

Interview with Samantha Yanks at Drew Barrymore Hamptons magazine party



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Guests such as Tracy Anderson joined Publisher Debra Halpert and Editor-in-Chief Samantha Yanks along with [Hamptons magazine's](#) 2016 Ambassador Committee of celebrities and tastemakers. Everyone toasted the magazine with the inaugural release of Barrymore Rosé of Pinot Noir alongside other coveted offerings of the [Barrymore Wines](#) portfolio.

The environment was enhanced by the delightful nuances of Barrymore's new fragrance Sunshine, the latest addition to her [FLOWER Beauty](#) line. In honor of summertime joy, Sunshine is a bright citrus floral fragrance that captures the essence of the sun in a bottle.

Guests sipped on Barrymore wines as they mingled on a sunny Hamptons afternoon. Lawrence Scott Events paired the specialty wines and cocktails by Tito's vodka with mouthwatering culinary creations. As the afternoon heated up, guests stayed refreshed with Voss Water as they swayed to the sounds of DJ Chris Bachmann and a special live performance by Coast Modern.

Host Committee members of Hamptons magazine's Ambassadors included Alina Cho, Andrew Saffir, Daniel Benedict, Ann Liguori, Avis and Bruce Richards, Diana and Dr. Paul Frank, Elad Yifrach, Gigi Stone Woods, Joey Wolffer and Max Rohn, Marcy and Michael Warren, Rosanna Scotto, Sandra and Eric Ripert and Sarah and Chris Wragge.

Before the tony party got into full swing, Examiner had a golden opportunity to chat with Publisher Debra Halpert and Editor-in-Chief Samantha Yanks about upcoming Hamptons magazine features, summertime in the Hamptons, and more. Publisher Debra Halpert revealed there will be an exciting array of people, places, and things going on in the Hamptons this summer. She is enthused about the upcoming season and all the pleasures the Hamptons has to offer, including fine dining and luxury lifestyle events.

Editor-in-Chief Samantha Yanks discussed her interview with cover star [Drew Barrymore](#) for the Memorial Day issue of Hamptons magazine. The party celebrated Drew's second cover of Hamptons magazine. Samantha said she had the pleasure of interviewing her this time around. Hamptons magazine was pleased to be launching both the inaugural release of Barrymore Rosé of Pinot Noir and her new fragrance, Sunshine.

According to Samantha, "She is one of those women that I have an enormous amount of respect for, obviously from knowing her as a childhood star and following her career. She is just an icon living among us. What I respect the most about her is her entrepreneurial skills. She has two brands that I follow religiously – FLOWER, which is her beauty and accessories brand...and also her Barrymore wine label, which is just a very impressive portfolio of wines."

With regard to happenings in the Hamptons, Samantha was very excited about some iconic anniversaries that are happening this summer including the 25th Anniversary of [Long House Reserve](#) and the 25th Anniversary of [Bay Street Theater](#). She is also very proud to be a chair of [Super Saturday](#), which she has been for years. This year is Super Saturday's 20th Anniversary

Samantha is looking forward to several upcoming philanthropic events, particularly [Paddle for Pink](#), [Water Mill Center](#) and the [Parrish Gala](#), which she said is an event that is not to be missed. Samantha stated the art fairs this year are going to be absolutely spectacular including [Market Art and Design](#) that is coming into the Hamptons fold as well as [Art Southampton](#) and several others.

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When Examiner asked about future issues of Hamptons magazine, Samantha revealed, "We have, as always, a really incredible lineup. I would just say that there is a very cool family that's going to be on our next cover. It's a trio of very successful kids - two are in music one is in fashion. A very cool legacy family and I leave it to you to figure it out." As a hint, Samantha added their last name might start with an "R." All three kids will be featured on the cover of the upcoming issue of [Hamptons magazine](#).