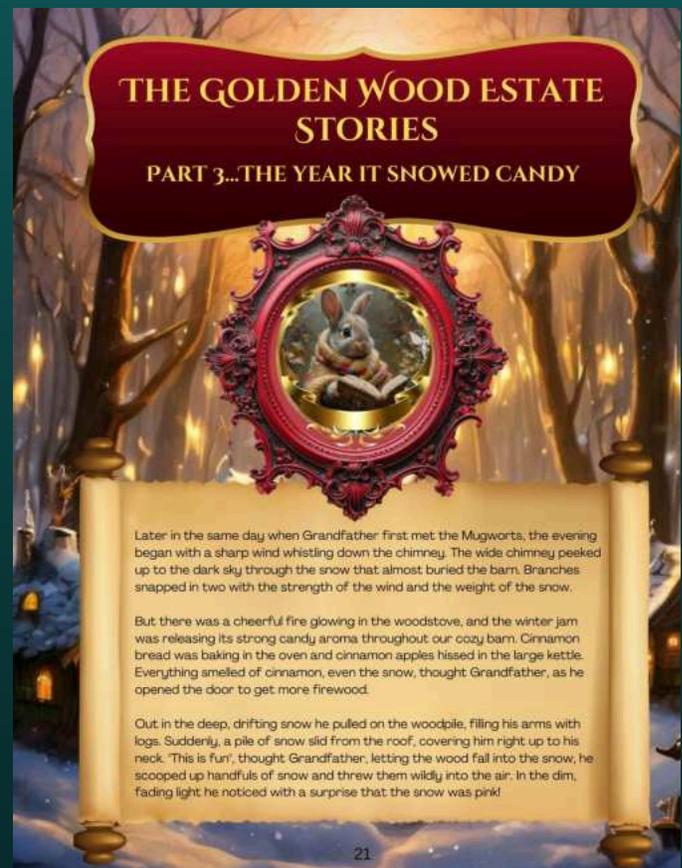
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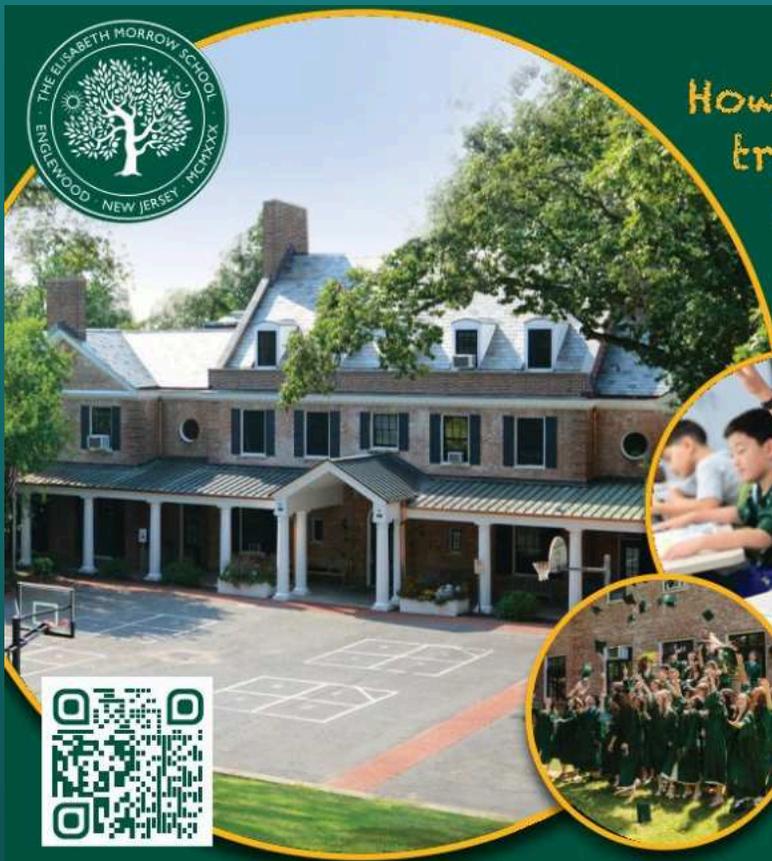
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“We love teaching three- and four-year-olds,” they share. “At this age, children are starting to observe the world around them and are eager to form connections—with their teachers, peers, and environment.” Pre-K-3 is a pivotal time of growth as children move from toddlerhood to greater independence. It’s when their fine motor skills and cognitive abilities begin to flourish, making it the perfect time to nurture their confidence, creativity, and love for learning. “They’re enthusiastic, open-hearted, and ready to try new things—they bring such joy to every activity.”

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And what ultimately confirmed that SRDS was the right fit for these dynamic educators? "The people," they both agree. "There's a real sense of connection among the faculty—an environment where teamwork, support, and shared purpose are felt throughout the school." For Julia Rosenfeld and Julie McCarthy, being part of the SRDS community means becoming part of something much bigger—a place where they'll help lay the academic and emotional foundation for students who may one day graduate as members of the Class of 2039. They're not just teaching Pre-K—they're launching lifelong journeys.

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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!!" 🍷

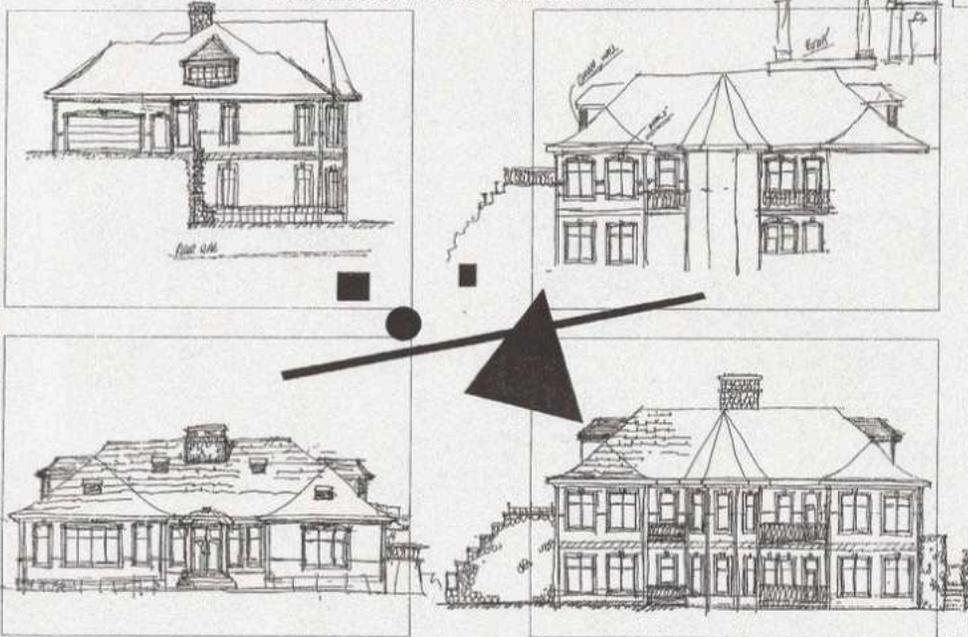


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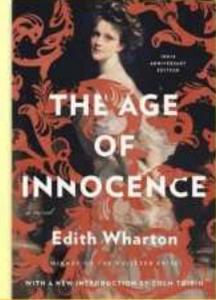
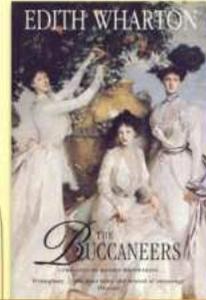
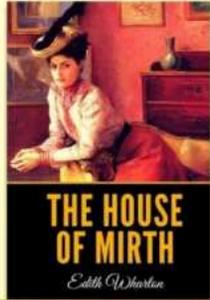
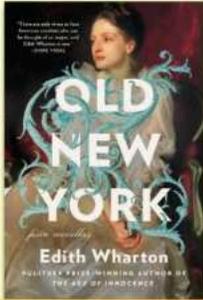
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# Tuxedo Park's Edith Jones Wharton

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Edith Jones Wharton was an American novelist, short story writer, and designer. She drew upon her insider's knowledge of the upper class New York "aristocracy" to realistically portray the lives and morals of the Gilded Age. She became the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize in literature for her novel, *The Age of Innocence*. Her family were Tuxedo Club members where Edith attended many of her friend's debutante balls. Edith based her best-selling novel, *"The House of Mirth"*, on Tuxedo Park, one of her favorite places. Wharton's family, the Joneses, were a very wealthy and socially prominent family having made their money in real estate. The saying "keeping up with the Joneses" referred to her father's family. She was related to the Rensselaers, the most prestigious of the old patroon families who had received land grants from the former Dutch government of New York and New Jersey. Her father's first cousin was Caroline Schermerhorn Astor.

Edith keenly observed the social changes happening around her, both in the city and Tuxedo Park, which she used later in her writing. She officially came out as a debutante to society in 1879. She was allowed to bare her shoulders and wear her hair up for the first time at a December dance given by a Society matron, Anna Morton. In Tuxedo Park, Edith was admired and popular, and was known to say to several, that she felt more comfortable in Tuxedo Park than anywhere else.

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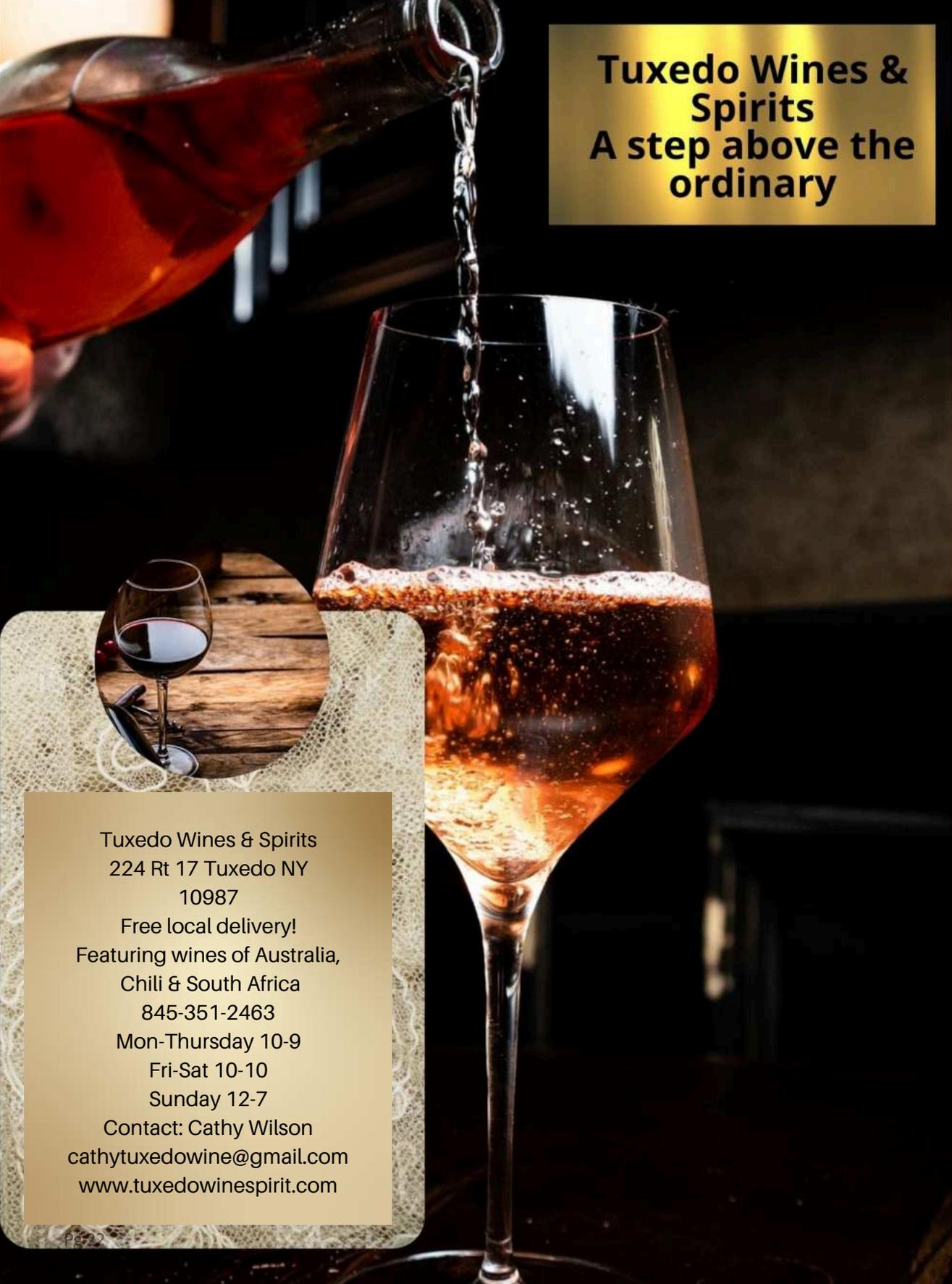
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Tilted at noble prospects of marriage for their children, some of the very wealthy society conservatives during the Gilded Age and early years of Tuxedo Park, went to great lengths forming those unions. Enormous dowries were pinned to many young women of the day whose fathers' had newly become icons of the financial world, enabling their new money to marry old money, and thus, balancing on this old money, became ripe by society's standards.

During the Gilded Age, consideration for those with new money was hesitant, and in society was whispered as vulgar, and as such, many steps had to be achieved in order for the new money fortunes and families to land comfortably balanced into proper society. Beneath the umbrella of comfort in Tuxedo Park during the Gilded Age, a royal union took place on a brilliant sunny day.

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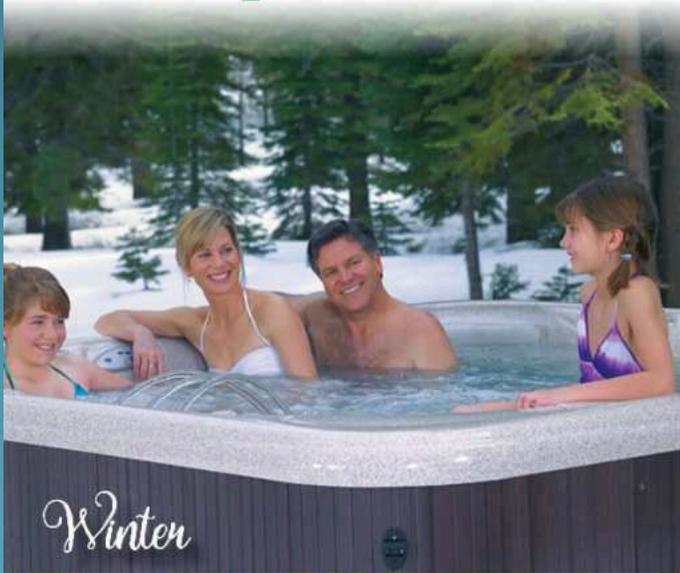
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