



THE SEA CLIFF LANDMARKS ASSOCIATION

LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

Paul J. Mateyunas

on

"LONG ISLAND'S GOLD COAST"

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club

at 7:30

Travel back in time to the days of Daisy Buchanan and Jay Gatsby learning about the real families and homes that inspired F. Scott Fitzgerald. A talk by North Shore historian and author Paul J. Mateyunas about the history of the Gold Coast and the grand old estate houses.

In its heyday, over 1,200 grand homes lined the shoreline from Eaton's Neck to Great Neck and as far south as Old Westbury. Everyone from Morgan, Woolworth, Vanderbilt, Hearst, Field, and Phipps to the Duke of Windsor resided here. Today, approximately one-third of these houses still survive in various states, providing a glimpse of what was the Gold Coast.

Some teenagers are fascinated by hot cars, others by sports, Paul Mateyunas has always been fascinated by the unique architecture of Long Island. A 1995 NYT's feature begins:

"PEERING out the car window at palaces protected by ornate, wrought-iron gates, pointing out homes hidden in manicured forests of linden and copper beech trees, Paul Mateyunas was in his glory.

Here he was, doing what he loved best, leading a spur-of-the-moment safari into the heart of mansion country, a legendary land from the era when Long Island was still the private preserve of the very rich."

Where Riches And Fantasy Reigned by PETER MARKS
Published: May 26, 1995

Paul was 17 years old at the time.

Mr. Mateyunas has made it his career to help restore, preserve, and educate about the houses and culture of the Gold Coast. An advisor to a number of properties and an architecture writer since 2001, Mateyunas has a collection of more than 20,000 images documenting the North Shore.

A noted North Shore historian and author whose expertise lies in art, design and architecture, his knowledge of the Island's Beaux Arts architecture, lead him to write North Shore Long Island Country Houses 1890-1950 and Long Island's Gold Coast. Paul specializes in real estate for Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty assisting his clients to buy and sell old estates. A member of Daniel Gale's Gold Circle of Excellence, Paul has successfully listed and sold some of the North Shore's best examples of country house architecture. His success stems from his genuine passion for architecture and history.