



Fun and Culture Close to Home All Summer at Vanderbilt Museum

CENTERPORT, NY – Looking for summer fun? The Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum offers an appealing calendar of music, dance, theater and special events. The Vanderbilt has long been a popular destination for Long Islanders and their families looking for moderately priced cultural entertainment close to home. The Museum and Planetarium are located on the Vanderbilt Estate at 180 Little Neck Road, Centerport, N.Y.

Visitors can have a rich historical and educational experience. Year-round, they can tour the Estate, Mansion and Museum of William K. Vanderbilt II – including his marine-life, natural-history and cultural-artifact collections, and wild-animal habitats– or see a show in the state-of-the-art Charles and Helen Reichert Planetarium.

Mr. Vanderbilt’s spectacular Eagle’s Nest, a 43-acre waterfront estate and 24-room Spanish-Revival mansion, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Vanderbilt Mansion terrace and pool

The mansion, with its considerable collection of rare fine and decorative art – and centuries-old furnishings from around the world – is a museum in itself, a time capsule of the privileged life on the Gold Coast from the Jazz Age through the Second World War.

For updated listings, and tickets for most events, visit www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

APRIL

Sunday, April 24

The Liverpool Shuffle, 7:00-8:30

The Liverpool Shuffle is a popular Long Island Beatles tribute band that performed four times at the Vanderbilt in 2015. The band’s Reichert Planetarium concert will be accompanied by a montage on the dome of 1960s photos and news clips, psychedelic imagery, and other pop-cultural moments. Tickets: adult \$20 (on-line, at Vanderbilt website), or \$25 at the door. Ages 15 and under pay \$15 on-line or at the door.

MAY

Saturday, May 21

The Steel Silk Band, 6:00

The band will play music from the 1960s to today, including classic rock, Motown, R&B, pop, country and more – accompanied on the dome by a video, photos and pop-cultural moments, enhanced by the Vanderbilt Planetarium’s state-of-the-art, surround-sound system. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and children age 12 and under.

JUNE

Sunday, June 12

Woodstock Revival IV, 12:00-6:30

Listen to the sounds of Wonderous Stories, Half Step, Milagro and Jellyband on the Vanderbilt’s Great Lawn, while artists paint to the live music. Concert-goers bring beach chairs, blankets and picnic lunches. Presented by producer-musician Rich Rivkin. Concert is rain-or-shine, a benefit for museum education programs. Tickets: \$30 in advance, on-line, or \$40 at gate. Age 15 and under, \$10. Age 5 and under, free. Details: woodstockrevival.net

JULY

Saturday, July 23

Fifth Annual Clam Bake, 6:00-10:00

This festive event offers a wide menu of seafood-lovers’ favorites – from whole steamed lobsters to mussels and clam chowder – to barbecued chicken, burgers, hot dogs and corn-on-the-cob, plus wine, beer and soda. Glass Bottom Soul will play live music for listening and dancing. Tickets: \$100 per person, \$90 for members.

Thursdays, beginning June 30

Mid-Summer Night Dances, 6:30-9:30

Each week, as a deejay plays music, professional instructors teach a different dance step, followed by dancing of all types (swing, ballroom, rumba, disco, among others) and light dinner fare. Tickets \$25 pre-purchase on-line, \$30 at the door. Other Thursday evening dances: Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21 and 28; August 18 and 25; September 1 and 8.

JULY-AUGUST

Creative Summer Fun for Preschoolers

The Vanderbilt Education Center offers fun, creative workshops for children ages 3-5 (with an adult). Projects include paper sculptures, masks, and tee-shirts. Call 631-854-5539 for details and fees.

Traveling the World

Sail the Seas with Mr. V (grades K–3) is a series of science and art workshops that explore the Museum's collections, artifacts and habitats, followed by creative projects. Call 631-854-5539 for details and fees.

Arena Players 28th Annual Summer Shakespeare Festival

Each year, the Arena Players present two Shakespeare plays on the Vanderbilt Mansion courtyard stage, where the Mediterranean architecture adds a touch of charm and magic. Performances on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 7:00 p.m. Admission: \$15 per person. Tickets: 516-293-0674. Details on all productions: arenaplayers.org

Romeo and Juliet

Performances of Shakespeare's tragedy about two young, star-crossed lovers will be given on July 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29 and 31.

Taming of the Shrew

The Bard's classic comedy of love and marriage will be performed on August 3, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 28 and 31.

Arena Players Children's Theater

For details on upcoming children's productions during July and August, please visit arenaplayers.com.

AUGUST

Friday, August 5

Alex Torres and His Latin Orchestra, 6:00-10:00

Music, dancing and romance will fill the night when the exciting Alex Torres and His Latin Orchestra return to the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum on Friday, August 5, for their tenth annual show, *Spicy Sounds for a Hot Night*. The popular rain-or-shine event takes place in the Celebration Tent overlooking Northport Bay. Tickets: \$25 in advance and for Museum members; \$30.00 at the door. Latin dance lessons (\$5 per person) will be offered from 6:00 to 7:00.

Sunday, August 21

Antique Automobile Club of America-Vanderbilt Cup Region, 11:00 to 4:00

This annual show displays cars that are at least 25 years old. General admission \$7 adults, \$6 seniors (62 and older) and students with ID, \$3 children age 12. Food will be available for purchase.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 11

Jaguar-MG Classic Car Show, 11:00-4:00

(Rain date: September 18) Show cars will be displayed on the museum's great lawn. General admission \$7 adults, \$6 seniors (62 and older)/students with ID, \$3 children age 12. Food will be available for purchase.

Sunday, September 18

The Liverpool Shuffle, 7:00-8:30

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Sunday, September 25 – Grateful Fest V

The fifth annual outdoor Grateful Fest on the Great Lawn next to the Vanderbilt Mansion is an afternoon for grooving to the sounds of these Grateful Dead tribute bands: Half Step, The Electrix, Reckoning and Unbroken Chain. Concert-goers bring beach chairs, blankets and picnic

lunches. Tickets: \$30 in advance, on-line, or \$40 at gate. Age 15 and under, \$10. Age 5 and under, free. Details: gratefulfest.com.

MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM INFORMATION

Hours - Museum and Mansion

Through April 12: Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 - 4:00. (Planetarium is open Friday and Saturday nights.) Open additional days during school holidays. See website for details. *The Museum and Mansion are closed Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.*

Hours – Museum and Mansion

April 13 – June 26: 12:00- 5:00 p.m.

Hours - Charles and Helen Reichert Planetarium

Through June 26: Daytime shows Tuesday at 2:00 and Saturday and Sunday at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00. Evening shows on Friday and Saturday at 8:00 and 9:00. (The Planetarium is open on Friday and Saturday nights, but the Mansion, Museum and Estate grounds are closed.) *The Planetarium is closed Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.*

Observatory

Year-round viewing of the night sky (weather permitting), Friday only, 9:00-10:00 (free with show ticket; \$3.00 without show ticket)

Planetarium Schedule – Spring 2016

March 8 – May 1

Tuesday Afternoons

2:00 - Stars: Powerhouses of the Universe

Friday Nights

8:00- Long Island Skies

9:00 - Black Holes: Journey into the Unknown

Saturday Nights

8:00 - Night Sky, Live!

9:00 - Stars: Powerhouses of the Universe

Saturday & Sunday Afternoons

12:00 - One World, One Sky

1:00 - Earth, Moon, and Sun

2:00 - Stars: Powerhouses of the Universe

3:00 - Night Sky, Live!

4:00 – A Starry Tale

Museum Admission

General museum admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students with ID and seniors (62 and older), and \$3 for children 12 and under. General admission includes estate-grounds access to the Marine Museum, Memorial Wing natural-history and ethnographic-artifact galleries, Nursery Wing, Habitat Room, Egyptian mummy and Stoll Wing animal-habitat dioramas. For a mansion tour, add \$5 per ticket. (A video tour of the mansion is available on request.)

Mansion Tours

Guided tours of the Vanderbilt Mansion – listed on the National Register of Historic Places – are available Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00.

Planetarium Admission

During the day, visitors to the Planetarium pay general museum admission (\$7 for adults, \$6 for students with IDs and seniors 62 and older, and \$3 for children 12 and under), plus \$5 each for a Planetarium show. Since the museum is closed in the evening, no general museum admission is charged – visitors pay only for Planetarium show tickets: \$9 for adults, \$8 for students with IDs and seniors 62 and older, and \$7 for children 12 and under.

Vanderbilt Observatory

Night-sky viewing on Friday (weather permitting), 9:00-10:00 p.m. Observation is free to visitors with a planetarium show ticket, \$3.00 for those without a show ticket.

Location and Website

The Vanderbilt Museum is located at 180 Little Neck Road, Centerport, NY. Directions and updated details on programs and events are available at www.vanderbiltmuseum.org. For information, call 631-854-5579.

Images

Available upon request. Call Patrick Keeffe at 631-854-5562.

The Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum

The Vanderbilt—a unique combination of mansion, marine and natural history museum, planetarium and park—is dedicated to the education and enjoyment of the people of Long Island and beyond. This mission is achieved through the thoughtful preservation, interpretation and enhancement of the Eagle’s Nest estate as an informal educational facility. Exhibition and program themes focus upon Long Island’s Gold Coast Era and build upon William K. Vanderbilt II’s desire that his marine, natural-history and ethnographic-artifact collections promote appreciation and understanding of the marvelous diversity of life, other cultures and scientific knowledge.

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