

LANDMARK GETS A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

SITE Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum **SITE LOCATION** Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, NY **VISTA® PRODUCT USED** Crystal Elegance V 58

Protection

The challenge facing director Barbara Hammond was how to protect the unique early 19th century furnishings and artwork that are the centerpiece of the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, in Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, New York.

The windows are multi-paneled and archetypal of a period when wealthy house and estate owners built glorious mansions that overlooked Long Island Sound. Bartow-Pell is a unique example of country living in the New York area in the early 19th century. Of more than a dozen architecturally important houses in this area that date back to American Revolutionary times, it is the only one to survive. Ms. Hammond's first concern was to protect the irreplaceable artifacts within this National Landmark site. They were all vulnerable to the damaging sunlight that pours through the elegant windows of the mansion most days of the year.

Secondly, and almost as importantly, Ms. Hammond did not wish to mar in any way the pristine elegance of the 241-panel window panorama. "We had seen situations where the film that had been used totally spoiled the window aesthetics by yellowing or blistering and we were very concerned to keep our handsome bearing."

After several field trips to other National Landmark sites that had met similar challenges, Vista V 58, high tech solar control window film was selected. The film eliminates 99.9% of the damaging ultraviolet rays and is virtually invisible, from either side of the glass.



Vista V 58 was installed professionally, without disruption, and uses a unique CDF™ clear distortion-free adhesive to provide

the cleanest, hardest, thinnest bond with the precious glass panes.

Vista V 58 is an ideal choice for protecting and showing interior furnishings in their own true light. It also reduces glare and hot spots that are often an irksome problem. The film remains distortion-free for the life of the product, and is so warranted.

"Our many visitors are totally unaware that the windows are filmed. Only we know it is there protecting our valuable exhibits," Ms. Hammond comments.



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