

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

JUNE 2022 SCHEDULE

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

[Log into Volgistics](#)

Please Note: Microsoft will end support for its Internet Explorer web browser on June 15, 2022. Volgistics will no longer support Internet Explorer after Microsoft ends support. If you are a windows user using Internet Explorer, please switch your internet browser to Microsoft Edge, Firefox, Chrome, or Safari before June 15.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

We look forward to gathering with you for the Volunteer Appreciation Reception 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 was emailed on April 27 and the deadline to RSVP was May 6. If you have questions regarding the spring reception, please don't hesitate to contact volunteers@hillwoodmuseum.org. We eagerly look forward to gathering together and celebrating your collective contributions to Hillwood.

ASK AN ARCHIVIST

Each month via the volunteer newsletter, volunteers are invited to submit questions about Hillwood and Marjorie Post to Jason Speck, head of archives and special collections, for a new feature "Ask an Archivist." Marshalling the impressive resources of rare and unique materials housed in Hillwood's

Collections and Research Center, Jason will select one question to answer and share in the volunteer newsletter each month.

This month's question: We hear a lot about Marjorie Post's lavish entertaining at Hillwood. Can you tell us a little bit about important guests that may have attended events at Hillwood, or events that may have been held in honor of politicians, dignitaries, or celebrities?

This month's answer: [Read Jason's response and learn a little more about the guest Marjorie Post entertained at Hillwood.](#)

To submit a question for a feature newsletter, [click here](#). To learn more about the new Collection and Research Center, visit [Hillwood's website](#).

MAY 12 PUBLIC PROGRAM: DISCOVERING LLOYD PATTERSON

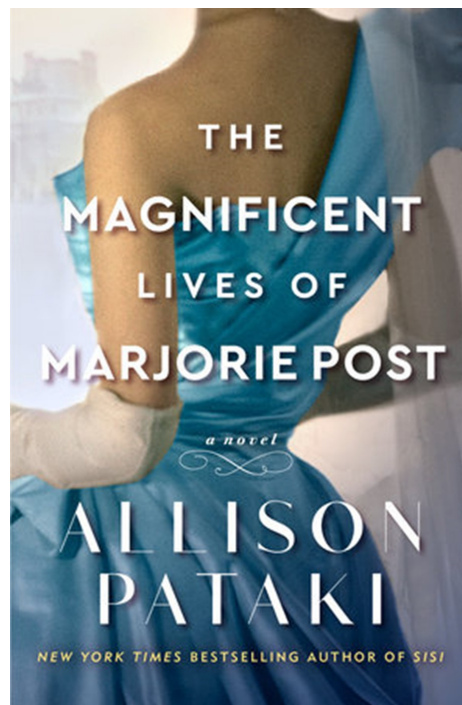
Space is still available for the upcoming virtual public program **A Revealing Portrait: Discovering Lloyd Patterson** on **Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.** Hillwood's Chief Curator Wilfried Zeisler will be in discussion with Andrew Leddy, the owner of the portrait of Lloyd Patterson. Mr. Patterson's portrait came on display recently in Hillwood's pavilion, where it is on long-term loan. Mr. Patterson traveled to Moscow in 1932 as part of a group of Black Americans intending to make a film about the pervasive racism in the United States. He ended up staying and led a remarkable life in a country so different from his native home.

[Click here to learn more about the program or purchase tickets.](#)

BEHIND *THE MAGNIFICENT LIVES OF MARJORIE POST*, BY ALLISON PATAKI

On April 26, New York Times best-selling author Allison Pataki joined Executive Director Kate Markert to discuss her newest novel, *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*. After a successful journalism career, Pataki now writes historical fiction page-turners about women who deserve a turn in the spotlight: “I’m really looking for women who lived through remarkable circumstances, remarkable moments in history, and stepped up to become leading ladies in their lives, and Marjorie Post certainly did that.”

[Learn more about this intriguing book and watch the recording from the April 26 program.](#)



Allison Pataki's newest novel, The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post, is available in the museum shop.

JOIN THE PARTY: HILLWOOD'S STYLE & GRACE GALA IS JUNE 7

On Tuesday, June 7, Hillwood will celebrate the opening of the special exhibition *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior* with the [Style & Grace Gala](#), an elegant black-tie affair dedicated to fashion and philanthropy. The gala returns to its traditional place in June for the first time since 2019, and co-chairs Barry Dixon and Will Thomas, Mark Lowham and Joseph Ruzzo, Sara and Peter O'Keefe, and Mary and Ron Slimp anticipate a particularly memorable gathering.

[Click here to learn more about this special evening or to purchase tickets.](#)



Grace Kelly on the cover of the Style & Grace Gala invitation (image courtesy of GABY Photo and Archives du Palais de Monaco)

HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS

Earth Day Recap

Good weather and even better conversation were the take-aways from Hillwood's Earth Day celebration on April 22. Hillwood staff put a lot of effort into engaging our visitors on a variety of environmental topics. Several outside organizations took part and the day included tours to the Collection and Research Center native garden. Hillwood staff with the winning sustainability shark tank proposal were presented with their equipment during the event.

[Click here for pictures and a more in-depth scoop on Earth Day 2022.](#)

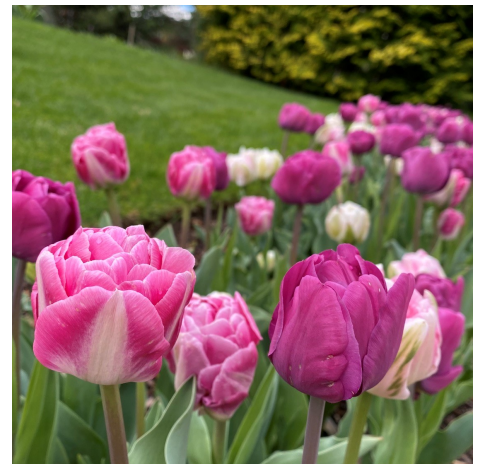


Marshall Paquin and Drew Asbury at the native plant table.

In the Gardens

Flowers and more flowers have certainly been the theme throughout the gardens these past few weeks! The annual spring displays of tulips and pansies have joined forces with azaleas, viburnums, crabapples, and dogwoods to illuminate the gardens along nearly every path.

[Please enjoy a few recent photos from the gardens captured by Drew Asbury, horticulturist and volunteer manager.](#)



Tulip blend 'Metamorphic' near the cutting garden.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

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

Volunteer Woodland Path Tour

May 17-20 (Tuesday-Friday), 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Enjoy the beauty of Hillwood and join senior gardener Marshall Paquin for a garden stroll and discussion of plants found along the woodland path. Tours will depart promptly from the cold frames at 10:15 a.m. Group size limited to 12 volunteers per tour. To sign up for a tour, please use the links below:

- [May 17 \(Tuesday\) Tour](#)
- [May 18 \(Wednesday\) Tour](#)
- [May 19 \(Thursday\) Tour](#)

- [May 20 \(Friday\) Tour](#)
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Virtual Volunteer Lecture: *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior*

June 13 (Monday), 1 p.m.

Join Megan Martinelli, associate curator of textiles, apparel, jewelry and accessories, for an overview of the upcoming exhibition *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior*, on view in the Adirondack building June 11 through Jan 8, 2023.

The special exhibition will explore the longstanding collaboration between Grace Kelly, Princess of Monaco, and Marc Bohan, artistic director at Christian Dior, through clothing, accessories, photos, and more, on special loan from the Palace of Monaco. Like Kelly, Hillwood founder Marjorie Merriweather Post was a tastemaker who carefully cultivated her image, choosing smart, elegant pieces, and treating her apparel as she did her collections, as a connoisseur. As Hillwood interprets 20th-century fashion through Post's own collection of jewelry, accessories, and apparel, it is fitting to expand this narrative through showcasing Kelly's place in the world of 20th-century haute couture.

How to Attend: A Zoom link with the meeting instructions will be emailed to all volunteers closer to the program date. The session will also be recorded and posted on the volunteer website.

Volunteer Cutting Garden Tour

June 14-17 (Tuesday-Friday), 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Join Drew Asbury, horticulturist and volunteer manager, for a tour of the cutting garden and a discussion of what is in bloom. Group size limited to 20 volunteers per tour. The tour will depart from the cold frames near the greenhouse. To sign up for a tour, please use the links below:

- [June 14 \(Tuesday\) Tour](#)
 - [June 15 \(Wednesday\) Tour](#)
 - [June 16 \(Thursday\) Tour](#)
 - [June 17 \(Friday\) Tour](#)
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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 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 recent recording from public programs now available on the "Lecture Video Archives" page.

- April 26, 2022: [Conversation with Allison Pataki, the author of *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*](#)

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

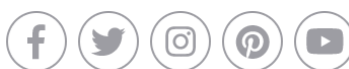
Learn more about Hillwood's current visitor offerings, book an upcoming visit, and stay up-to-date on Hillwood's events and programs.

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