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The Preservation Society of Newport County

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Sights & Sounds

Three remarkable audio tours bring you a new and unique perspective on the lives of the people who lived and worked in the grand mansions of Newport. Based on diaries, letters, records and oral histories, these audio tours offer the personal stories of the men and women who lived in each house and the household staff who cared for them.

The Breakers
Children’s Tour

Where you can hear a talking house and see a flying dragon. This imaginative audio tour brings the great house to life for visitors of all ages.

“It really is terrific. They have an audio tour for kids which kept my active 11 year olds completely engaged. Should not be missed.”
Trip Advisor Traveler Review

Audio tour of The Breakers & The Elms
also available in French, German & Spanish.

New! Audio Tour of The Breakers & The Elms
now available in Chinese.

It’s just for me!
The Elms 1901 National Historic Landmark

The summer retreat of coal magnate Edward Berwind and his wife Herminie, The Elms was a thoroughly “modern” house in 1901. So technologically advanced for its time it appeared to work “as if by magic,” it also houses monumental art works, including wall-sized Venetian paintings, Chinese lacquer panels and tapestries.

The Servant Life Tour

Hear the stories of the staff members, including the butler Ernest Birch, cook Grace Rhodes, and one of the maids, Nellie Lynch Regoli.

You’ll see…

• Their third-floor living quarters, kitchens, coal cellar, boiler room and laundry rooms
• A rooftop view of Newport (weather permitting)

Stuff on The Elms roof, 1922

Herminie Berwind, c. 1905

“The Breakers - An American Downton Abbey… This may be the best historic house tour I’ve experienced. It was fun to imagine life in this mansion”
Trip Advisor Traveler Review

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The Breakers is a surviving jewel of the New York Central Railroad fortune, making a statement about the global sensibilities of the Vanderbilt family. The 70-room summer estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt II includes a two and a half story high Great Hall and a Morning Room adorned with platinum leaf wall panels. Its interiors feature rare marble, alabaster, and gilded woods throughout.
Pass through the front door of Hunter House and you step back into Newport’s 18th-century Golden Age, the era before the American Revolution. It was the home of a merchant, ship owner and colonial deputy, and later became the Revolutionary War headquarters of the French Navy. You’ll see up close a great collection of exquisite colonial furniture, created by legendary Newport craftsmen like the Townsends and Goddards.
A product of the America-China Trade and one of America’s great Victorian houses, Chateau-sur-Mer was home to three generations of the Wetmore family. You’ll see hand-carved Italian woodwork, Chinese porcelains, Egyptian and Japanese Revival stenciled wallpapers, and rare trees from as far away as Mongolia.

Senator Wetmore, 1919

“...The architecture, furnishings and views are amazing! The carvings, columns and doorways are an architectural dream. Just seeing how they lived, in their “summer cottages” was incredible.”

Trip Advisor Traveler Review
The Isaac Bell House is a masterpiece of the American Shingle Style featuring Arts and Crafts interiors, Japanese-inspired columns, and a sweeping open floor plan. Together with Kingscote, these two picturesque cottages illustrate Newport’s evolution as a premier place for great design, fine living and the creation of a distinctly American style of architecture.
Created by Alva Vanderbilt and Richard Morris Hunt and inspired by the Petit Trianon at Versailles, Marble House contains 500,000 cubic feet of marble. Intended as an ultimate statement of Gilded Age privilege, only a few years later it hosted Alva’s “Votes for Women” rallies on the back lawn. Hear the words of Alva Vanderbilt, her daughter Consuelo and many more, brought to life in the award-winning audio tour.

Trip Advisor Traveler Review

Very impressive... with a rich history of arranged marriages, high society divorces and Americas Cup winning captains. The audio tour is very informative as you wander around in awe and wonder at how people could live like this!”

Marble House 1892 National Historic Landmark

See and hear how the Duke of Marlborough proposed to Consuelo Vanderbilt, his American princess.
ROSECLIFF 1902

Architect Stanford White modeled Rosecliff after the Grand Trianon, the garden retreat of French kings at Versailles. Rosecliff’s history and romance come to life with stories about its colorful families. From Tessie Oelrichs, who built this fantasy in terra cotta, to the Monroes of New Orleans, the last family to call Rosecliff home, you’ll discover the very human story of Newport’s great party house. Scenes from several films have been shot on location at Rosecliff, including *The Great Gatsby*, *True Lies*, *Amistad* and *27 Dresses*.

Guide-led tours daily

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“Hidden gem...Wonder.full.”
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GREEN ANIMALS TOPIARY GARDEN c. 1860
A lion, a camel, a bear, oh my! These and dozens of other fanciful animals, a sailing ship, teacups, spirals and other geometric shapes sculpted from living plants populate one of the oldest topiary gardens in North America.

The Brayton family home is located on the grounds of Green Animals. A self-guided tour of the house is included with your admission.

THE HISTORIC GARDENS AND ARBORETUM OF THE NEWPORT MANSIONS

Newport was renowned in the 18th century as the “Eden of America.” The properties of the Preservation Society contain gardens and trees that together comprise one of the most important arboretnums in New England. Our 88 acres of historic landscapes represent an outstanding chapter in the nation’s history of garden design, horticulture and early tree and plant propagation.

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This charming Italianate-style cottage was designed by Newport architect George Champlin Mason. Today it reflects the mid-20th-century style of its last owner, Alletta Morris McBean, a descendant of Lewis Morris III, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The house contains original family furnishings, and a collection of important 19th-century American paintings, including Hudson River landscapes.

**KINGSCOTE 1841 National Historic Landmark**

Built in 1841 for Georgia plantation owner George Noble Jones and rebuilt for the King family in 1881, Kingscote still possesses original rooms from each era. At the center is one of America’s greatest dining rooms, with Tiffany glass and a unique cork ceiling. Its furnishings reflect the King family’s success as China Trade merchants, with rare furniture, silver collections and Chinese decorative arts.

“*Our visit funds the Preservation Society which maintains these mansions for future generations.***

*Trip Advisor Traveler Review*

*Gwendolen King’s wedding, 1901*
**PERSONAL TOURS**

For the most memorable experience, book a personal tour through one or more houses of your choosing. Your small group of family, friends, colleagues or clients can have their own tour guide to lead them through each of the properties and answer their questions.

Personal tour fees start at $350, include membership and can accommodate a maximum 15 persons per tour.

To arrange a personal tour, call 401.847.1000 ext. 105.

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**PUBLIC PROGRAMS**

From lectures and film series to children’s programs to its elegant holiday displays, the Newport Mansions offer year-round events and an engaging educational agenda.


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**PRIVATE EVENTS**

Discover the glamour and elegance of a bygone era.
Host your event at the Newport Mansions.
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Bellevue Avenue History Trail

Enjoy a self-guided walking tour along Bellevue Avenue to learn about one of America’s most legendary streets. A series of 11 markers provides comprehensive information about the history of both existing and long-gone buildings.

SCHEDULE YOUR GROUP TODAY!

Exclusive Group Rates for 20 or more with advance reservations. 401.847.2251
Groups@NewportMansions.org

Audio Tours
Parking Available
Limited Handicap Accessibility
Preservation Society Property

Parking available at all Preservation Society properties.
Map is not to scale and not all roads are shown.

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Base Map by Great Swamp Press www.greatswamppress.com
American Beauty
Timeless Style

Rosecliff was the birthplace of the ‘American Beauty’ rose. This iconic flower, which became a symbol of excellence, is the inspiration for our 20th anniversary. Celebrate the classic and timeless style of the American Beauty.

Opening Night Party - June 19
Cocktail Buffet & Entertainment
6 pm – 9 pm

SPECIAL GUESTS

Jane Godshalk
Award-winning & internationally renowned floral designer

Peter Hatch
Historian, author & former Director of Gardens at Monticello

P. Allen Smith
Award-winning designer, gardening & lifestyle expert

All proceeds from The Newport Flower Show are dedicated to the ongoing restoration and preservation of The Preservation Society of Newport County’s 88 acres of gardens and landscapes.

www.NewportFlowerShow.org
NewportStyle.net is your online connection to all the casual elegance and fun that is distinctively Newport. Every purchase helps support the mission of The Preservation Society of Newport County.

Shop online at www.NewportStyle.net

NEWPORT MANSIONS® STORES

Take home a reminder of your visit to Newport!

Newport Mansions® Stores are located at The Breakers, Marble House, The Elms, Rosecliff and on Bannister’s Wharf. Tour admission is not required to shop at any of our stores.
An American Story

The Campaign for
The Preservation Society of Newport County

For 70 years, The Preservation Society of Newport County has been protecting, preserving and presenting the story of some of America’s most important legacy landscapes, buildings and furnishings as well as the stories of the people who created them. The Preservation Society’s $21.1 million comprehensive campaign will provide the philanthropic resources essential to embrace the future while we preserve America’s past. If you love history, if American stories excite you, then you understand why Newport is so important to the nation’s future.

How You Can Help

We look to those who care as much as we do about America’s stories to entrust us with the resources needed to protect, preserve and present an exceptional collection of 11 historic house museums and more than 88 acres of landscapes in one of the most historically intact cities in America.

We invite you to please make a gift to support one or more of the following initiatives:

1. Advancing Our Educational Vision - The Elms Scholars Center

   The Elms Carriage House Restoration
   The Carriage House at The Elms will be adaptively restored to serve as a center for scholars and visiting fellows to live and conduct original research on Newport’s history. The Scholars Program will elevate the academic credentials and advance the educational mission of the Preservation Society.

   Endowed Fund for Fellows
   This special endowment will support four annual stipends for visiting fellows and a staff manager. Research conducted by the fellows will make significant contributions toward the interpretation of Newport’s architecture, collections, landscapes, public policy, and social history.

2. Building Our Endowment

   A healthy endowment will allow the Preservation Society to maintain our 11 historic properties, which date from 1748 to 1902 and are valued at $1 billion. It will also support 13 additional historic structures; more than 88 acres of landscape, including a 17th-century cemetery and over 1,800 rare and indigenous trees; and more than 55,000 decorative and fine art objects.

3. Enhancing the Visitor Experience - The Welcome Center

   The new Welcome Center at The Breakers will create an appropriate, positive first impression for hundreds of thousands of annual visitors. It will improve the visitor experience; provide the opportunity to learn about other tours available; and provide efficient ticketing, adequate restrooms, and light refreshments.

4. Investing in Conservation & Collections

   Caring for our collection of over 55,000 artifacts in accordance with best practices in the museum field is one of the Preservation Society’s highest priorities. We seek, whenever possible, to acquire and reunite important objects originally part of our historic properties that contribute to their authentic interpretation and presentation.

To Learn More or Make a Gift

- Visit our website at www.NewportMansions.org
- Call or e-mail Maureen Sheridan at 401-847-1000 ext. 167 msheridan@NewportMansions.org
- Stop by our main office at 424 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI
2015 Schedule

Schedule subject to change.

March 14 – May 22 Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House, Rosecliff & Chateau-sur-Mer

The Breakers & The Elms open at 9 am, last tour admission at 5 pm.
Rosecliff open at 9 am, last tour admission at 4 pm.
Marble House & Chateau-sur-Mer open at 10 am, last tour admission at 5 pm.
Houses & grounds close one hour after last tour admission.
Servant Life Tour at The Elms offered hourly on the 1/2 hour from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm.
April 4 Rosecliff closed for special event.

May 23 – June 26 Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House, Rosecliff, Chateau-sur-Mer, Chepstow, Green Animals Topiary Garden, Hunter House, Isaac Bell House & Kingscote

The Breakers & The Elms open at 9 am, last tour admission at 5 pm.
Rosecliff open at 9 am, last tour admission at 4 pm.
All other houses open at 10 am, last tour admission at 5 pm.
Houses & grounds close one hour after last tour admission.
Guided tours at Chepstow, Hunter House & Isaac Bell House daily at 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm and 5 pm
Servant Life Tour at The Elms offered every 1/2 hour from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm.
June 17 & 18 Rosecliff closed for Newport Flower Show setup.
June 19-21 Rosecliff open only for Newport Flower Show ticket holders.

June 27 – September 7 Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House, Rosecliff, Chateau-sur-Mer, Chepstow, Green Animals Topiary Garden, Hunter House, Isaac Bell House, Kingscote & The Breakers Stable and Carriage House

The Breakers open at 9 am, last tour admission at 6 pm.
The Elms open at 9 am, last tour admission at 5 pm.
Rosecliff open at 9 am, last tour admission at 4 pm.
All other houses open at 10 am, last tour admission at 5 pm.
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August 17-26 The Breakers Stable & Carriage House closed for Coaching Weekend.

Newport Music Festival
July 10-26
Performance schedule & tickets, visit www.NewportMusic.org

Daytime tours of The Breakers, The Elms & Marble House are self-guided audio tours unless otherwise noted. Guide-led tours at all other houses except Green Animals Topiary Garden.
2015 Schedule

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September 8 – October 12  Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House,
Rosecliff, Chateau-sur-Mer, Chepstow,
Green Animals Topiary Garden,
Hunter House, Isaac Bell House & Kingscote

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Servant Life Tour at The Elms offered hourly on the 1/2 hour
from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

September 26 & 27 Marble House open only for Newport Mansions Wine & Food
Festival ticket holders.

October 13 – October 31  Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House,
Rosecliff & Chateau-sur-Mer

The Breakers & The Elms open at 9 am, last tour admission at 5 pm.
Rosecliff opens at 9 am, last tour admission at 4 pm.
Marble House & Chateau-sur-Mer open at 10 am, last tour admission at 5 pm.
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Servant Life Tour at The Elms offered hourly on the 1/2 hour
from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

November 1 – November 20  Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House,
Rosecliff & Chateau-sur-Mer

The Breakers, The Elms & Rosecliff open at 9 am, last tour admission at 4 pm.
Marble House & Chateau-sur-Mer open at 10 am, last tour admission at 4 pm.
Houses & grounds close one hour after last tour admission.
Servant Life Tour at The Elms offered hourly on the 1/2 hour
from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Christmas at the Newport Mansions

November 21 – January 3, 2016
Open Daily And Decorated For The Holidays
The Breakers, The Elms & Marble House

The Breakers & The Elms open at 9 am, last tour admission at 4 pm.
Marble House open at 10 am, last tour admission at 4 pm.
Houses & grounds close at 5 pm.
Servant Life Tour at The Elms offered hourly on the 1/2 hour
from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Holiday Evenings at The Breakers

November 28, December 5, 12 & 26 – 6 pm - 8 pm

Holiday Evening Duet / The Elms & Marble House

December 19 – 6 pm - 9 pm
All properties closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Day.

Visit www.NewportMansions.org
for a complete 2015 schedule.
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Strollers and carriages cannot be accommodated due to damage caused to walls and furniture.

Purchase tickets at all properties, Newport Visitors Center & online www.NewportMansions.org

- Visitors with special needs, 401.847.1000, ext. 158

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Benefits of Membership

• Free admission to all houses for regular tours all year long and a single use Guest Pass. Free or discounted admission for lectures and special events.

• 10% discount in all Newport Mansions® Stores

• The Newport Gazette, the Annual Report, monthly e-newsletter and “Member” window decal

• Opportunity to rent Rosecliff for private functions

• Tax deductibility to the extent allowed by law

How To Join

Online: www.NewportMansions.org

In Person: Visit any Newport Mansions ticket desk

Membership 401.847.1000 ext. 111

Office: Members@NewportMansions.org

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“"You cannot beat the value. Buy a membership & get unlimited access to ALL the mansions for a WHOLE YEAR. Plus a few perks. Worth every penny and then some.”

Trip Advisor Traveler Review

Member Levels

Student $35

Individual $50

Dual $75

Benefits for 2 adults in the same house

Household $90

Benefits for 2 adults and all children or grandchildren 17 and younger in the same house

Steward $250

Household benefits plus special invitations to events and galas, donor listing in the Annual Report and four Newport Mansions Guest Passes

Patron $500

Steward benefits plus six Newport Mansions Guest Passes

Support one of America’s finest collections of historic house museums. Enjoy exceptional benefits as well as the satisfaction of knowing that your membership helps preserve America’s architectural and cultural heritage.

Admission tickets may be upgraded to a membership (limits apply).
Getting Here & Getting Around Newport

Park your car at the Newport Visitors Center, 23 America’s Cup Ave. and purchase an all-day pass to ride RIPTA. Ride the Yellow Line trolley to the Newport Mansions.