



Tour the Vanderbilt Mansion, Decorated for the Holidays

Seasonal Planetarium Shows Are Back, Through January 3

William K. Vanderbilt II's summer house, *Eagle's Nest*, is a spectacular, 24-room, Spanish Revival mansion. Its early 20th-century, Mediterranean allure is a delight in any season. But, it acquires extra magic when it's decorated for the holidays.

Local decorators, designers and garden clubs spend several weeks each November transforming the house, and visitors can see the fascinating results of their work by taking guided tours, which begin the Friday after Thanksgiving.

The mansion, its art and furnishings are exactly as they were when William and Rosamund Vanderbilt lived there. When visitors go through the front door, they step into the lavish life of the Gold Coast in the 1930s and 1940s.



Vanderbilt Museum photo

"Eagle's Nest," the mansion of William K. Vanderbilt II

The grand house, on a steep hill overlooking Northport Bay is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Vanderbilt Estate, Mansion and Museum are located at 180 Little Neck Road, Centerport, N.Y.

Daytime Tours

Friday, November 27 – Tuesday, January 5

Visitors can see the decked Vanderbilt halls by taking a guided tour. The spectacular results wrought by the designers and decorators charm hundreds of visitors throughout the season.

Tours begin at 1:00, 2:00 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. The Mansion and Museum are open Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday. The Vanderbilt is also open for Winter School Vacation on December 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 (12:00 - 4:00 p.m.) Closed: December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.

Tours are \$5 person, plus general admission – \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors 62 and older and students with ID. Tickets are available only at the door.

Special Twilight Tours

Saturday-Sunday, December 26-27

These rare evening (7:00 to 9:00) tours, offered only after Christmas, are a treat for visitors. These evenings are the only time of the year the Vanderbilt family's private living quarters can be seen at night. Hot chocolate and cookies are included.

Twilight Tour tickets may be purchased at vanderbiltmuseum.org, or by calling 631-854-5579. Early ticket purchase is recommended for these very popular tours. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors (62 and older), and \$5 for children 12 and under.

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The Vanderbilt's Charles and Helen Reichert Planetarium is once again offering two seasonal shows, which will run through Sunday, January 3. (See Planetarium page for schedule.)

The Longest Night: A Winter's Tale – This show represents a new advance in full-dome planetarium video storytelling that seamlessly combines live-action video of life-sized puppets with 3-D animation. This timeless fable of courage, generosity and renewal follows a young girl's quest to save her village. Ages 10 and older.

Link to trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4JhyFuOfgA>

Season of Light – Created by Loch Ness Productions, this video explains the astronomy of the winter skies, and explores the historic, religious and cultural celebrations of the holiday season – including Christian, Jewish, Celtic, Nordic, Roman, Irish, Mexican and Hopi. For the whole family.

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