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Exhibition Detail

Xiomaro

Theodore Roosevelt: "How I Love Sagamore Hill"

Curated by: **Philip Blocklyn**

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Xiomaro,
Theodore Roosevelt: "How I Love Sagamore Hill" (Mother's Room),

2012, Photograph, 17" x 25"

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TAGS: Theodore Roosevelt, teddy roosevelt, tr, Sagamore Hill, architecture, interior design, Oyster Bay, photography, digital, realism

COST: Free

> DESCRIPTION

In February 2012, New York artist Xiomaro created an artistic photographic collection of Theodore Roosevelt's Oyster Bay mansion for Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

The collection was created as part of a three-year, \$6.2 million dollar structural rehabilitation of the house, which is presently closed to the public. As a result, the images document the interiors in a historically rare condition: Sagamore Hill appears much as it did in 1887 when the Roosevelts moved in. The photographs reveal an intimacy with the household personalities, highlight details overwhelmed by the furnishings and offer unusual perspectives not possible from a guided tour. To Xiomaro's knowledge, the collection is the first since Samuel Gottscho's fully-furnished series in 1966 at the Library of Congress.

Despite the house being substantially vacant, the photographs reveal that TR's spirit remains permanently in residence. It is no surprise that on the day before he passed away, TR wistfully commented to his wife Edith, "I wonder if you will ever know how I love Sagamore Hill."

The exhibit will be feted with a free opening reception. Xiomaro will also be giving free Gallery Talks and a presentation as part of the John Gable Lecture series, which is presented by the Friends of Sagamore Hill, a chapter of the Theodore Roosevelt Association.

The exhibit will eventually travel to Harvard College for a year-long exhibit starting in 2014.

Xiomaro invites the public to select photographs from the collection for exhibition.

Participants can view and email their selections at www.xiomaro.com/TR.html. Each will receive a free 4" x 6" souvenir print and will be thanked by name on the website. After December 31, one winner will be randomly chosen to win a Special Edition print (8.5" x 11") of his/her choosing.