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The crown jewel of Christmas celebrations

The holiday season has long held special meaning for my family, and I am honored to share what this time of year represents for us at Biltmore.

When my great-great grandfather George Vanderbilt moved into Biltmore House in October 1895, he welcomed his first guests just in time for Christmas. From archival letters and newspaper clippings, we know that he requested "barrels of mistletoe and wagonloads of holly" to decorate his new home, kicking off a tradition that has been going strong for 130 years!

We feel incredibly grateful to carry that legacy of warmth, beauty, and hospitality. I welcome you to join us for Christmas at Biltmore and experience the magic for yourself.

Aubrey Amherst Vanderbilt Cecil Founder & Creative Director of Avermore Jewelry



Discover what inspires Aubrey Cecil to design jewelry rooted in legacy, craft, and beauty.

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FARM TO TABLE TOUR & TASTE

Explore agricultural operations on the west side of the estate, including our vineyards and hydroponic greenhouses, with tastes of artisanal foods and handcrafted wine along the way. Book now and save 10% as a Passholder.

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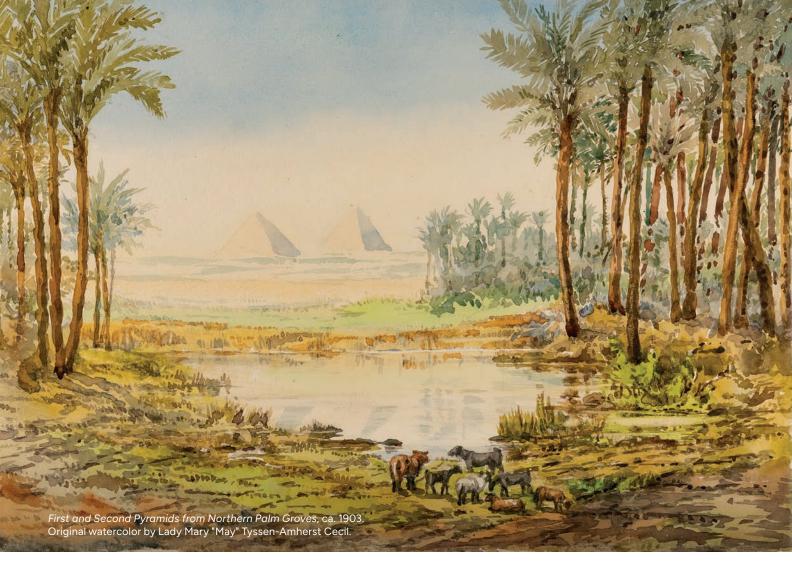




PERFECT PAIRINGS: RED WINE & CHOCOLATE

Discover why this delicious duo is a match made in heaven with a special experience that pairs award-winning Biltmore wines with local artisan chocolates. Passholders save 10% on the cost of this tasting.

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Family ties to Tutankhamun

If you haven't yet visited Tutankhamun: His Tomb and His Treasures, you may not realize how this extraordinary exhibition is connected to Biltmore's family history.

"In Biltmore's archives, we discovered a carefully curated album of photographs taken by the Honorable John Francis Amherst Cecil during his diplomatic service in Egypt from 1914 to 1919," said Meghan Forest-Singer, Associate Curator.

John Cecil's photographs reveal details of a career spent among ancient wonders, a family friendship with one of archaeology's most iconic figures, and even a brush with one of the greatest archaeological stories of the 20th century—the discovery of Tutankhamun's legendary tomb.

"We know John Cecil as Cornelia Vanderbilt's





(L-R) Lady Mary "May" Tyssen-Amherst Cecil, 1884, and John Francis Amherst Cecil, 1924.

husband and as the long-time steward of Biltmore, but this new information helped us share family stories about him and his mother, Lady Mary "May" Tyssen-Amherst Cecil, as part of our Tutankhamun exhibition" Meghan said.

May grew up on her family's estate in England amidst a remarkable collection of Egyptian antiquities assembled by her father.

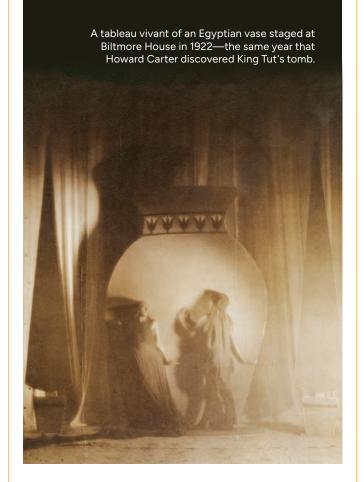
These ancient objects left a lasting impression on May, and also on a young Howard Carter who visited often when his father worked at May's family estate. Carter's fascination with Egypt coupled with his artistic talent caught the family's attention, and in 1891, they funded his first position in Egypt when Carter was just 17.

"Later, between 1901 and 1904, May led two seasons of excavations in Egypt, working under Howard Carter's supervision during his time as Inspector of Monuments for Upper Egypt," said Meghan.

John Cecil, May's third son, inherited his mother's curiosity and enterprising spirit. While serving at the British Embassy in Cairo, he found time to explore Egypt. At several archaeological sites in the Valley of the Kings, he appears to have been guided by none other than Howard Carter himself.

"In photographic form, John Cecil captured some of the work that would one day lead to the greatest archeological discovery of the century," Meghan said. "In addition, he brought his mother's remarkable Egyptian travel journals and watercolors with him to Biltmore and they are now part of our permanent collection."

Dig deeper into Biltmore's connection with ancient Egypt. biltmore.com/kingtutconnection (7)



THE RISE OF "EGYPTOMANIA"

The 1799 discovery of the Rosetta Stone allowed the translation of ancient Egyptian pictorial writing into modern languages. It spurred a fascination in Europe and the Americas for all things Egyptian, which gave rise to the cultural phenomenon known as "Egyptomania" that was reflected in popular culture, architecture, and the arts.

Tourism to the region became increasingly popular for those with the means to travel there, and George Vanderbilt visited twice during his lifetime.



A WORLD OF WONDER AWAITS

Enjoy exclusive savings on Tutankhamun: His Tomb and His Treasures exhibition tickets or choose overnight stays at The Inn or Village Hotel that include exhibition tickets. Book early to guarantee you get the dates you want. biltmore.com/stay (7)



Christmas at Biltmore is coming

oin us during the merriest months of the year as we deck our halls for Christmas at Biltmore, November 1, 2025-January 4, 2026.

"With this being the 130th anniversary of the first Christmas celebration in Biltmore House, we wanted to showcase some of the special details we've learned from archival letters and estate records," said Lizzie Whitcher, Floral Manager.

For the guest-favorite Banquet Hall with its enormous 35-foot fresh Frazer fir, Lizzie drew inspiration from newspaper descriptions of the era that mention elements like soft lights, tastefully draped garlands of evergreen and mistletoe, and shining leaves and red berries of holly.

"I'm also inspired by sculptor Karl Bitter's Return from the Chase carving above the triple fireplace and the animals in the room," Lizzie said. "Think antlers, plaid,

dark green, copper—all very traditional Christmas colors and elements."

In collaboration with Museum Services, Lizzie and her team looked at how much information from Biltmore's



first Christmas is around supplies and "groceries" ordered in to feed everyone during the inaugural holiday season of 1895-1896.

"We started thinking about the vegetable pantries and storage rooms downstairs and how fun it would be to have those practical work spaces reflect a big arrival of Christmas provisions. We hope to capture a little of the holiday hustle and bustle and preparatory hubbub that Mr. Vanderbilt's staff would have seen in 1895," said Lizzie.

Candlelight Christmas Evenings

As daytime turns to dusk, we invite you to rekindle your holiday spirit with the splendor of Candlelight Christmas Evenings, November 1, 2025-January 3, 2026.

From the moment you see the luminaries on the Front Lawn to the flickering firelight and warm glow of candles in Biltmore House, everything sets the tone for a remarkable experience. The timeless beauty of the décor, the soft sounds of seasonal music throughout the house—it all comes together for you just as it did for Mr. Vanderbilt's family and friends in 1895.

"You're more than a guest during your Candlelight visit," said Jan Douglas, Director of Biltmore House Interpretive Hosts and Security. "You're part of our 130-year history of holiday celebrations, and we look forward to welcoming you home to Biltmore for our most beloved traditions."



SAVE ON CANDLELIGHT **CHRISTMAS EVENINGS**

Only Passholders save up to \$20 on Candlelight tickets for themselves and their quests. Reserve now to guarantee your preferred dates and times.

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ROOMS TO WATCH

Tapestry Gallery: Look for a Noah's Ark theme inspired by the many objects in the room that are found in pairs. Elements include animal ornaments, doves, and olive branches.

Mrs. Vanderbilt's Bedroom: Décor is inspired by a glamorous collection of Edith Vanderbilt's designer clothing from the 1920s and 30s that she donated to the Rhode Island School of Design.

Billiard Room: Expect red, white, and yellowthemed décor that echoes the colors of the three balls used for carom billiards (carom is played on the table without pockets).



Restoring the estate's entrance

hile Biltmore recovers and preserves its historic buildings, damage from Helene wasn't limited to estate structures—it also affected the landscape across the property.

"From floodwaters to high winds, we've seen a variety of problems in the aftermath of the storm," said Bill Quade, Director of Horticulture. "Months later, we're still cleaning up some of the more heavily forested sections of the estate and restoring riverbanks that were stripped away by the height and speed of the water from the French Broad and Swannanoa Rivers that cross the property."

According to Bill, some of the most obvious damage occurred at the main entrance of the estate.

"We had to remove the large tulip poplars that lined the entrance from Biltmore Village to Lodge Gate after the floodwaters receded," Bill said. "Almost all

of them were damaged, and we couldn't leave the few that were still sound standing by themselves."

In March, new trees were installed at the entrance along with new lighting options, similar to the 2005 landscaping initiative in which we replaced the century-old double allée of tulip poplars framing the Front Lawn of Biltmore House.

"We continue to lean heavily on Olmsted's landscape design intent for specific areas on the estate. This not only centers on hardscapes such as paths, but the plant selection as well," said Bill. "Repairing the land isn't something that will be done in a year, or even two. It's a process that guests will enjoy 50, 60, and 70 years from now."

In addition to the tulip poplars, look for our new main entrance monument—a sure "sign" that we look forward to your visit!



Cottage Care

The Market Gardener's Cottage—one of several private Cottages on Biltmore Estate™—sustained extensive damage during Tropical Storm Helene last year.

"Flood waters reached the second floor of the cottage, and the structural integrity of surrounding outbuildings was also severely compromised," said Vince Helton, Senior Director of Facility Operations. "Mud, debris, and trash was deposited in and on the cottage and throughout the courtyard."

Located overlooking the Swannanoa River, the historic Market Gardener's Cottage is a structure that contributes to Biltmore's status as a National Historic Landmark. The building is a testament to the agricultural history of the estate and the Asheville area, as produce grown at the estate was sold to the community at this site.

After the storm, Biltmore's team of committed preservation professionals moved quickly to remediate the damage. They cleaned the extensive debris in and around the Market Gardener's Cottage, cleaned out and repaired drains, and stripped the damaged interiors of the house.

In addition, Biltmore worked with engineers to design an external support system to address the otherwise imminent structural failure of the outbuildings. We're also partnering with a firm specializing in historic architectural design and site engineering to establish a plan for the rehabilitation of the building, including ways to mitigate damage from future weather events.



NEWLY RESTORED ROOMS NOW OPEN!

The Smoking Room and Gun Room, located near the end of your selfguided Biltmore House tour, have been restored to their original appearance. See these beautiful rooms in person, and read more about their history and the restoration process.

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Biltmore wines to enjoy and share

ake fall and holiday entertaining easier than ever with delicious pairing suggestions featuring handcrafted Biltmore wines and flavorful recipes from our estate chefs.

SUNFLOWERS FOR SIPPING

On August 17, 1906, Chauncey Beadle, Estate Superintendent, wrote to Cornelia Vanderbilt who was with her parents in Paris. His letter mentions "double sunflowers as large as breakfast plates" in her garden at Biltmore.

Inspired by that description, we plant a swath of sunflowers along the road to Antler Hill Village to delight today's guests during late summer and early fall—and we asked artist Bryan Koontz of Weaverville, NC, to capture the bright blooms for the label of our

latest Masterpiece Collection White Wine release.

Off-dry with hints of citrus and spice, this refreshing white blend that complements seafood, strawberries, and warm weather sipping also honors Mr. Vanderbilt's legacy as a passionate collector of fine vintages.

RAISE A GLASS TO THE WINERY'S **RUBY ANNIVERSARY!**

To celebrate Biltmore Winery's 40th anniversary—a milestone traditionally honored with rubies—we've handcrafted two exceptional red wines that capture different facets of Biltmore's working winery.

The first is our 40th Anniversary Release Sonoma County Red Blend—a bold, ruby-red fusion of California-grown Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon,



and Syrah featuring delicious flavors of blackberry, pomegranate, spice, and oak that pair perfectly with a wide range of foods and occasions, from casual gatherings with family and friends to elegant evening events.

Savor it now with aged beef, duck, stuffed mushrooms, and Gorgonzola cheese, or allow the wine's great tannin structure to enhance its excellent aging potential. Purchase this bold blend in estate shops and online while supplies last.

Our second new release in honor of Biltmore Winery's 40th anniversary is Biltmore Estate® Château Reserve North Carolina Brut Red Sparkling 2022. Handcrafted in the traditional méthode champenoise to create the finest bubbles, the grapes were selected from the best of North Carolina's 2022 harvest. From appetizers to anniversaries, this outstanding red sparkling wine makes any occasion more special. Find the inaugural vintage in estate shops and online.



CELEBRATE WITH OUR 2025 CHRISTMAS WINES

The holiday release of our Biltmore® Masterpiece Collection Christmas Wines was inspired by our annual Christmas at Biltmore celebration. Both labels feature original artwork by Bryan Koontz of Weaverville, NC, that highlights the splendor of the season.

Biltmore® Masterpiece Collection Christmas White Wine features flavors of citrus, stone fruit, and spice that are perfect with an assortment of holiday dishes and desserts. The charming label highlights a Biltmore House marble lion decked in holiday cheer.

Biltmore® Masterpiece Collection Christmas Red Wine is fruit-forward with notes of berry jam, spice, and oak that you'll enjoy pairing with your favorite sweet and savory seasonal fare. The label shows delivery of the first Biltmore House Christmas tree in 1895.



Ioin the Vanderbilt Wine Club®

Our Wine Club embraces the spirit of Biltmore founder George Vanderbilt who traveled the world seeking the very best to share with family and friends. As a member, you'll enjoy regular opportunities to savor exceptional wines via special events and four shipments per year at 20–25% off retail prices. biltmore.com/wineclub 🗷



Suggested Biltmore wine pairing: Biltmore Estate® Limited Release Orange Muscat

Ingredients

Biltmore winel

13/4 cup all-purpose flour

²/₃ cup granulated sugar

8 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened to room temperature

2 teaspoons lemon extract (or freshsqueezed lemon juice as substitute)

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 tablespoons milk

1 tablespoon lemon zest

½ cup dried cranberries

1/4 teaspoon salt

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large mixing bowl, cream the sugar, butter, and lemon extract together until light and fluffy.

Add flour, baking soda, and salt and stir until just combined. Add lemon zest and milk, mix well. Gently fold in the dried cranberries. Mixture will be crumbly.

Work dough by hand into a ball and then roll into a log about 2-3 inches thick. Wrap with parchment or plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Once dough is chilled and firm, use a sharp knife to carefully slice dough into about 1/2-inch pieces and place onto parchment-lined cookie sheet, spacing about 1 inch apart.

Bake for approximately 11–12 minutes or until lightly golden around the edges. Allow to cool for 2 minutes on the cookie sheet before transferring to a wire rack to finish cooling.

Find more easy holiday treats online.

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As a member of our Passholder family, you are invited to take advantage of all the benefits we reserve exclusively for you with helpful tips to make the most of your Pass in every season!



2025: YOUR YEAR OF PASSHOLDER **APPRECIATION CONTINUES!**

As Biltmore celebrates its 130th anniversary, we want to thank you—our Annual Passholders with an entire year of savings and surprises!

For complete information about our Year of Passholder Appreciation, watch for monthly emails that highlight current offers and visit online. biltmore.com/appreciation (7)

TAKE NOTE!



Now-October 30, enjoy live music each weekend at the Bandstand on the Village Green. Bring friends with you in your vehicle to Antler Hill Village & Winery after 4 p.m. (3 p.m. in September!) to hear great local musicians. Relax with a glass of Biltmore wine and grab-and-go options from nearby outlets or make an evening of it at one of our estate restaurants. biltmore.com/livemusic (7)

September: Stay, Savor, and Save

This September marks a year of recovery from the effects of Tropical Storm Helene. We appreciate your support and your commitment to Biltmore and our region. Please join us for these limited-time, Passholder-exclusive offers September 1–30, 2025.

BRING GUESTS AT 3 P.M.

Your guests can accompany you (in the same vehicle) to Antler Hill Village & Winery beginning at 3 p.m.

WIN 1 OF 5 PAIRS OF EXHIBITION TICKETS!

All Passholders are automatically entered in a drawing for a free pair of tickets to *Tutankhamun: His Tomb and His Treasures*. Winners notified by email.

15% OFF SELECT DINING SUNDAY-THURSDAY

Valid for you and your guests at Bistro, Cedric's® Tavern, Stable Café, and Village Social.

15% OFF BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS

Biltmore House Backstairs Tour and Rooftop Tour Reserve by calling the Passholder Priority Line at

800-413-9787.

20% OFF AT A GARDENER'S PLACE

Valid for you and your guests on regularly priced merchandise.

20% OFF ONLINE SHOPPING

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20% OFF STAYS AT THE INN AND VILLAGE HOTEL

Save Sunday-Thursday subject to availability.

Reserve your stay by calling 866-336-1245 or book online with promo code SAVOR25.

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SAVOR BILTMORE WINES

FREE bonus pour during complimentary wine tastings just let your Winery host know you're a Passholder.

VANDERBILT WINE CLUB

Join in September and receive a gift plus free shipping on your first shipment.

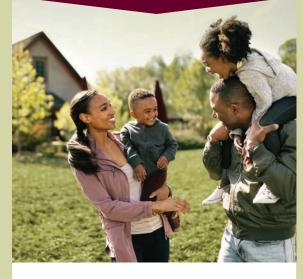
Must be at least 21 years of age with valid ID to taste wine, attend specialty wine experiences, or join Vanderbilt Wine Club. Some shipping restrictions apply.

SPORTING CLAYS LESSON*

Buy one, get one free (\$195 value).

*Reserve by calling 828-225-1425. Free lesson must be redeemed at the same time. Your guest must have an estate admission ticket, be a Passholder, or have overnight accommodations at one of our lodging properties...

EXCLUSIVE!



\$179 Friends & Family Pass Offer

Give friends and family the opportunity to purchase a new Annual Pass for just \$179 plus tax—the deepest discounted price of the year!

- At only \$179 plus tax, a new Pass pays for itself in about 2 visits.
- Look for a shareable email or visit. biltmore.com/staysavor (7) to purchase beginning September 1.

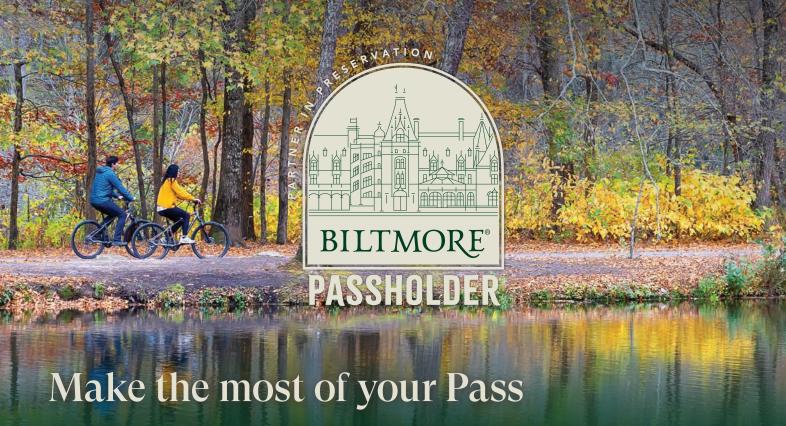
\$120 savings off regular new Pass price of \$299 + tax.

Valid Annual Pass required to redeem all offers September 1–30, 2025.

Savings cannot be combined with regular Pass discount. Restrictions may apply to the above offers. Find complete details online.

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Whether you're a brand-new member of our Passholder family or you've been enjoying your Pass for years, here are helpful tips to make the most of your experience:



Create your Passholder account so you can access all Pass-related information in one place, including reservations, discounted guest tickets, renewals, and more.

- · Visit biltmore.com/account-dashboard to get started.
- · Enter your email address and Pass ID that's the 11-digit number in red located beneath your name on your Pass (older Passes may have a 5- or 6-digit number).
- Bookmark the site to return easily.



Be sure to opt-in to receive Passholder emails for the most up-to-date information, current offers, and behind-the-scenes details.



Sign up for Auto-Renewal and receive \$5 off each year at renewal. First-time enrollees receive a FREE Gardens & Grounds ticket to share with a friend.



Save 10% on estate dining, shopping, and activities with your Pass, including shop.biltmore.com (log in to your account for online savings).



Make required reservations for Biltmore House

· You and your children 16 and younger can enjoy FREE daytime visits as often as you like—no ticket purchase required—but you will need to show your reservation confirmation time to enter Biltmore House.



Stop by Guest Services locations to pick up your complimentary Passholder sticker.

Need to change or cancel your Biltmore House reservations?



Change your reserved time at biltmore.com/reserve (7)



Cancel your reserved time at biltmore.com/cancel (7)

For assistance with reservations, call the Passholder Priority Line: 800-413-9787



Illuminate your holiday getaway

rom the abundance of harvest season to the wonders of our most-beloved holiday traditions, make Village Hotel on Biltmore Estate® your home base in the heart of Antler Hill Village.

"When you stay with us at Village Hotel," said Beth Poslusny, Vice President of Destination Guest Experience "you're close to everything—dining, shopping, live music, and more. Biltmore's Winery is just steps away for complimentary tastings, and you can enjoy the great outdoors with activities like falconry, sporting clays, carriage and trail rides, or hiking and biking."

As the holidays approach, experience the illumination of Antler Hill Village with thousands of sparkling lights to brighten the nights.

"The whole area becomes a wonderland with Christmas music and colorful displays on the Village Green, beautiful stars overhead on the main walkway between the Winery and Village Hotel, and special decorative touches everywhere," noted Beth. "And remember, as a Passholder, you can bring guests with you to Antler Hill Village after 4 p.m. to enjoy the magic!"



Book an overnight stay

From the comfort and convenience of Village Hotel to the newly renovated rooms at The Inn on Biltmore Estate®, enjoy exclusive Passholder rates and special packages during fall and winter, or celebrate your own special occasions with a relaxing weekend away at Biltmore.

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Dining

DEERPARK DINNER SERIES

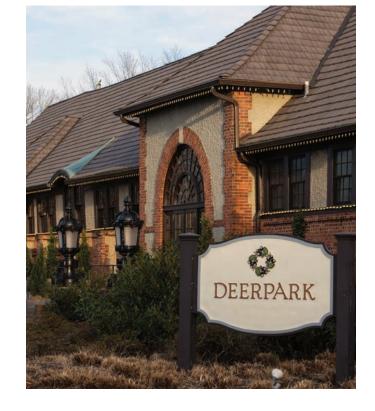
This exclusive Passholder dinner series continues with our Fall Harvest Celebration on September 5 and the Jingle & Mingle Gala and Dance on December 12. Each special dinner features a welcoming reception and chef-inspired menu paired with Biltmore wines. Reserve your seat at the table.

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Take the effort out of entertaining with fall and holiday dining options at estate restaurants. Let us handle the details while you enjoy time together with family and friends over an excellent meal. Find more information and make reservations online.

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Shopping

NEW! Gate House Shop at the estate's entrance is open again!

SHOP THE ESTATE

Get something special for everyone on your listincluding yourself. Gift shops are located adjacent to Biltmore House, below the Conservatory, at The Inn, Antler Hill Village & Winery, and at our entrance/exit.

Find Passholder-exclusive merchandise at Carriage House, located next to Biltmore House, and online.

SHOP ONLINE

From the comfort of home, shop for estate-inspired favorites like Biltmore wines, gourmet foods, accessories, and more. **shop.biltmore.com**

BILTMORE® GROWN

Look for delicious estate-grown products including honey, sunflower oil, stone-ground grits, cornmeal, and beef jerky in estate shops and online, plus fresh and frozen cuts of beef and pork available exclusively at our Gate House Shop.

Avermore's Alternating Stuyvesant Bracelet in Diamond and Sapphire



AVERMORE JEWELRY

Crafted with hand-cut gemstones and intricately detailed design, Avermore jewelry brings timeless elegance to heirlooms that you can pass through generations. Explore the beautiful display at Traditions in Antler Hill Village, and find the complete collection online. avermoreus.com (7)

BILTMORE + BELK FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Discover fall and holiday collections of seasonal décor, home accessories, and clothing available only online and in Belk stores. biltmore.com/belk (7)



n the aftermath of Tropical Storm Helene last September, there were nearly 1,000 fallen or damaged trees across the estate, but we found ways to repurpose some of them so they would continue to be part of Biltmore's story.

We partnered with a local Western North Carolina business to mill our fallen white oaks into staves, which serve as the individual strips of wood that make up wine barrels. The process takes several years for the wood to cure, and will eventually result in approximately five years' worth of wine barrels for aging our handcrafted Biltmore wines—especially our Biltmore® Reserve wines that feature North Carolinagrown grapes.

"It is nice to see a second life for some of these oaks that have been standing as long, if not longer, then the house itself, and some that would have been original plantings by Olmsted's team," said Eli Winkenwerder, Natural Resources Coordinator.

Despite challenges from the storm, initiatives like this help create new ways to preserve the estate and remain good stewards of the land.



Upcoming Events

A Year of Passholder Appreciation Tutankhamun: His Tomb and His Treasures* September Stay, Savor, and Save **Fall at Biltmore** September 2-October 31, 2025 **Deerpark Dinner Series*** September 5 & December 12, 2025; February 13 & April 10, 2026 November 1, 2025-January 4, 2026 Christmas at Biltmore **Candlelight Christmas Evenings*** November 1, 2025-January 3, 2026



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Be the first to know about an exciting new evening experience coming in Spring 2026!

