

MONICA RANDALL

Guest Speaker and best selling author is available for Libraries, Colleges, Historical Societies, Fund Raising Events, and Book Signings.

Long Island author Monica Randall has published the following books:

- Mansions of Long Islands Gold Coast (Rizzoli International 1987 & 2004)
- Winfield: Living in the shadow of the Woolworth's (St. Martins Press 2003)
- Phantoms of the Hudson Valley (Overlook Press 1997)

Each of the above book topics has a one hour slide program that highlights the subject covered.

GATSBY'S LONG ISLAND:

is based on the 1987 best seller 'Mansions of the Gold Coast'. It includes rare photos of the sprawling castle that inspired F Scott Fitzgerald to write The Great Gatsby. Included in the program are little known details and photos of the 1955 Infamous Woodward murder case, the mysterious F.W. Woolworth mansion, and Fergusons Castle built atop a cliff in Huntington that is said to be haunted.

PHANTOMS OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

is an illustrated slide program about the lost river world along the Hudson, with its abandoned and ruined castles and the amazing people who built them.

WINFIELD: Living In The Shadow of the Woolworth's

is an evocative history of the sixty room mansion built by five and dime king, F.W. Woolworth. Learn about Woolworth's rise to power, and his secret obsession with Napoleon, and his fabled mansion with its hidden passageways, crypts, and underground tunnels. This is a spellbinding tale filled with historical facts, suspense, and practical lore, where truth becomes stranger than fiction.

>>> ADDITIONAL LECTURE PROGRAMS <<<

LONG ISLAND'S MOST HAUNTED MANSIONS:

Monica shares true stories of spectral beings who sometimes show up on film and make their ethereal voices heard during the night. Learn about some of Long Island's most intriguing manor house with their labyrinths of secret passages, hidden chambers, deserted tunnels and the mysterious events that surround them. This program is filled with plenty of scientific facts, suspense, and practical lore. You will come away believing that the truth can sometimes be stranger than fiction.

LONG ISLAND AND THE MOVIES:

Go behind the scenes with location scout Monica Randall as she shares her experience working with film icons Jack Nicholson, Warren Beatty, Robert Redford, and Martin Scorsese. Included in the program will be scenes from: 'The Godfather', 'Hair', 'Age of Innocence', 'Sabrina', and the most celebrated Long Island story of them all, 'The Great Gatsby'.

WINTER DREAMS:

Brings to life the magic and enchantment of the winter season as it was celebrated during the last century. The Victorians regarded winter as a time of gala ice skating parties, winter carnivals and horse drawn sleighs. The program also features many of the Gold Coast mansions as they are rarely seen during the winter months when they are garlanded in snow.

ABANDONED TRUNKS:

During the sixties and seventies hundreds of the great estates were bulldozed to make way for housing developments. The attics of these doomed palaces were often filled with steamer trunks filled with the most expensive gowns money could buy. These gowns, which could coast as much as twenty thousand dollars, were worn in their heyday by the Gold Coast ladies of society who hosted elaborate masquerade balls.

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