



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

OCTOBER 2022 SCHEDULE

The October 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.

DANCING THROUGH HILLWOOD'S SUMMER GARDENS

Building on the tremendous success of last summer's partnerships with local dance organizations, Hillwood's gardens again sprang to life in July and August thanks to partnerships with local dance organizations. Nearly 800 visitors enjoyed summer evenings in the garden and one (or more!) of three dance productions. [Read on to learn about performances presented with Dance Place, SOLE Defined, and the Dance Institute of Washington.](#)



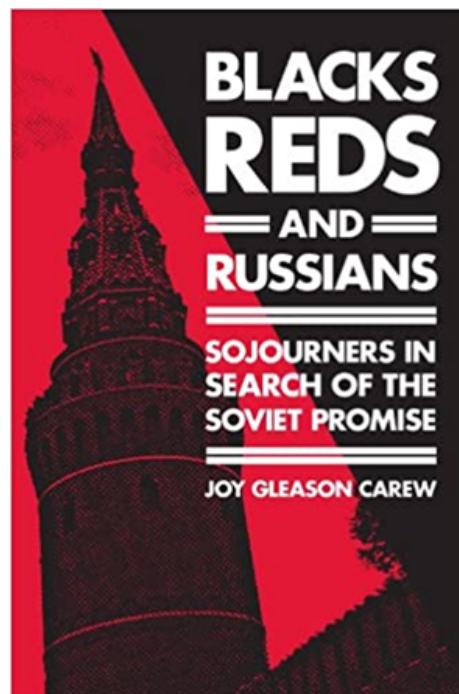
The audience was captivated by elements of Yes, And performed in the French Parterre, July 14-16, 2022.

BOOK REVIEW: *BLACKS, REDS, AND RUSSIANS*

An Excellent Resource for Learning about African Americans in Russia

Does the information you have learned about the [Lloyd Patterson portrait](#) in the Pavilion make you curious about his experiences in Russia and those of other African Americans who migrated there in the 1920s and 1930s? If so, you might be interested in the book ***Blacks, Reds, and Russians: Sojourners in Search of the Soviet Promise*** by Joy Gleason Carew, a long-time faculty member at the University of Louisville.

To learn more about this compelling story, [click here](#) to read a book review by Hillwood mansion docent Margaret Simms.



Joy Gleason Carew. Blacks, Reds, and Russians: Sojourners in Search of the Soviet Promise. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2010.

ASK AN ARCHIVIST

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.

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

COAT CHECK UPDATE

We have received a few questions recently about the status of the mansion coat room. While not yet fully operational, the mansion coat room is being made available to guests on a case-by-case basis. Special accommodations can be made for guests with water bottles or large bags who cannot store them elsewhere. If there are any questions on what may be allowed, please feel free to defer to our wonderful security team and museum attendants.

HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS

Lawn and The Putting Green

Lawns can be as simple or complicated as we want them to be. The horticulture department is embracing new philosophies and sustainable products when dealing with turf grass. The putting green, though, requires special attention and a new aeration project has just started. There is also good news on the electrical equipment initiative as data reflects big gas savings.

[Click here for more details about Hillwood's lawn care and the putting green.](#)



One of many programs held on the Lunar Lawn.

In the Gardens

Summer may be winding down, but the gardens are still going strong as warm-loving tropicals, annuals, and many of our native perennials are just now taking their moment to shine in the garden.

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



It's dahlia season in the cutting garden.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

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

Volunteer Plant ID Walk

September 13-16 (Tuesday-Friday), 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Join Gardener Kevin Beamer and learn about the new plantings he designed and installed in 2021 around the Dina Merrill Pavilion. Group size limited to 20 volunteers per tour. The tour will depart from the cold frames near the greenhouse at 10:15 a.m. on September 13, 14, 15, and 16. Please use the links below to sign up for a tour:

- [September 13 Plant ID Tour](#)
- [September 14 Plant ID Tour](#)
- [September 15 Plant ID Tour](#)
- [September 16 Plant ID Tour](#)

IN MEMORIAM: PAULA DUGGAN

It is with a heavy heart we inform you former Hillwood volunteer Paula Duggan passed away on July 22, 2022, at the age of 74. Paula served as a mansion docent from 2000-2008. Visitors and fellow volunteers could often find Paula at Hillwood on Fridays. Her friendly demeanor and enthusiasm for learning were felt by all who had to the opportunity to take her tour. Paula moved to Wyoming in 2008, but had recently relocated back to Washington, DC. She is survived by her husband, Thomas N. Gallagher.

[Obituary for Paula Carroll Duggan | Edwards Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.](#)



Former Hillwood volunteer Paula Duggan

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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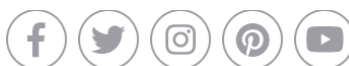
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