

# BEDFORD RIDING LANES 2012 BARN TOUR

The 2012 Barn Tour was a delight for the eyes with magnificent barns, gorgeous art and a beautiful dressage demonstration. Thank you to all of our guests, sponsors, donors, volunteers and barn owners. What a wonderful day!



## Rochambeau

High atop a Bedford hilltop known in Colonial times as "Commanding View", sits an imposing estate now known as "Rochambeau". Named after the Compte de Rochambeau, a French general who played a major role in helping the American Colonies win their independence from Great Britain, this 67 acres of paradise was originally owned by the founders of the auction house Sotheby. It has been magnificently enhanced by the current owners and architect Teo Sequenza. While honoring its roots in American history, the final result is nothing short of breathtaking.



## Sutton Corners Farm

Born of a shopkeeper in Nantucket, RH Macy moved to NY and founded the now famous Macy's Department Stores. He built this estate for his daughter Florence and included everything the fashionable 1870's woman could desire: a dovecote, an art studio and a wonderful stable for riding and exploring the estate's 12 manicured acres, attributed to Frederick Law Olmstead. The house includes all the rich details of a Victorian mansion: parquet floors, wainscoting, decorated ceilings, unique fireplaces, etc. It is easy to imagine the Belle Epoque era and it's exuberant expression of the American Dream.



## Grace Farm

This farm is the former home of Reed Kessler and her family. Reed was the youngest rider to represent the United States on the Olympic Show Jumping Team in London and trained 6 months of the year at this extraordinary 42-acre estate of fenced, rolling meadows. They bought the farm from Christopher Roosevelt, the grandson of FDR, who loved the property so much that he established a conservation easement on the property, so it would always be used as a farm. The airy 10 stall stable with rubber cobblestone flooring and a state-of-the-art Euro-footing ring with re-circulating watering system, made this a perfect home for Olympic-caliber horses. It is now the quintessential escape-from-the-city, privately run farm.

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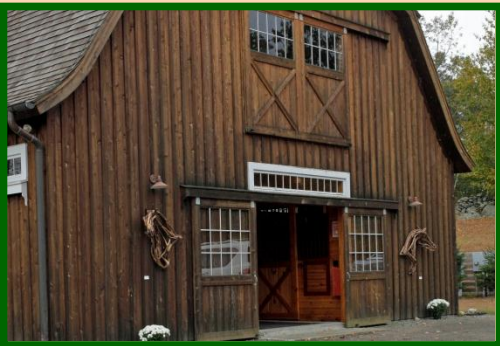
## **Michael Steinhardt Estate**

One of the most unusual properties in the United States and the world, the 51 acre Steinhardt Estate boasts a collection of exotic waterfowl from all parts of the world, a huge and varied collection of rare Japanese Maples and a zoological garden of rare beasts that includes camels, zebras, spider monkeys, giant tortoises and many other indigenous and exotic species. Beautiful stone barns and silo complete the picture and make the site an amazing stop on the barn tour.



## **Waterbury Farm**

A breath of the English countryside set on rolling hills, with a sunset view of the Kensico Reservoir. This very special Cotswold-style mansion was built circa 1929, and was formerly the home of the famous Broadway scene designer Aline Bernstein. Aline had a torrid affair with author Thomas Wolfe, who would make a hasty exit through a side door when her stockbroker husband unexpectedly returned home. The custom barn complex is framed by a century-old orchard. The barn, with beautiful stone floors and a balcony overlooking the ring and grass paddocks, is every horse person's dream. The present owner's Mother was an Olympic medalist in endurance: hence, the Arabians at the farm. Next door sits a heated barn with hydraulic lifts and security system filled with a collection of 11 exotic automobiles. A wonderful location for romance and riding.



## **Palamos Farm**

Hidden on meandering Honey Hollow Road, this lush 22 acre farm is a surprise to everyone who discovers it. Bordering the 5000 acre Pound Ridge Reservation, the approach is breath taking. The meticulously maintained stable was custom-designed and built by Dave Zublin of Olde Towne Barns. The octagonal lounge offers a luxurious retreat for riders and viewers to watch the magnificent oversize ring designed by Lawton Adams.

