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*TR Site Foundation President Stanton Hudson (r.) proudly displays the key to the bank after the deed and key were presented by Bank of America official Kevin Murphy (l.).*

The construction phase of the *Gateway to Greatness* project was officially launched on June 8, when the deed and keys to the Bank of America branch bank were presented to TR Site Foundation President Stanton H. Hudson, Jr. at a press conference on the front lawn of the TR Site.

Bank of America's Buffalo market president Kevin Murphy made the presentation and expressed the bank's enthusiasm around the donation. "The Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site is a great source of pride for area residents, in addition to being an economic driver – helping return the site to its original appearance is the right thing to do, and the latest example of our commitment to the community."

Almost immediately following the property transfer, the project began with asbestos abatement at the bank building and archeological investigations of the historic property that would be disturbed during the project. Protection of the historic Wilcox house came next before demolition could begin. The exterior was shielded from the threat of flying debris with the construction of an extensive scaffold and plywood wall and window coverings, while priceless artifacts inside the Site's historic rooms were either removed or covered to protect against vibration and dust.

Demolition of the branch bank was completed in just over two weeks with no damage to the historic house! There was plenty of rubbernecking by passers-by on Delaware Avenue as well as ongoing oversight by Site staff as large equipment invaded the property and the demo crew systematically and carefully took down the building.

The final phase of the project, now underway, involves the site work to restore the historic 1901 landscape, introduce a new driveway entrance off Delaware Avenue, and improve the parking lots behind the Site off Franklin Street. Our goal is to have the project complete by this fall. Please stop by any time to check the project's progress, and be sure to take a look at the photos in the centerfold of this issue of *The Bullytin* – there are some amazing images of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

# Message from the Foundation President

## GATEWAY TO GREATNESS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEARING INITIAL \$800,000 GOAL

I am pleased to announce that the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site is poised to reach its \$800,000 goal for our bank demolition/landscape restoration project. The targeted completion of the first phase of the "Gateway to Greatness" Capital Campaign is the end of October 2012.

As I reported at the TR Site Board meeting in early August, donations and pledges totaled \$705,268, representing more than 100 gifts from board members, volunteers, staff, the National Park Service (NPS), area foundations and businesses, and the general public. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, including leadership support from the John R. Oishei Foundation, The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, and the NPS, we are currently at 88 percent of our goal.

To put our fundraising into perspective, we began the "Gateway to Greatness" Campaign in November of last year, following closely on the heels of a successful two-year, \$3.7 million capital campaign—the first in the history of the Site. The culmination of that fundraising effort was the construction of our Carriage House, numerous interior and exterior improvements to the historic house, and the creation and installation of an entirely new visitors' experience, featuring 13 multi-media/interactive exhibits.

Raising nearly \$4.5 million in six years in two separate fundraising initiatives is truly a remarkable feat for any organization, and is especially noteworthy given that the Site has an annual operating budget of approximately \$600,000. What we've been able to achieve is a real testament to our board members, especially those who have not only "given" but

"gotten" too; our volunteers, who stepped forward to run their own "mini-campaigns" to encourage giving among our more than 250 women and men who give of their time and talents daily and who are our lifeblood; and the community—foundations, corporations, and individuals—who have witnessed the progress the Site is making to become a premier heritage tourism destination in WNY and believe their donations are a wise investment.

Upon completion of the demolition/landscape restoration project, scheduled to be completed by the end of 2012, we will begin our fundraising for an additional \$200,000 to establish and sustain a contemporary citizenship initiative focused on the issues which are the centerpiece of our new visitors' experience. Those issues include immigration and urban poverty, race and social inequities, environmental conservation, big business and labor, and the role of the U.S. in global affairs. We anticipate this phase to be completed in 2013.

For those of you reading this message who have not already become a part of our "Gateway to Greatness" Capital Campaign, I would like to ask you to consider making a gift to the TR Site. Simply call us at 716-884-0095 and we will be happy to send you a donor form.

We would be honored by your participation and look forward to celebrating with all of our donors next summer at a garden party in the TR Site's new side yard.

**STANTON H. HUDSON, JR.**

PRESIDENT

THEODORE ROOSEVELT INAUGURAL SITE FOUNDATION



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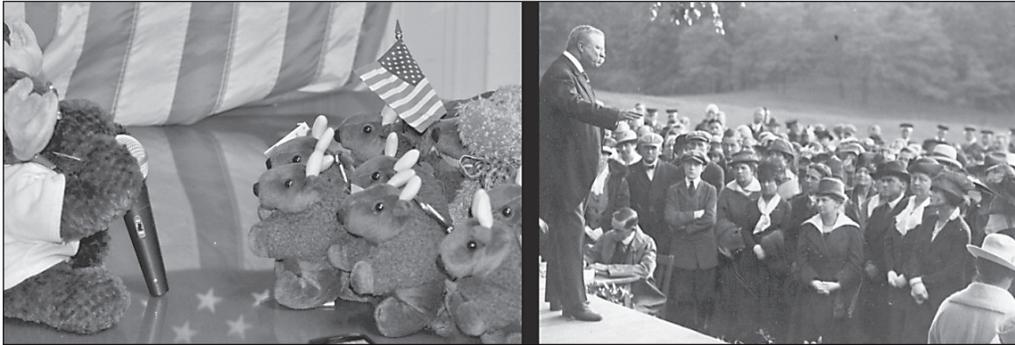
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1912 ~ 2012

## Marking the 100th Anniversary of TR's Last Campaign



At left, the TR Site's traveling "Bull Moose on the Loose" imagines what it would be like to give speeches to crowds of voters, as Theodore Roosevelt did on the campaign trail back in 1912 (right). Image courtesy Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

When it comes to presidential elections, few can beat the drama that swirled around the Election of 1912. A series of hard-fought primaries were followed by two of the most contentious political conventions in U.S. history. American women, for the first time, had the potential to directly impact election results. A field of *four* noteworthy candidates debated fundamental questions about the role of government that continue to resonate a century later. And, in the month leading up to Election Day, front page headlines carried news about the attempted assassination of one candidate, a serious injury sustained by another, and the death of the Vice President.

"...this country will not be a permanently good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a reasonably good place for all of us to live in."

— Theodore Roosevelt  
Chicago, Illinois, June 17, 1912

Having bolted from the Republican

Party and turned the entire contest upside-down by forming the Progressive (or "Bull Moose") Party, Theodore Roosevelt's significance in the Election of 1912 is undeniable. The TR Site is marking his historic campaign in several ways.

1) **A new exhibit called *Bull Moose on the Loose: TR and the Election of 1912* recently opened at the TR Site.**

Included with regular museum admission, the exhibit focuses on the Progressive Party's platform and features an array of 1912 election memorabilia.

2) **Thanks to a generous donation from Mary Meyer Toys, the TR Site is sending its very own "Bull Moose" to National Park sites all over the country.** Follow his adventures on-line as he reminds people about the lasting influence of TR and his 1912 campaign. Visit *BullMoose*. [TRSite.org](http://TRSite.org) or [www.Facebook.com/BullMooseOnTheLoose](http://www.Facebook.com/BullMooseOnTheLoose)

3) **On Monday, September 24th, Professor Sidney M. Milkis will be lecturing about the 1912 presidential race and the Progressive Party's lasting impact on our world.**

A recognized authority on the topic, Professor Milkis is the author of *Theodore Roosevelt, the Progressive Party, and the Transformation of American Democracy* (University of Kansas Press, 2009). He serves as the White Burkett Miller Professor of Politics and Director of Democracy and Governance Studies at the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia. Copies of Professor Milkis' book may be purchased in the TR Site's shop; a book signing will follow the program. The lecture will start at 7 p.m., and is being presented in collaboration with The Association for a Buffalo Presidential Center. \$5 per person, at the door. Space is limited; reservations encouraged. Call or e-mail: [rsup@trsite.org](mailto:rsup@trsite.org). This project is funded by the **New York Council for the Humanities** and the **Monroe D. Ray Chapter of the American Political Items Collectors**.

4) **At 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23rd, a panel discussion entitled *The Great Debate Revisited: Remembering the 1912 Presidential Election and its Relevance in 2012* will be held at Daemen College.**

Co-sponsored by the TR Site and the Daemen College Alumni Association, the event will take place in the Sr. Jeanne Room, in the basement of the Center for Visual and Performing Arts. It is free and open to the public. TR Site Curator Lenora Henson will be one of the panelists.

5) **Join us on Election Day 2012 (November 6th) for a Behind-the-Scenes tour with a special focus on TR's Progressive Party candidacy.** The tour will be offered twice – at 10 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. \$15 TR Site members/ \$25 Non-members. Space is limited and pre-paid reservations are a must.

# Gateway to Greatness



*The branch bank at the right of the photo was erected on the south side of the original Wilcox property in the early 1960s by Liberty National Bank. In 2011, Bank of America closed this location and offered to donate the property to the TR Site.*



*In order to protect the Site's historic collection from damage through vibrations and dust, all fragile items were packed away and furniture covered before demolition began. Windows facing the demolition were also covered. This photo shows the library, site of TR's inauguration, as it appeared during demolition.*

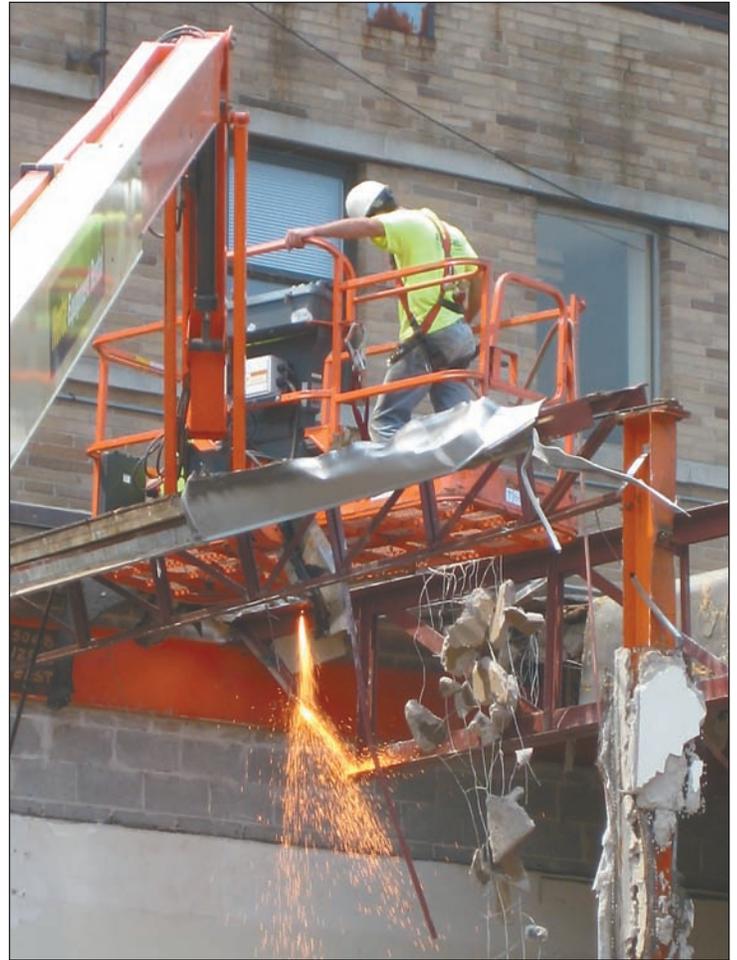
*The exterior needed to be protected as well. To the right of this photo can be seen the plywood barrier that shielded the historic home. To the left, the demolition of the bank is well underway. To avoid flying debris, the wrecking ball was not used on the walls, but it was used to break up the foundation and floor. Close examination reveals the ball swinging from the bucket in this shot.*



# Begins to Take Shape



Most of the above-ground demolition was done using this device referred to as the "long stick." We tried unsuccessfully to get the demo crew to rename it the "Big Stick" for the job. The claw arm was used to tear the walls apart.



Several heavy support beams needed to be cut for removal.

With the bank gone, work is underway to restore the landscape and construct the new driveway off Delaware Avenue. As surveyors ply their trade, we can now enjoy a view of the TR Site's south side which has not been visible for decades!



# The Naval War of 1812

Sunday, October 28, 2:00 PM at the TR Site

Free Admission for Lecture

RSVP advised at 716-847-1773, ext. 10

(Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park)

**Speaker Raya Lee** is an author, librarian and active speaker for many cultural and historical institutions across New York State. Her presentation will use documented images and music to present an excellent overview of the war, with focus on the **Naval War of 1812**. Theodore Roosevelt always was fascinated by naval history and his book on the subject was published when he was only 23. This event is part of the Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park's War of 1812 Speaker Series. TR Site will be open for tours before and after the presentation, beginning at 12:00 pm. Regular museum admission rates apply. Members, as always, are free.

Also keep watch for our next War of 1812 lecture, in the winter of 2013, when **Forest Lawn Historian Patrick Kavanagh** will speak on the **War of 1812 on the Niagara Frontier**.

## Victorian Christmas 2012

Now that our glorious summer is just a happy memory it's time to get that holiday feeling! Plans for **Victorian Christmas 2012** are well underway and there's quite a bit of excitement in the air. Event Chair Jerry Sullivan and Co-chair Diane Burkholder promise another outstanding holiday celebration combining all the traditional favorites with some fresh new events. The festivities will open on Friday, November 30 with the gala wine tasting and silent auction and continue through December 8. Watch for the Victorian Christmas brochure in late September and be sure to mark your calendar for the opening of reservations. **TR Site members may call on Monday, October 22** and the **general public on Tuesday, October 23**. Many thanks to **Wegmans** and the **Eighth District Federated Garden Clubs** for their generous support of our 38th annual event!

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## RECENT VISITOR COMMENTS

- "Well done tour and extremely interactive. Thoroughly enjoyed by all members of the family. Will recommend to others if they stop by Buffalo, NY"  
— visitor from Greenville, SC
- "We've been to 27 Presidents' homes, libraries, etc. All have been informative to some degree, but none have been as comprehensive as this one. A lot of research and dedication paid off." — visitor from Cheektowaga, NY

# Board Considers Structural and Governance Issues At Its August Meeting

## REVISED BYLAWS AND NEW COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT POLICY APPROVED

Effective programming and fundraising initiated by the TR Inaugural Site depend upon policy development and oversight not only tied to its mission and operations but also to its governance. Bylaws and policies that reflect the culture and expectations of the Site and that are carefully considered and implemented can be powerful tools in those efforts.

At the August quarterly meeting of the TR Inaugural Site board, members approved revised bylaws for the organization, based upon recommendations made by a Bylaws and Policies Task Force, headed by board secretary George Bellows, The review group, which also includes the Honorable Leslie Foschio, Kevin Klotzbach, Barbara O'Neill, Sujata Yalamanachili, and Stanton Hudson, took the first comprehensive look at the organization's governance structure since 1997.

Following several lengthy meetings and spirited discussions on certain provisions of the bylaws, including term limits and the Site's "honorary trustee" category, the group identified several items in need of modification/revision. These changes were recommended by the task group and approved by the board on August 9. There was general consensus, however, that the by-laws, in general, has served the Site extremely well for the past 40 years and were not in need of major revision.

A new Collections Management Policy was also given a "thumbs-up" by the board. This new policy will be incorporated into a comprehensive policies manual to aid current decision making, avoid inconsistency, and make important information readily available to all directors, officers, and staff. The Bylaws and Policies Task Force hopes to have this work complete by year's end.

The Board was also provided with details on a new, streamlined committee structure and a tentative membership roster. Each of the nine committees (formerly there were 14) will include, for the first time, at least one person from the Site's corps of more than 250 volunteers. Other highlights include the establishment of a separate audit committee, creation of a combined marketing/resources development committee, replacement of the nominating committee with a governance committee, and the renaming of the former buildings and grounds committee to the facilities committee. All of these changes have been made to better position the Site to achieve the goals set out in the organization's 2011-2016 Strategic Plan.

# Teddy Bear Picnic 2012 ~ a Success



*Mama Earth performs for a crowd of children, parents, grandparents and bears in front of the Botanical Gardens.*

The Site continued its summer tradition with the annual Teddy Bear Picnic, held on August 1 at the **Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens**. Over 200 participants (and an undetermined number of Teddy bears) enjoyed the music of Mama Earth and the other activities of the day. Our thanks to the Botanical Gardens for once again generously hosting the event, as well as to sponsors **Fisher-Price** and **Young Audiences** for helping make the event a success.

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## Twilight Tour of Mansions Was Another Crowd Pleaser!

More than 1,100 people participated in the *Twilight Tour of Mansions* held on June 21. A beautiful summer evening encouraged participants to leisurely stroll through the Delaware Avenue, Oakland Place and Summer Street neighborhood. Eleven buildings and private homes were featured on the tour including the Theodore Roosevelt Site. Each venue offered a unique opportunity to explore different aspects of this neighborhood's rich history and spectacular architecture.

A collaboration between the TR Site and Preservation Buffalo Niagara's Buffalo Tours, this is the third year for the tour and the most successful to date. Funds raised from the event support both organizations' ongoing education programs. Special thanks are in order to the home and building owners who so generously participated in this year's tour, as well as to the volunteers from both organizations who served as docents at each location. The following supporters also contributed to the tour's success: 3 Pillars Catering at the Butler Mansion, Jacobs Executive Development Center, WBEN AM 930 and 107.7 FM, Kristan C. Anderson of Gurney Becker & Bourne, and the Oakgrove String Quartet.

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## Coming Events

- Through November 18, Temporary Exhibit: **Bull Moose on the Loose.**  
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- September 24, 7:00 PM, Lecture: **"Theodore Roosevelt, the Progressive Party, and the Transformation of American Democracy"** by Sidney M. Milkis. *See page 3.*
- October 28, 2:00 PM, Lecture: **"The Naval War of 1812"** by Raya Lee.  
*See page 6.*
- November 6, 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM, Behind the Scenes Tour: **"Theodore Roosevelt: Tales and Treasures."** *See page 3.*
- November 30 - December 8, **Victorian Christmas.** *See page 6.*
- Winter 2013 (Date to be announced), **"War of 1812 on the Niagara Frontier"** by Patrick Kavanagh. *See page 6.*



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