

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

SEPTEMBER 2022 SCHEDULE

The September 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.

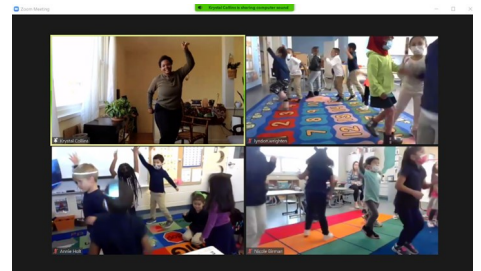
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Please Note: Microsoft ended support for its Internet Explorer web browser on June 15, 2022. Volgistics no longer supports Internet Explorer. If you are a windows user using Internet Explorer, please switch your internet browser to Microsoft Edge,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

HILLWOOD'S ENGAGEMENT WITH DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Building on our work in the previous school year, Hillwood continues to expand our engagement with the DC Public Schools audience, reaching over 3,000 students and teachers in the 2021-22 school year, which ended in June 2022. By bringing dynamic virtual field trip experiences directly to classrooms through live videoconference, Hillwood has engaged a diverse group of students with fun and interactive experiences with Hillwood's art, related to their school curriculum.

[Read the full article here](#) to learn more about Hillwood's innovative approach to virtual programming, the responses from local schools, and what is in store for the upcoming school year.



Dancer and teaching artist Krystal Collins leading an Artful Animals in Action virtual field trip.

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: Have you ever found anything in the archives that you didn’t expect to find?

This month’s answer: [Read Jason’s response and learn more the hidden treasures he has uncovered in Hillwood’s archives, including a telegram from actor Cary Grant to Marjorie Post.](#)

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

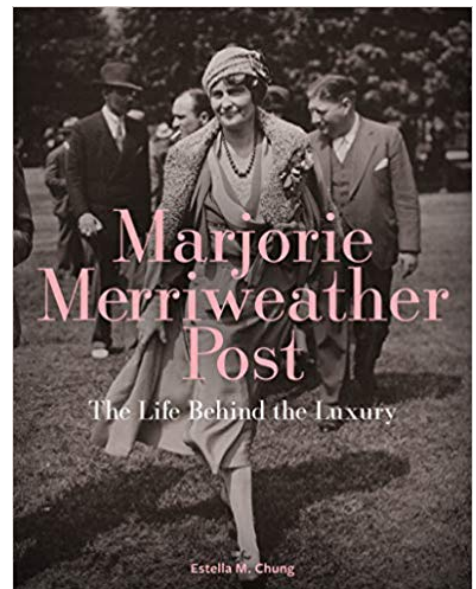


Dina Merrill and Cary Grant featured on the cover image from the Christmas 1959 issue of "Town & Country" magazine.

MUSEUM SHOP REMINDER

Please note the museum shop no longer sells *American Empress: The Life and Times of Marjorie Merriweather Post*.

For visitors looking for a deeper dive into Marjorie Post’s story, please recommend *Marjorie Merriweather Post: The Life Behind the Luxury* by Estella M. Chung available in the museum shop and [online store](#).



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STAFF UPDATE: DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Hillwood is happy to announce that Amy Hill has returned to Hillwood as our new special events manager. Many of you will remember Amy as the outstanding manager of Merriweather Café, while

she was employed by Constellation Culinary. She brings to her position at Hillwood a wealth of experience, most recently as the director of event planning at the new Marriott Bethesda Downtown. She has also been the catering manager at the National Gallery of Art and the senior catering sales coordinator at the New York Historical Society, in addition to other relevant experience in special events.

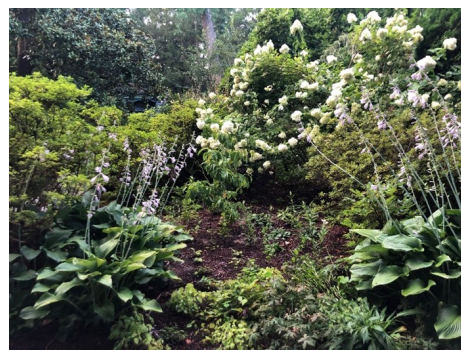
Amy's impeccable attention to detail, outstanding customer service, and deep understanding of how Hillwood's events and constituent and donor cultivation contribute to our objective of building a strong and diverse Hillwood community will help ensure our goal of sustaining the health of vitality of Hillwood. Please join us in welcoming Amy to the development team!

HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS

Garden Update

Change is a universal rule in gardening. Sometimes these changes come through the desire to make the gardens a better place, while sometimes; they are a response to the changing environment. We have both this year as we improve the eastern putting green and Lunar Lawn beds while responding to the reemergence of boxwood blight at the Friendship Walk.

[Learn more here about all of these projects and the circumstances surrounding them.](#)



New additions in the eastern Lunar Lawn among the mature plants.

In the Gardens

We are now in the depths of summer. The seasonal display and cutting garden are in their glory, but there are also other colorful surprises out in the gardens too. Don't forget the grounds provide some wonderful spots to beat the heat and stop by the greenhouse where there are still orchids blooming and even new additions from the Smithsonian.

[Please enjoy a few recent photos of the gardens and greenhouses captured by Jessica Bonilla, director of horticulture.](#)



Greenhouse entrance

Farewell

Our steadfast gardener, Andy Ehret, left Hillwood in late July. Andy has dedicated the last nine years to improving Hillwood's gardens and will be missed.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

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

Volunteer Plant ID Walk

August 23-26 (Tuesday-Friday), 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Join Michael Rollinson, Hillwood's new gardener in the Japanese-style garden, and learn about the plants he finds interesting at this time of the year. 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:

- [August 23 \(Tuesday\) Plant ID Walk](#)
- [August 24 \(Wednesday\) Plant ID Walk](#)
- [August 25 \(Thursday\) Plant ID Walk](#)
- [August 26 \(Friday\) Plant ID Walk](#)

IN MEMORIAM: SID GOTTLIEB

We are saddened to inform you that we recently lost a beloved Hillwood volunteer. Sid Gottlieb passed away on July 11, 2022, just after his 94th birthday. Sid began volunteering in the horticulture department in 2010 where he lent his time and talents in the greenhouses. Everyone in the horticulture breakroom enjoyed hearing his sailing stories and about the next performance of the Rockville Concert Band. He will be dearly missed. He is survived by his wife, Dorrie Powell Gottlieb, as well as his two children and two grandsons.



Horticulture volunteer Sid Gottlieb

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, Marisa Gonzalez, Drew Asbury, and Samantha Hernandez

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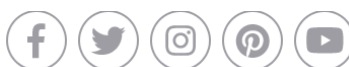
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