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Historic Mill Neck Manor Open to Public *Tours for 2013 Now Booking*

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is pleased to announce that 2013 tour dates for the historic Mill Neck Manor House, located in Mill Neck between Bayville and Oyster Bay, are now booking. The docent-led tours are available to the public on Sundays, beginning this year on March 10. Subsequent tour dates are April 14, May 19, June 9, July 14, August 4, September 8, October 20, November 10 and December 1. In addition to tours, the Manor House is also available for location shoots, wedding photography and corporate events.

The magnificent Tudor Revival mansion, built between 1923 and 1927, is set on an 86-acre estate overlooking Long Island Sound. The 34-room mansion, once called Sefton Manor, was owned by Robert Leftwich Dodge and his wife, cosmetics heiress Lillian Sefton Dodge. Featuring extraordinary stone and plaster work, the Manor is also known for its set of impressive stained-glass windows which depict five Shakespearean plays. Outdoors, formal gardens welcome visitors with an array of seasonal blooms, gazebos and bronze gates.

Until 2001, the mansion housed the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf. The school has since relocated to another building on campus, leaving the Manor to undergo notable enhancements from Designers' Showcases®. Recent first floor modifications have also made it more functional for events. Mill Neck Manor has been designated the honor of National Register of Historic Places by the Department of the Interior for its outstanding architectural achievement. Additionally, the Mill Neck Family of Organizations was honored with the 2009 Preservation Award by the Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities.

The admission fees for Manor House tours are: adults: \$25 per person; seniors 55+: \$20 per person; students (ID required): \$15 per person.

Please note the following: tours must be scheduled and paid for in advance. The length of the tour is approximately one hour, concluding with light refreshments including tea and scones. Some areas of the Manor House may be inaccessible on the day of your visit. The mansion is handicap accessible. Smoking and outside food and beverages are not permitted on the premises. Children and teens must be accompanied by an adult at all times. No pets are allowed. Sign language interpreters will be available for Deaf guests provided a request is made in advance.

For more information or to schedule a tour (payment is expected at time of scheduling), please contact Nancy Leghart at (516) 628-4243 / nleghart@millneck.org. Tours may also be booked and paid for at http://millneck.org/manor_house/registration.html. You may also contact Nancy Leghart if you are interested in volunteering as a docent or to help in our on-site gift shop.

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people who are Deaf, or who have other special needs, through excellence in individually-designed educational, vocational or spiritual programs and services. For more information, please call (516) 922-4100 or visit <http://www.millneck.org>.

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Mill Neck Manor House

