

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Lisa Leyh, Head of Volunteer Services & Engagement

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, delicious savory and sweet treats from Well Dunn catering, and a selection of beautiful plant favors provided by the Horticulture department.



Ellen Charles, president emerita, and Kate Markert, executive director, delivering the evening's remarks.



Volunteers and guests gathered under the C.W. Post tent.



President emerita Ellen Charles speaking with volunteers Olivia Jones and Irene Ligo.



Drew Asbury, horticulturist and volunteer manager, congratulating volunteer Jane Berger for achieving 25 years of service.

Among the evening's highlights were the remarks from Ellen Charles, president emerita, and Kate Markert, executive director. Both shared how delighted they were to gather in-person and express their gratitude for our beloved volunteers once again. Kate shared her appreciation of how Hillwood volunteers never wavered in their support:

"In facing ongoing uncertainty during unprecedented times, our dedicated volunteers stood with and showed up for Hillwood. You brought patience, flexibility, and understanding to your volunteer roles and engagement with Hillwood. You showed up for our visitors, helping create a safe and enriching experience so they could enjoy the rejuvenating benefits of a Hillwood visit. You embraced new technology and thought outside of the box with us in reaching existing and new visitors in a virtual environment. You helped carry some of the load with staff, making their tasks a little easier and a little brighter, especially on those days when that wasn't so easy for them to do. You showed up for each other, checking in on fellow volunteers and keeping the Hillwood spark alive through shared

conversations and learning. You have truly demonstrated what it means to be a "Hillwood fanatic" and I'm honored that you are part of this team."

In addition to honoring the collective good work of all our volunteers, we also took a moment to acknowledge those in the volunteer cohort who are celebrating a major milestone with Hillwood in 2022. Listed below you'll find the names of over 50 volunteers who have achieved 5, 10, 15, 20, or 25 years of service and the volunteers who recently joined the emeritus program. The emeritus program is for volunteers who have met or exceeded their service requirements for at least 10 years and are stepping back from their volunteer duties. Emeritus volunteers continue to stay a part of our volunteer community through volunteer communication, education, and benefits.

Emeritus Volunteers	
Sally Burns Ron Dovel Julie Perlman	Judith Shapiro Maureen Valcour
5 Years of Service	
Jane Boynton Carol Buckland Candi Carpenter Jane DeCell Didi DiVirgilio Elena Furman Eleanor Gease Lynne Gustin-Leimkuhler Marcia Jordan-Burke Pat Kowall Irina Kurasiewicz Marcia Lawrence Graciela Luna Julie Mack Elena Marcheso-Moreno Maria McDonald Elinor McKenzie	Lauren Menkes Frances Moghaddam Natalie Neviasky Pat Passamani Amy Peck Abraham Penny Pollard Julie Raffensperger Carolyn Rand Judy Reed Antonina Rodgers Michael Rodgers Lorraine Rose Margaret Simms Mary Slimp Andrea Tasan Margaret Vassilikos Charlotte Yarrington-Ball
10 Years of Service	
Joanna Edwards Phyllis Gerstell Joanne Gillespie Wilhelmina Irshad Elizabeth Johnson BL Johnston	Luna Levinson Rick Mahan Elke Matthaeus Josie Rattien Katherine Schinas Nancy Weiman
15 Years of Service	
Madeline Caliendo Edward Constable	Carolee Heileman Valerie Wheeler
20 Years of Service	
Becky Perl	
25 Years of Service	
Jane Berger	

Thank you for all you do – we are so fortunate to have such a devoted team at Hillwood!