

EVENING HOURS

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Dragon's Den

A foggy summer night in Newport.



Aug. 13: The Preservation Society of Newport County held its 60th anniversary ball at the teahouse on the grounds of Marble House, one of the society's fabled Vanderbilt mansions. The

Dynasties and Dragons dinner for 600 guests was held on the lawn under a tent hung with 408 Chinese lanterns. The committee spared no detail with the evening, reminiscent of the opening party of the teahouse, in 1914. Under the tent five pavilions were decorated in opulent dynasty themes. A cocktail reception for 50 V.I.P.'s in the teahouse preceded the larger cocktail party on the terrace of Marble House.

1. MICHELE FOSTER, one of the many guests in Chinese dress.
2. The teahouse, built in 1913, was completely restored in 1977.
3. Inside the teahouse, lighted by bronze lanterns.
4. KIM HERRLINGER, a chairwoman of the evening.
5. CYNTHIA GIBSON, who designed the tent, a tour de force.
6. ROSEMARY PONZO, with one of the many garden statues.



7. MAUREEN DONNELL.
8. ELIZABETH LEATHERMAN and MICHAEL KISSEL, dancing to Bob Hardwick's music.
9. LYNDA LINDH, left; DAVID E. P. LINDH; JOHN J. SLOCUM JR.; and DIANA SLOCUM.
10. ELIZABETH PRINCE DE RAMEL and FROLIC WEYMOUTH.
11. TOPSY TAYLOR.
12. DIDI LORILLARD COWLEY, left, and KATHY duPONT IRVING.
13. TOM CASSELMAN, left, with guests, launching his kite.
14. JANE and PETER ELEBASH.
15. A dragon slithering through the air.
16. The dinner tent.
17. LES and CAROL BALLARD.

