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## **Historic Mill Neck Manor Open to Public *Tours for 2012 Now Booking***

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations is pleased to announce that the historic Mill Neck Manor House, located in Mill Neck between Oyster Bay and Bayville, is now open for interior/exterior tours, in addition to location shoots, wedding and still photography and corporate events. The inaugural tour for this year was held on March 25 and subsequent 2012 tour dates are May 20, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 14, November 4 and December 2. The docent-led tours are all held on Sundays between 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and include light refreshments.

The magnificent Tudor Revival mansion, built between 1923 and 1927, is set on an 86-acre estate overlooking the 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 a set of impressive stained-glass windows which depict five Shakespearean plays. Outdoor, formal gardens welcome visitors with an array of elegant blooms, gazebos and bronze gates.

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

The admission fees for Manor House tours are: adults: \$25 per person; seniors 55+: \$20 per person; students (ID required): \$15 per person. All proceeds benefit Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf.

Please note: tours must be scheduled and paid for in advance. Some areas of the Manor House may be inaccessible on the day of your visit. The length of the tour is approximately one hour, concluding with light refreshments of tea and scones. The Manor House 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 are available, with advance notice, for guests who are Deaf.

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](mailto:nleghart@millneck.org). Tours may also be booked and paid for at [http://millneck.org/manor\\_house/registration.html](http://millneck.org/manor_house/registration.html) or at <http://www.millneckmanorhouse.org>. 'Like' Mill Neck Manor on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MillNeckManorHouse](http://www.facebook.com/MillNeckManorHouse).

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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The Mill Neck Manor House