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OUR AMERICAN HISTORY

A FREE PROGRAM SERIES - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Story of Bannerman Island

A "tiny jewel," and a witness to history, on the Hudson

With Bannerman Castle Trust, Inc. Member Thom Johnson

Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 10:00 am

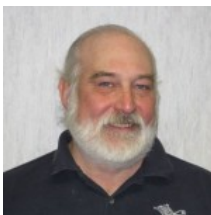
A large, imposing castle sits majestically on an island, seemingly standing guard on the Hudson River and all who pass by. Why? Who built it? What was it used for? And what has become of it? Through a visual presentation of artwork, historic photographs and current images, discover the island's interesting history, beginning long before Francis Bannerman built his castle. Learn why the site was chosen, about its years as a working arsenal, why it was



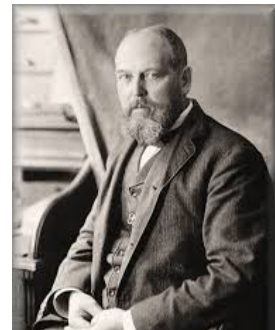
eventually shut down and sold to the State of New York, about the great fire in 1969, and the eventual creation of the Bannerman Castle Trust - and the future of this amazing site.



Thom Johnson



Thom Johnson is a lifelong resident of the Hudson Valley who first saw the castle over 45 years ago and has been researching it ever since. As one of the founders of the Bannerman Castle Trust, and co-author of the Arcadia Press book about the castle, there are few who know the story better than he does. Johnson is a retired arts educator who believes in teaching both young and older residents how we can preserve and reuse our local historic sites.



Francis Bannerman VI

NEW LOCATION

**This FREE program will be held at the Putnam Valley Free Library
30 Oscawana Lake Road ♦ Putnam Valley, NY 10579 at 10:00 am**