

TRIP TO KYKUIT & UNION CHURCH



This hilltop paradise was home to four generations of the Rockefeller family, beginning with the philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, founder of Standard Oil.

His business acumen made him, in his day, the richest man in America. This tour will take you to the main rooms of the six-story stone house. Then you will move on through the expansive, terraced gardens containing Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's exceptional collection of 20th-century sculpture. Artists represented include Pablo Picasso, Henry Moore, Alexander Calder, Louise Nevelson, and David Smith, among many others. The underground art galleries with Governor Rockefeller's collection of Picasso tapestries, and the cavernous Coach Barn, with its collections of classic automobiles and horse-drawn carriages, are also part of the experience.

Your guide will share many stories that highlight the lives of Rockefeller family members and their contributions to philanthropy, conservation, business, government, and the arts.

Who would guess that this unassuming country church contains a stained glass window by Henri Matisse, his last work of art, and nine windows by Marc Chagall?



The works create a dramatic combination of light and color, art and spirituality. Visitors marvel at the colorful rose window created for the church by Henri Matisse. The design was his last work of art before his death in 1954. The commission, spearheaded by Nelson A. Rockefeller, honors the memory of his mother, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller. The glorious Good Samaritan window by Marc Chagall is a memorial to John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Their son David Rockefeller masterminded the commission in 1963, which later expanded to include all eight windows in the nave of the church. Chagall and members of the Rockefeller family carefully selected the subject matter for the windows from Biblical texts. The enthralling story of the windows, and how they came to be here, is the story of relationships among distinguished patrons and collectors of modern art, two great 20th-century artists, and the leading connoisseurs and tastemakers of the day.

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017
TIME: Transportation leaves the JCC at 8:00 AM; Returns approx. 6:00 PM
COST: \$89/ JCCMC Member; \$99/ Non-member—includes transportation, admission, guided tours, boxed lunch from The Orchid (choose from options given at time of registration), gratuity and snack.

Please register before September 15, 2017
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