



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

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## JULY 2022 SCHEDULE

The July 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](mailto: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.

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[GREETING FOR \*GRACE OF MONACO: PRINCESS IN DIOR\* AT HILLWOOD](#)

*Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior* was originally presented at the Musée Christian Dior in Granville, France between Spring 2019 and early 2020 and was curated by Florence Müller, Avenir Foundation curator of textile art and fashion at the Denver Art Museum. Held across three levels of the seaside childhood villa of Christian Dior, the exhibition captured the glamorous lifestyle of actor-turned European royalty, Princess Grace, while highlighting her decades-long relationship with the pioneering couture firm of Dior.

This June, Hillwood will be the first North American venue to exhibit selected ensembles from the Christian Dior wardrobe of Grace Kelly, Princess of Monaco (1929-1982). 83 objects, including a special, unique-to Hillwood selection of jewelry, will appear in the Adirondack building on loan from the Prince's Palace of Monaco.

[Click here to learn more about this stunning exhibition and the work behind the scenes to bring this show from France to Hillwood.](#)



*Princess Grace of Monaco in 1970 wearing one of Marc Bohan's designs for Christian Dior featured in Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior. © Gaby - Archives du Palais de Monaco/IAM*

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## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Hillwood eagerly reinstated the annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception on Monday, May 16 from 5-7 p.m. With over 160 volunteers and guests in attendance, the evening celebrated the many contributions of our volunteers and the steadfast support they've demonstrated during these unprecedented times. The reception included numerous special offerings, such as exclusive staff presentations in the mansion and Collections & Research Center, savory and sweet treats from Well Dunn catering, a selection of beautiful plant favors provided by the Horticulture department, and remarks from Ellen Charles, president emerita, and Kate Marker, executive director. Hillwood also honored over 50 volunteers celebrating a major service milestone of 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service and the volunteers who recently joined the emeritus program.

[Click here to view images from the reception, an excerpt from Kate Markert's touching remarks, and the list of volunteers celebrating a major service milestone.](#)



*The stunning floral arrangements for the reception were created by Ami Wilber, floral and event décor designer.*

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## MANSION DOCENT TRAINING 2022-2023

With five years since the last training, we are pleased to announce Hillwood will be offering a new Mansion Docent training course starting this fall 2022. We are thrilled to offer this opportunity to our current volunteers, Hillwood members, and others who might be exploring avenues for service at Hillwood. We also hope you will help us spread the word about this opportunity to your friends and colleagues.

Mansion Docents are integral members of Hillwood's volunteer cohort who provide the best possible visitor experience by weaving together stories of the estate, collection, and founder Marjorie Merriweather Post through regularly scheduled public tours, specially arranged private tours, and on-station assistance with evening events and public programs.

This forward-facing role is a perfect opportunity for those who have a friendly and engaging communication style, an interest in teaching and/or curriculum delivery, and a passion for sharing their love of history and art with others. Weekday and weekend positions are available. The training will occur September 2022-March 2023.

To apply, interested candidates should review the [detailed position description](#) and complete the [online application](#) on Hillwood's website. Completed applications must be received by **Friday, July 8**. Thank you for helping get the word out about this exciting volunteer opportunity.

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## 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:** Searching Hillwood's online collection, the database lists several portraits in the collection by artist Frank O. Salisbury. Are there correspondence or records of any kind regarding the commissioning of these portraits by Salisbury?

**This month's answer:** [Read Jason's response and learn about the friendship between Marjorie Post and Frank O. Salisbury.](#)

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



*Portrait of Marjorie Post by Frank O. Salisbury, England, 1934, oil on canvas (51.140), photography by Ed Owen.*

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## LUXURY OF CLAY EXHIBITION CLOSING JUNE 26

A friendly reminder: *Luxury of Clay: Porcelain Past and Present*, on view in the dacha, closes to the public on Sunday, June 26.

If you have enjoyed the contemporary porcelain on view in the mansion, be sure to visit The Heritage Museum in Norfolk, VA for their new exhibition *Roberto Lugo: Pottery with Purpose*, which opens this month.

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## HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS

### Tropical Plants in the Summer Display

There is a good amount of plants in this year's summer seasonal display, including those brought out from our tropical plant collection. Tough, sun tolerant plants are the key to several areas around the campus and we are fortunate to have quite a few that can be kept long term.

[Learn more here about the summer seasonal display and a few of these interesting plants.](#)



*The tropical house packed with plants for the winter.*

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### Staff Update

Michael Rollison has joined the horticulture department as the new caretaker of the Japanese-style garden and an area of gardens by the Adirondack building and Dacha. Michael brings a wide variety of horticultural experience to the role. Michael gained important insight to gardening in public spaces while working as a groundskeeper at George Washington University. This was a change for him after spending several years managing high end residential landscapes. Aside from this experience, he brings a strong plant knowledge base developed by working in area garden centers for over six years. In the short time he has been here, he has already mastered the pond system and we look forward to all that he will accomplish in the gardens in the future.



*Michael Rollison joins the Horticulture team as the new caretaker of the Japanese-style garden.*

Andy Ehret, gardener, welcomed his second son into the world on May 6 at 1:59 a.m. Daniel Andrew Ehret weighed in at an even eight pounds and has been healthy and happy. Congratulations to Andy and his wife Brittany!



*Andrew Ehret welcomed his second son Daniel on May 6.*

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### **In the Gardens**

As summer makes its annual return to the gardens, so do the roses, the summer seasonal displays, and all the other flowers and wildlife that come along with the heat and humidity of the season.

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



*Cosmos 'Apricotta' in the cutting garden.*

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## **VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**

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

### **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.

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### **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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### **Volunteer Summer Garden Tour**

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

Join Jessica Bonilla, director of horticulture, for a summer tour of the gardens. Take a deeper look at the summer seasonal display and other plants of interest throughout the grounds. Tours will depart from the cold frames near the greenhouse. Group size limited to 20 volunteers. Please use the links below to sign up for a tour:

- [July 12 \(Tuesday\) Tour](#)
  - [July 13 \(Wednesday\) Tour](#)
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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, Bree Ferraro, Drew Asbury, Maria Matlock, and Samantha Hernandez

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## PLAN YOUR VISIT

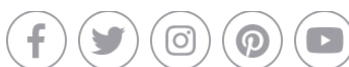
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