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Carriage House/Learning Center

Historic Mansion

The elegant Vanderbilt Mansion—listed on the National Register of Historic Places—is a time machine that takes visitors back to Gold Coast life of the 1920s through 1940s. William K. Vanderbilt Il's (1878-1944) natural-history and artifact collections galleries are located in the 24-room Mansion. The Turntable Gallery exhibits his 1928 Lincoln touring car, a rare 1909 Reo Gentleman's Roadster, and memorabilia from the legendary Vanderbilt Cup Races.

Charles and Helen Reichert Planetarium / Observatory

Visitors can experience the visual wonders of the universe in the Reichert Planetarium. The advanced Konica Minolta Infinium star projector, full-dome video, surround-sound, and laser-light show system create an immersive experience. A new solar telescope offers safe viewing of the sun. On Friday evenings (weather permitting), visitors can explore the night sky through the Vanderbilt Observatory's 16-inch Meade telescope.

Memorial Wing

On his circumnavigations of the globe in the 1920s and 1930s, Mr. Vanderbilt collected thousands of fish, birds and invertebrates for his expanding Museum. At that time, many of the marine specimens were new scientific discoveries. The Museum's natural-history galleries also feature hundreds of ethnographic artifacts from the world's cultures.

Marine Museum / Hall of Fishes

Mr. Vanderbilt, passionate about the oceans and their creatures, traveled the globe and brought back thousands of exotic fish. Scientists traveled with him to collect, study and preserve the specimens. By 1922, he opened his marine museum, the Hall of Fishes, to the public. Thanks to a generous grant from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, the Vanderbilt was able to complete its recent Marine Collections Conservation Project.

Habitat and Stoll Wing

In the 1920s, William Vanderbilt hired scientists and artists from the American Museum of Natural History to create the Habitat. Its nine remarkable dioramas depict animals, birds and fish in their natural surroundings. The centerpiece is a suspended 32-foot whale shark, the world's largest taxidermied fish. The adjacent Stoll Wing, with eight wild-animal dioramas, was added in 1970 and restored recently with significant grants from the Roy M. Speer Foundation. These galleries present the wild animals of every major habitat on earth, from islands and rainforests to grasslands and Polar regions.

Learning Center / Garage

Mr. Vanderbilt, an early race-car driver, kept his automobiles in a stylish, four-bay garage that is home to the Vanderbilt Learning Center.

Plans and fundraising are underway to revitalize the center, to transform it into a multipurpose space not only for education, but also for workshops, social gatherings, and community outreach events and meetings.