



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

NOVEMBER 2022 SCHEDULE

The November 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 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.

REFRESHED DISPLAY IN VISITOR CENTER

Vibrant new display panels have been installed in the visitor center, greeting visitors as they ascend the stairs and head into the conservatory. This new display enhances the second-floor landing, building upon the 2017 display curated by Hillwood's curatorial and interpretation teams. Featuring larger images and designed by exhibition and graphic designer Dave Fridberg, the display explores Marjorie Post as an *Engaged Citizen*, *Generous Philanthropist*, and *Pioneering Business Executive*. [Learn more about the design process behind the newly refreshed display.](#)



2022 Visitor Center display

NOW AVAILABLE: DIGITAL VISITOR GUIDE

We are excited to offer a digital version of Hillwood's visitor guide! Accessible via QR codes in the visitor center and on [Hillwood's website](#), it is an eco-friendly way of learning more about Hillwood (we will hopefully be using less paper, which will aid in our sustainability), and it is one less thing to carry while walking around. Visitors can also view the brochure from home to read more about Hillwood and Marjorie Post on their own time.

Feel free to share the link with friends and family to spread the word about Hillwood.



New digital visitor guide now available via QR codes in the visitor center and Hillwood's website.

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.

This month's question: Did Marjorie Post ever meet Queen Elizabeth II?

This month's answer: [Read Jason's response and learn about what Hillwood's Archives and Special Collections has in our collection related to the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.](#)

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



Souvenir magazine from the coronation of Elizabeth II

STAFF UPDATE

Erin Lourie has taken a new job and her last day at Hillwood will be Friday, October 14. We know you join Hillwood in celebrating her fourteen years heading up adult audiences in Hillwood's Interpretation Department. She built lasting and relevant connections with our adult audiences who attended programs, and strong relationships with our speakers and presenters. We have relied upon Erin to provide leadership in crafting adult-audience-oriented initiatives and know she will put to great use those same skills at her next endeavor.

Please join Hillwood in bidding Erin all the best wishes as she embarks on this new chapter in her professional career.

COAT CHECK UPDATE & REMINDERS FOR GUESTS WITH LARGE ITEMS

Starting Tuesday, October 11, the mansion coat room will reopen and return to full operation. As a reminder, the coat check policy requires visitors, staff, and volunteers to check all backpacks, shopping bags, water bottles, and unworn coats at the coat check while visiting the mansion, and to leave large or bulky items outside the exhibition space. Umbrellas may be left outside the mansion/exhibition entrance. Please remind guests with strollers that, due to the smaller space, those must also be left outside both the mansion and exhibition. If there are any questions on what may be allowed, please feel free to defer to our wonderful security team and museum attendants.

PARKING REMINDER

Beginning October 3, construction will be underway on Chauffeur's House, located adjacent to the visitor center. With the library now located in the Collections & Research Center, the Chauffer's House will become home to staff offices.

As a friendly reminder, please continue to park in the designated volunteers parking areas at Hillwood: along the lower gate drive or along the back railing behind the Merriweather café and C.W. Post center, avoiding any numbered spaces that are reserved for staff. Please be sure to follow speed limits, be aware of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and follow the instructions given by the security officers when driving on campus. Please do not move cones that have been placed in parking areas.

[Click here to view a map of the parking areas and driving routes on campus.](#)

HORTICULTURE HAPPENINGS

The Fall Garden at Hillwood

Most often, the first day of fall rolls around and it feels more like summer. Not this year. Cool temperatures have really put the horticulture staff in the mood for hot tea and fall flowers. Whether it is the fall annual display or the seasonal changes in the gardens, it is a beautiful time to be outside at Hillwood.

[Click here to learn more about the new displays in the gardens.](#)



Chrysanthemums blooming in the motor court.

New Staff

Sarah Bass has joined the horticulture department as a new garden section manager. Her area encompasses the motor court, French parterre, and the rose garden. Sarah has recently moved to DC from New York City where she worked at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. She also ran her own home gardening and landscape design business. Previously, she was a first grade program assistant and taught gardening to primary school students. Sarah also garnered experience with plant database systems at the Connecticut College Arboretum while studying. She has a bachelor's degree in international relations with a concentration in environmental politics and minors in art and environmental studies from Connecticut College. We are very happy to have her here and excited to see her impact in the department.

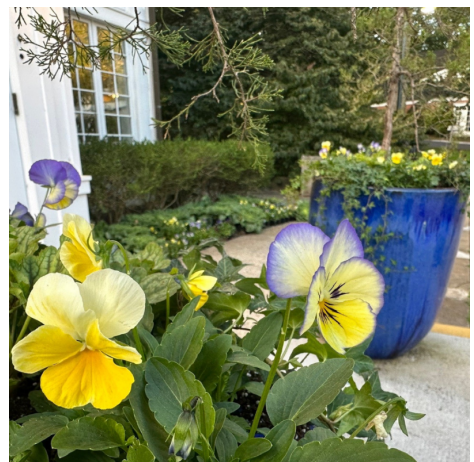


Sarah Bass, Garden Section Manager

In the Gardens

Fall has officially arrived in the gardens and is keeping the horticulture department rather busy switching out the summer annual displays with fall chrysanthemums, pansies, and ornamental kales and cabbages.

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



Viola 'Colormax Lemonberry Pie' at the visitor center.

Horticulture Volunteer Recruitment

The horticulture department is actively recruiting new volunteers to join our outdoor garden support role. Please help us spread the word to your friends, family, and colleagues. To learn more about this opportunity or to apply, please direct interested candidates to Hillwood's website or by sharing this link: [Outdoor Garden Support Volunteer](#). Feel free to reach out to Drew Asbury, dasbury@hillwoodmuseum.org, if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

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

Volunteer Fall Garden Tour

October 11-14 (Tuesday-Friday), 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Join Jessica Bonilla, director of horticulture, on a garden tour as she discusses the fall seasonal displays and other plants of interest during the fall season. Tours will depart from the cold frames near the greenhouse at 10:15 a.m. Group size limited to 20 volunteers. Please use the links below to sign up for a tour:

- [October 11 Volunteer Tour](#)
 - [October 12 Volunteer Tour](#)
 - [October 13 Volunteer Tour](#)
 - [October 14 Volunteer Tour](#)
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Volunteer Specialty Chrysanthemum Greenhouse Tour

November 1-4 (Tuesday-Friday), 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Join greenhouse grower Jarett Currin on a greenhouse tour and marvel at the fascinating diversity of chrysanthemums. Tours will depart from the cold frames near the greenhouse at 10:15 a.m. Group size limited to 12 volunteers. Please use the links below to sign up for a tour:

- [November 1 Specialty Mum Greenhouse Tour](#)
 - [November 2 Specialty Mum Greenhouse Tour](#)
 - [November 3 Specialty Mum Greenhouse Tour](#)
 - [November 4 Specialty Mum Greenhouse 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.

-The Volunteer Support Team

Lisa Leyh, Marisa Gonzalez, Drew Asbury, and Samantha Hernandez

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