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Preview Party Showcases LI Designers and Eateries *Festivities Held at Mill Neck Manor*

A “Standing Tall” preview party recently kicked-off the Designers’ Showcase® 2011, to be held through October 30 at Chestnut Manor, located at 1327 Wolver Hollow Road in Upper Brookville. The Showcase, run by Mansions & Millionaires®, features rooms decorated with creative flair by designers, artists and artisans. Gifts and treasures, a daily luncheon (open only during Showcase hours) and a lecture on “Gold Coast Era Mansions Then and Now,” to be held on October 18, are also available.

“Standing Tall” guests enjoyed a food and wine tasting by local restaurants and establishments Tuttopazzo of Huntington, Cedar Creek of Glen Cove, Rothmann’s of East Norwich, Bar Frites of Greenvale, Goosberry Grove of Oyster Bay, Oheka Castle of Huntington, the Soundview of Glen Cove, Atria Glen Cove and Page One of Glen Cove, as well as an assortment of wines provided by Banfi Vintners of Old Brookville and Seaholm Wines and Liquors of Huntington.

The Mansionaires, an interactive drama group that graced the house as 1920s/30s characters befitting the grandeur of the mansion, led the crowd through a delightful variety of songs and activities. The debut of the “Standing Tall” theme song by Nancy Leghart (produced by Michael Lorello and sung by Leghart and Tim Lawless), floored guests with its country undertones and sing-along splendor.

One “Designer of the Year” award, to Anne Lombardi Rohrberg, one “Artisan of the Year” award, to Jeanne S. Schnupp, and two “Notable” honors, to Billy Ceglia and Randy Statham, were presented by Angela Susan Anton, CEO and Publisher of Anton Community Newspapers, who was also an event judge. The Mill Neck Family of Organizations and Mansions & Millionaires® would like to thank Anton for her generous ongoing support.

Each year, Carole Aronson and Arlene Travis of Mansions & Millionaires® announce their own

Showcase top winner(s). Near the end of the “Standing Tall” preview party, the producers named designers Richard Schlesinger, as well as Mario Mulea and Esther Carter-Samain, as the 2011 victors, although all the contributing talents were recognized for their exquisite designs.

Recognized for her devotion to preserving Gold Coast mansions and historical sites, event honoree Nancy Melius, of Oheka Castle, said to guests, “Thank you for honoring my work with Gold Coast mansions. If we promote these mansions with integrity and respect for the community, they can be a valuable resource that will create new jobs and revenue for the state and LI. Our goal is to make them trendy, easy to find and accessible.” Melius also thanked Carole Aronson and Arlene Travis of Mansions & Millionaires® for providing the community with glimpses into beautiful interior designs through hosting popular showcases for 40 years.

The Designers’ Showcase® 2011 is open from Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 am to 4 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11:30 am to 5 pm. The Showcase is open on Columbus Admission is as follows: general, \$30; seniors, \$28; children (5-12, no children under 5), \$7; group (Min. 20), \$26 per person. Price includes sales tax and tickets may be purchased at the door. Proceeds will benefit Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf. For more information, or to reserve tickets, please call (516) 277-2156 or visit <http://designersshowcaseny.com/>.

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations, which includes Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, the Mill Neck Manor Early Childhood Center, Mill Neck Services for Deaf Adults, Mill Neck Foundation, Mill Neck Audiology, Mill Neck Interpreter Service and Lutheran Friends of the Deaf is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are Deaf, or who have other special needs, through excellence in individually designed educational, vocational or spiritual programs and services. For more information, please call (516) 922-4100 or visit www.millneck.org.

Photo Captions:

1. In celebration of the preview party, Oheka Castle Executive Pastry Chef Daniel Andreotti prepared an exquisite Chestnut Manor (left) and Mill Neck Manor (right) replica cake. The design was completely edible!
2. Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf alumni, from left, Catherine Clark-Wasil and Catherine and Robert Barlick enjoyed the preview party.
3. Nancy Leghart (right), Director of Advancement for the Mill Neck family of Organizations, presents event honoree Nancy Melius (left), Director of Marketing and Design at Oheka Castle, with a plaque for efforts in preserving Gold Coast mansions.

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