



Trianon Trivia Contest

1. Look at the grillwork at the windows; what's the gold design represent?
(C & V: Charles and Virginia Baldwin)
2. What did it cost to build the Trianon in 1907? (\$200,000 for the main building, \$15,000 for the carriage house.)
3. What did the CSS Trustees buy the entire estate for in 1967? (\$430,000)
4. This house was modeled on the Grand Trianon at Versailles outside Paris; what similar project did the Baldwins build before this, and where is it? (Le Petit Trianon in Cupertino, CA, now part of the campus of DeAnza College)
5. Where was the Head of School's office during Mary Flemke's tenure as Head of School? (Claremont Room)
6. Who knows the story of the melodrama associated with the design and construction of this building?
Hint: Think, NY Knicks. (The architect who did the original drawings, Stanford White, was murdered on the roof of Madison Square Garden in NYC in 1905. Thomas MacLaran is the architect attributed to completing the design.)
7. How did the Baldwins manage the lighting of the chandelier in the Versailles room? (The chandelier is supported by a cable attached to a lever and pulley system connected to a steel beam above the ceiling. Servants lowered the chandelier, scraped the melted wax off, and inserted new candles and lit them before new guests arrived for dinner.)
8. Why are the iron gates down near the pond instead of at one of the other entrances? (Carriages bringing guests came through the gates and the road curled along the stream and then rose up a hill where the field house now is so guests first view of the Trianon was of the terrace and lawns. They were then dropped off at the front entrance and the carriages and horses went to the carriage house. And if you sniff around the north end of the carriage house, you might still smell horses.)
9. When The Colorado Springs School for Girls moved into the Trianon, what was the roof used for?
(Upper class students with good grades could lounge up there on the deck.)
10. What modern convenience did the Trianon have as a most unusual feature at that time? (Central vacuum system)

BONUS QUESTION:

The Colorado Springs School (CSS), is situated on the historic Claremont Estate. The Trianon building was often called Claremont, meaning "a clear view of the mountain." The school's Leadership Giving Society is now named the Claremont Society to honor the notion that donors are stewards of the school's clear goals and their investment helps students reach new mountain tops.