



Please enjoy reading this month's volunteer email and learn more about new acquisitions in Hillwood's collection, anti-racism resources, fall plans for the garden, and more!

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## OCTOBER 2021 SCHEDULE

The October 2021 schedule is now open to all interpretation volunteers in Volgistics. Please log in to your [Volgistics account](#) to schedule your shifts.

[Log into Volgistics](#)

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## POP-UP GARDEN AND MANSION TOURS

Building upon the success of our pilot teams, Hillwood is excited to welcome back our beloved docents to lead pop-up tours of the gardens and mansion starting this fall.

### Pop-Up Garden Tours

Now through Sunday, November 14, pop-up garden tours will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to docent availability. Due to limited docent availability because of COVID, tours are not guaranteed. When offered, tours will be scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

### Pop-Up Mansion Tours

Starting Tuesday, September 21, pop-up mansion tours will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to docent availability. Due to limited docent availability because of COVID, tours are not guaranteed. When offered, tours will be scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, with an additional tour at 3:30 p.m., Friday through Sunday.

Each pop-up tour is approximately one hour long. In accordance with the CDC guidelines, masks are required during pop-up garden and mansion tours regardless of vaccination status. Please inquire at the visitor center regarding tour availability the day of your visit.

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## VOLUNTEER PARKING

As we welcome back additional volunteers to on-site service at Hillwood, please remember to park in the designated parking areas: along the back railing behind the café and along lower gate drive. Please refrain from parking in the piggy-back spaces behind the café. Thank you for your cooperation. [Click here to view the driving routes and parking maps.](#)

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## MANDATORY VACCINATION POLICY

In an effort to confront the global health crisis, Hillwood requires all returning volunteers, staff, and contractors to be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus. The [new mandatory vaccination policy](#) will help provide a layer of safety for those volunteers and staff returning to campus.

Returning volunteers and contractors will have 60-days to provide their proof of vaccination. Currently, all staff have certified that they are fully vaccinated. If you have lost or misplaced your CDC vaccination card, please reach out to your primary care physician for replacement assistance.

[Submit Proof of Vaccination](#)

**Tip:** We recommend taking a picture of your vaccination card from your phone or mobile device and complete the above online form using the image from your mobile device, which automatically adjusts the image to meet the file size requirement.

If you have any questions regarding the new mandatory vaccination policy, please don't hesitate to contact the volunteer support team at [volunteers@hillwoodmuseum.org](mailto:volunteers@hillwoodmuseum.org).

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## NEW ACQUISITIONS OF SILVER AND CERAMICS AT HILLWOOD

Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens is fortunate to have made several recent acquisitions of silver and ceramics over the past year. The new finds include a set of twelve silver-gilt dinner forks and spoons from the Service of Grand Duke Mikhail Pavlovich (1798-1849), seven pieces from the "Sea Cloud Service," and a pair of covered leaf-shaped dishes made by the Königliche Porzellan Manufaktur (known as the KPM Porcelain Factory – Royal Porcelain Manufacture).

[Click here to learn more about this new additions and how they help support and strengthen Hillwood's collection.](#)



*Pieces from the Sea Cloud Service, including covered tureen, three plates, oval vegetable dish with handles (Haviland & Company, Limoges), and a pair of plates with transferware printing (Lenox, Inc.), French and American, mid-20th century, hard-paste porcelain. Museum Purchase, 2021 (2021.2.1-7)*

*Photo courtesy of Eldred's*

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## ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

As discussed during this year's volunteer business meeting, Hillwood is focusing on engaging with visitors who reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of our community. Under an anti-racism plan ([which you can read here](#)), Hillwood has specific areas of focus to help us reach a broader audience. Our staff is currently researching our history, including the societal norms during Marjorie Post's life. This information and training will be provided to volunteers via a special training session later this year. Under our anti-racism plan, Hillwood is also developing a culture of inclusion, creating more diversity in our programs and exhibitions, such as the new exhibition *Kristine Mays: Rich Soil*, and diversifying our governance. These efforts will help Hillwood become a place where all people can find inspiration.

For those who you who like to get a jump-start on learning more about anti-racism, offered below are the resources our staff is currently reading and watching.

### Watch/Listen:

- [Verna Myers: How to Overcome Our Biases](#)
- [Jennifer L. Eberhardt: How Racial Bias Works](#)
- ["Not Racist" Is Not Enough: Putting The Work to be Anti-Racist](#)
- [James Dator: Racism in America: A History in Three Acts](#)

### Read:

- *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isable Wilkerson
- *White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin J. DiAngelo
- *How to Be An Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi
- *Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice* by Paul Kivel
- *Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence* by Derald Wing Sue
- *The Stolen Prince: Gannibal, Adopted Son of Peter the Great, Great-Grandfather of Alexander Pushkin and Europe's First Black Intellectual* by Hugh Barnes

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## HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS

### September Look Ahead

September is sizing up to be a very busy month for the Horticulture Department. Gala preparations include the installation of the fall seasonal display with thousands of plants. There will also be a push to complete phase two of the Collections and Research Center garden. [Click here to learn more about both of these exciting projects.](#)

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### Horticulture Staff Update

This fall Hillwood bid farewell to Frances Vandenbroucke as she embarks on her next adventure: retirement, and welcomed two new members to the Horticulture department. [Click here to "meet" our newest team members.](#)

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## In the Gardens

The bounty of the summer garden is not quite over yet as the recent hot weather and nearly ten inches of rain we received have maximized the lushness factor and diversity of flowers throughout the gardens.

Please enjoy a few recent photos of the gardens captured by Drew Asbury, horticulturist and volunteer manager.



*Sunflowers in the cutting garden.*

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## STAFF HELP & RESOURCES

Thank you for being a part of the Hillwood community. Our "virtual doors" are always open. Feel free to reach us at [volunteers@hillwoodmuseum.org](mailto:volunteers@hillwoodmuseum.org).

-The Volunteer Support Team

Lisa Leyh, Drew Asbury, Maria Matlock, and Samantha Hernandez

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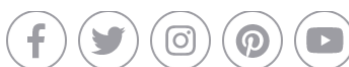
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