

Buena Vista Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017

-One-day-only event showcases one of Delaware's most historic homes-

(DOVER, Del.—Nov. 29, 2017)—Delaware's historic [Buena Vista](#) mansion will be decked out for a one-day-only holiday open-house on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature self-guided tours of the home, decorated for the holidays, plus crafts and other activities for children and adults, refreshments and a book drive hosted by the [University of Delaware Pi Beta Phi](#) sorority. Visitors are encouraged to bring books to benefit local schools through [Read>Lead>Achieve!](#) The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 302-323-4430.



Located at 661 S. Dupont Highway (Route 13), southwest of New Castle, Buena Vista is one of Delaware's most historic homes. The main section of the house was built between 1845 and 1847 by John M. Clayton, United States secretary of state from 1849 to 1850 under presidents Taylor and Fillmore, and United States senator from 1829 to 1836, 1845 to 1849, and 1853 until his death in 1856. The home later became the residence of C. Douglass Buck, governor of Delaware from 1929 to 1937 and United States senator from 1942 to 1948. Buena Vista and its grounds were donated to the state by the Buck family in 1965 and now serve as a conference/event center administered by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.



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