



Please enjoy reading this month's volunteer newsletter featuring news and updates from the Hillwood staff.

APRIL 2022 SCHEDULE

The April 2022 schedule is now open to all interpretation volunteers in Volgistics, complete with private tours and special events. Please log in to your [Volgistics account](#) to schedule your shifts.

[Log into Volgistics](#)

Interpretation Volunteers: If you have any changes or questions regarding the volunteer schedule, please continue to contact volunteers@hillwoodmuseum.org. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Hillwood is pleased to announce the return of the Volunteer Appreciation Reception. Join your fellow volunteers and Hillwood staff for a spring reception in your honor on **Monday, May 16** from **5-7 p.m.** The event will take place in-person under the C.W. Post center tent. An online invitation via Paperless Post will be emailed in the coming weeks. We eagerly look forward to gathering together and celebrating your collective contributions to Hillwood.

Please note: Based on the status of COVID cases in the area, Hillwood reserves the right to require all volunteers and guests in attendance to provide proof of vaccination. More information will be forthcoming as we approach May 16.

THE LUXURY OF CLAY: PORCELAIN PAST AND PRESENT

Featuring approximately 140 objects in the dacha and special displays in the mansion, *The Luxury of Clay: Porcelain Past and Present* traces the development of hard-paste porcelain in Western Europe with examples from Meissen (Saxony), Du Paquier (Vienna), and KPM (Berlin), as well as a selection of Russian and French porcelain from Hillwood's permanent collection, further illustrating the influence of Western European designs on Russian porcelain manufactories.

New acquisitions and select loans from private and public collections in New York and Washington, D.C. complement the show. Select examples of contemporary ceramics, including works by Cindy Sherman (b. 1954), Bouke de Vries (b. 1960), Chris Antemann (b. 1971), and Roberto Lugo (b. 1981), demonstrate the historic inspiration of Chinese, German, and French porcelain used by ceramicists today. Linked below is a brief overview, which will highlight a few notable contemporary juxtapositions, in both the dacha and mansion, while illustrating new acquisitions and special loans that have been reunited with pieces from Hillwood's collection for the first time.

[Click here for the exhibition overview and learn more about this remarkable show.](#)



Good Trouble, 2020, Roberto Lugo (American, born 1981), glazed ceramic and enamel paint (decal). Museum purchase, 2021 (2021.4.1-2)

RECOGNIZING DEDICATION: HONORING FORMER HILLWOOD STAFF

Archives and Special Collections has embarked on an ongoing project to honor some of the many dedicated professionals who spent so many years at Hillwood. Using an exhibition case in the staff dining room, ASC aims to tell some of the myriad stories of commitment and service exemplified by Hillwood staff. Gus Modig, Marjorie Post's head butler from 1948-73, and Nettie Leitch Major, Post's genealogist/archivist from the last 1950s-73, have both been recently showcased.

[Click here to learn more about these staff members and their impact on Hillwood.](#)



Marjorie Post and Gus Modig, head butler, in the French drawing room

MUSEUM SHOP SPOTLIGHT: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate Women's History Month with a gift from Hillwood! Marjorie Post was known for her support of the women's suffrage movement; today, she is remembered for her civic and philanthropic engagements. Stop by to find gifts for the women in your life with our selection featuring notable women and women-owned brands.

This month's vendor showcase is New Hope Girls. They create wonderful, durable bags of all shapes and prints while empowering women in the Dominican Republic through employment and education. Their workshop, La Casa De Luz y Esperanza (The House of Light and Hope), is the home base for inspiration and transformative change. Part of the proceeds from each bag sold go back into the organization to continue providing opportunities for more women and creating beautiful accessories.

The museum shop is open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. When [shopping online](#), remember to use your discount at checkout: **Volunteer21**.



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NEW HILLWOOD VISITOR STICKERS

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, Hillwood will transition from the plastic visitor tags guests receive at the visitor center upon arrival to a new Hillwood sticker starting the week of March 14. The Hillwood visitor stickers are made from wood cellulose and are FDA approved non-toxic and water-soluble. The newly designed stickers will be available in different colors denoting visitor, member, member guest, and shop and dine visitor.



New eco-friendly stickers visitors will receive once they have checked in at the visitor center

STAFF UPDATE

Collections

We are delighted to share two recent promotions in the curatorial department. Please join us in congratulating these staff members on their future successes:

- Megan Martinelli has been promoted to Associate Curator of Textiles, Apparel, Jewelry, and Accessories
- Rebecca Tilles has been promoted to Curator of 18th Century Western European Art

Horticulture

Two members of the horticulture staff will be leaving this month:

- Veera Pfaffli's passion and recent education lie in artistic design outside the gardening world. As a step closer to her professional goals, Veera has been offered a position utilizing her design talents. Her last day with Hillwood was Tuesday, March 8. Though we're saddened to be losing such a great gardener, we are happy for Veera to start her new adventure.
- Amy Forsberg, overseeing the Japanese-style garden, will also be leaving. Her last day is Friday, March 11. Since July, Amy has become an important part of the horticulture team demonstrating great pruning skills and attention to detail. We wish Amy all the best in her future endeavors.

HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS

Celebrating Orchids at Hillwood

Marjorie Merriweather Post's love affair with orchids continues today as horticulture staff manage greenhouse habitats to create the best growing and blooming conditions for our collection. March is orchid month and knowledge is key to creating an amazing display.

[Click here to learn more about Hillwood's orchid collection and the spaces created to fit their needs.](#)



Phalaenopsis Sogo Yukidian, x Princess

City Nature Challenge

Get out your cell phone or digital camera and join in a world-wide event documenting urban wildlife. The City Nature Challenge brings together cities across the world and provides information about biodiversity to scientists.

[Click here to learn more about the event and how to participate.](#)



Recording Available: Virtual Day of Horticulture

Five presentations presented during the Day of Horticulture program on March 7 are now available on the volunteer website. Hear gardeners speak about native spring ephemerals, specialty chrysanthemums, Hillwood's azalea collection, building soil organic matter, and get updated on the many spring projects and plantings planned for this spring in the gardens. [Click here to watch the video recording.](#)



[Click above to watch the recording.](#)

In the Gardens

Welcome spring! The gardens are springing to life as early season bulbs and flowering shrubs kick off the floral show throughout the gardens while the orchids are putting on their own show inside the greenhouses.

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



Helleborus 'Ivory Prince' at the Dacha

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Please mark your calendars and join us in person for these upcoming volunteer programs.

Volunteer Spring Garden Tour

April 12-15 (Tuesday-Friday), 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Join Jessica Bonilla, director of horticulture, for a delightful and entertaining early spring tour of the gardens. Tours will depart from the cold frames near the greenhouse. Group size limited to 20 volunteers. To sign up for a tour, please use the links below:

- [April 12 \(Tuesday\) Tour](#)
- [April 13 \(Wednesday\) Tour](#)
- [April 14 \(Thursday\) Tour](#)
- [April 15 \(Friday\) Tour](#)

ONLINE TRAINING: CYBER SECURITY

In an effort to ensure staff and volunteers are protected online, Hillwood is pleased to share a cyber security training course available through KnowBe4. This vendor has provided Hillwood's staff with a thorough training on how best to protect yourself online and we are delighted we can extend this same training to volunteers.

This online course is available to all volunteers to take at your own pace and should take about one hour. The course utilizes videos, brief quizzes, short reading assignments and covers a variety of topics showing you how to identify suspicious email messages, keep passwords and personal accounts safe, and how to protect your home network. To take the online course, please use the link and password below.

- **Link:** <https://www.knowbe4.com/homecourse>
 - **Password:** homecourse
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SPREAD THE WORD: RECRUITING VISITOR SERVICES VOLUNTEERS

After a two-year hiatus from recruiting new volunteers due to the pandemic, Hillwood is delighted to announce we have once again opened recruitment for new, incoming volunteers starting with a new Visitor Services Volunteer class in early 2022.

Visitor Services Volunteers are integral members of Hillwood's volunteer cohort who provide customer service and interpretation to museum visitors in the visitor center and mansion. This is the perfect opportunity for those who have a passion for sharing their love of history, art, and/or gardens with others in a forward-facing role. Weekday and weekend positions are available. Help us spread the word about this exciting volunteer opportunity to your friends and colleagues.

To apply, interested candidates should review the [detailed position description](#) and complete the [online application](#) on Hillwood's website.

NEW ONLINE CONTENT

Be sure to visit the [volunteer website](#) and catch up on the newest online content, including the below lecture recordings now available on the "Lecture Video Archives" page.

- February 22, 2022: [The Luxury of Clay Volunteer Lecture](#) with Dr. Rebecca Tilles
 - February 23, 2022: [From Palm Beach to Shangri-La: The Architecture of Marion Sims Wyeth](#) with Jane S. Day
 - March 2, 2022: [Design Remix](#) with Corey Damen Jenkins
 - March 7, 2022: [Day of Horticulture](#)
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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.

-The Volunteer Support Team

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

HILLWOOD AT HOME

Enjoy Hillwood through our comprehensive digital offerings, including the online collections, educational video library, mobile app, and virtual programs.

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PLAN YOUR VISIT

Learn more about Hillwood's current visitor offerings, book an upcoming visit, and stay up-to-date on Hillwood's events and programs.

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