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### 2012 SEASON OF SUNDAY AT MILL HOUSE OPENS ON JUNE 24, 2012

### Author Chuck D'Imperio to Speak on his new work, *Great Graves of* Upstate New York: Final Resting Places of 70 True American Legends

Award-winning radio broadcaster and author D'Imperio will open the 2012 season of Sunday at Mill House at the Gomez Mill House on Sunday, June 24 at 1 pm. D'Imperio will speak on his book *Great Graves of Upstate New York: Final Resting Places of 70 True American Legends--* a fascinating look at the lives and deaths of iconic Americans who were buried in Upstate NY. Some of the famous and infamous highlighted include Mark Twain, Harriet Tubman, B.F. Goodrich, four U.S. Presidents, Lucille Ball, James Fennimore Cooper, Helen Hayes, Wells & Fargo, the original "Uncle Sam" and the world's most famous one-legged tap dancer!

D'Imperio is perhaps best known for his 23 years of broadcasting and for his induction into NYS Country Music Hall of Fame as "NY Broadcaster of the Year," in 2000. He also wrote as a newspaper columnist, and is the author of numerous books of interest on New York State. He his latest work due out this year is entitled, *50 Museums in Upstate New York You Have Never Heard Of!*, which includes a chapter devoted to the Gomez Mill House.

Sunday at Mill House is offered each year at the Gomez Mill House during its regular season. This summer, in addition to Mr. D'Imperio on June 24th, the 2012 SAM series offers the following:

July 1 – Opening of Exhibition: *Plein Aire at the Gomez Mill House*. Works by nine local artists various media will be on exhibit through August 24<sup>th</sup>.

August 5 - Presentation by award-winning photographer and author Gloria Golden on her acclaimed sociological project on Hispanic American descendents of Crypto-Jews.

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August 12 – Wolfert Acker's Ferry on the Hudson. A discussion by local historian, Jim Berkise on his research on the history of Wolfert Acker Ferry. Wolfert Acker lived in the Gomez Mill House from 1772 until his death in 1799. The ferry is believed to be the first one across the Hudson from Newburgh to Beacon.

August 26 – Sculpture Installation. Presentation and Paper-Making Demonstration. In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dard Hunter Mill, Artist and Professor Stephen Churchill will open the installation of a sculpture inspired by Dard Hunter on the Bridge of the historic Dard Hunter Mill. He will also speak on the techniques of papermaking and demonstrate how to make paper using the historic Dard Hunter beaters, still operable where they were originally placed in the Mill by Dard Hunter.

September – October – TBA

The Gomez Foundation for Mill House is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) established to support the preservation, conservation, and public programs of the Gomez Mill House and Historic Site.

Gomez Mill House is the oldest Jewish dwelling in North America, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Located in Marlboro, New York, it is the oldest historic residence in Orange County. For more information, visit <u>www.gomez.org</u> or call the Foundation at 212-294-8329. For site tours, call the Gomez Mill House at 845-236-3126.

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