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**Vanderbilt Museum Winter Education Workshops:
Sailor's Valentine, Marine Diorama, Mummy Collar, Cat Mask**

Winter School Break, February 20-25

CENTERPORT, NY (January 4, 2012) – The Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Education Department will offer fun, creative workshops for children before and during the February 20-25 winter school break.

The school break coincides with the observance of Presidents' Day on Monday, February 20. During that week, the Vanderbilt Museum will be open every day from Saturday, February 18, through Saturday, February 24, from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. Hours on Sunday, February 25, will be noon to 5:00 p.m. (The last mansion tour begins each day at 5:00 p.m.)

On Sunday, February 12, a **Sailor's Valentine** workshop will be offered for children in Pre-K and Kindergarten, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Visit the museum's seashell collection and create a unique valentine for someone special. Cost: \$20 per child; \$16 for museum members. Children must be accompanied by one adult.

The same workshop will be offered that day from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for children in grades 1-3. Cost: \$25 per child; \$20 for museum members.



Kids have artistic fun in the Vanderbilt Marine Museum

**Winter Recess Week
Grades 1-3**

The workshops below will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$25 per class; \$20 for members. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch.

Monday, February 20 – Castle Door Picture Frame

“Hunt” for architectural elements while visiting the Vanderbilt Mansion and make a picture frame modeled after its doors.

Tuesday, February 21 – Marine Diorama

Visit the marine museum collection and create a watercolor illustration of your favorite specimen for your diorama.

Thursday, February 23 – Mummy Collar

Learn about the museum’s 3,000 year-old Egyptian mummy and create your own collar fit for a royal.

Friday, February 24 – Big Cat Mask

Come face-to-face with big cats in the Vanderbilt’s Habitat Wing and create a unique piece of art.

Pre-K and Kindergarten students

Wednesday, February 22 – Polar Friends

Learn about the creatures that live in Earth’s Arctic habitats and make your own polar puppet friends.

Children who register for this program must be accompanied by one adult. The workshop will be given from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 per child; \$16 for members.

Registration is required for all workshops. Please call 631-854-5539 for information and to register.

Cancellation policy: Refunds will be issued up to seven days before the start of a workshop. A workshop credit will be issued for cancellations made within seven days of the workshop. The museum reserves the right to cancel any workshop that does not meet minimum enrollment requirements.