



Hillwood Volunteer Program

JUNE 2025 SCHEDULE

The June 2025 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 or 202.686.8528. Thank you.

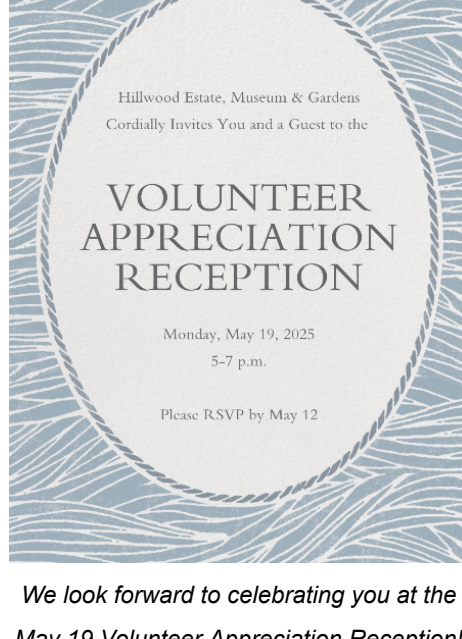
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PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 12: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Join us for a spring reception in your honor, taking place on Monday, May 19 from 5-7 p.m. This event is a special opportunity for Hillwood staff and volunteers to gather and celebrate your collective efforts in making Hillwood shine. During the reception held under the C.W. Post tent, you can enjoy delightful treats and refreshments. The evening will also include remarks from Executive Director Kate Markert and special staff presentations from the collections and curatorial team in the mansion, dacha, and Collections & Research Center.

To learn more about the reception and its scheduled activities, [please click here to view the event program](#).

Please note an online invitation was emailed via Paperless Post on April 10, and **the deadline to RSVP is May 12**. If you have questions regarding the spring reception, please don't hesitate to contact volunteers@hillwoodmuseum.org.



We look forward to celebrating you at the May 19 Volunteer Appreciation Reception!

SEA CLOUD MANSION DISPLAYS

In tandem with [Setting Sail: The Story of Sea Cloud](#) (closing June 15), displays of Sea Cloud furnishings and table wares in the mansion's first-floor library, dining room, and breakfast room offer an expanded impression of the yacht's interiors. [In this article](#), Thomas Wu, assistant curator of European decorative arts and curator of the exhibition, elaborates on how these displays complement the objects featured in the dacha and enable visitors to imagine life onboard Sea Cloud.



Breakfast room table set with Sea Cloud table wares.

STAFF UPDATE: COLLECTIONS AND CURATORIAL DEPARTMENT

Hillwood is pleased to welcome Amy Abraham as our new collections and curatorial coordinator. Amy brings a rich background in art history and project management, with prior experience as a docent program intern at the National Museum of Asian Art and as project and exhibitions coordinator at the National Arts Centre in Canada.

In her role at Hillwood, Amy will provide essential support to the collections and curatorial team, helping to advance key projects and initiatives.



Amy Abraham, New Collections and Curatorial Coordinator

MUSEUM SHOP POP-UP EVENTS

Get ready to shop 'til you drop at these exclusive pop-up events! Join the museum shop staff in the visitor center conservatory to enjoy colorful, unique, and elegant jewelry from specialty designers.

Museum Shop Pop-Up: Valeria Sanson

May 24 and 25, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

"When wearing my jewelry, you simply can't have a bad day!," according to Valerie Sanson. Explore over-the-top necklaces, brooches, and cocktail rings, sure to add some flair to any outfit. [Learn more here](#).

Museum Shop Pop-Up: Alice Woods/ABW Designs

June 13 and 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

[ABW Designs](#), by Alice Woods, is a refined costume jewelry company intended for sophisticated women interested in updated classic design. Shop a line of sterling silver and vermeil jewelry, paired with pearls and gemstones, designed for the consumer with a focus on modern elegance. [Learn more here](#).

VOLUNTEER REMINDERS

As we transition into spring, we are enjoying the changes in the gardens and welcoming back garden docents! We have also refreshed a few displays in the mansion over the past month. Read on for the latest updates, as well as some friendly volunteer reminders:

May and June Pilot Garden Tour

We had a bustling first month of spring garden tours in April! We greatly appreciate our garden docents ongoing garden tour support in May and June. As a reminder, the pilot third garden tour, available Fridays-Sundays, will be offered at **1:30 p.m.**, adjusted to an earlier start time to avoid late afternoon heat. For more information about this season's tours and seasonal displays, please visit the [2025 Garden Touring Season Information page](#).



French Parterre, photo by Erik Kvalsvik

Mansion Display Updates

Exciting and important mansion display updates continue this month! In preparation for the upcoming special exhibition [From Exile to Avant-Garde: The Life of Princess Natalie Paley](#), several objects will be or have been temporarily removed from the mansion over the coming days and weeks, including the [Regimental Desk Clock \(12.153\)](#) which was temporarily removed from the Icon Room on Monday, April 28. We look forward to seeing the clock and other objects included in the upcoming exhibition, on view in the Adirondack building from June 7, 2025-January 4, 2026. Catch up on this most recent update, and other changes from this year, on the volunteer website's [2025 Exhibition Information & Mansion Display Updates page](#).



Regimental Desk Clock, Saint Petersburg, Russia, c. 1896, Silver gilt, enamel, copper, gilt metal, glass, white onyx, marble, Bequest of Marjorie Merriweather Post, 1973, Object number: 12.153

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EDUCATION

Mark your calendars for these upcoming volunteer educational sessions:

Volunteer Spring Floral Workshop

May 16 (Friday), 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Be inspired and join Ami Wilber, floral and event décor designer, in this hands-on floral workshop featuring an array of seasonal flowers. The workshop is limited to 16 volunteers and will meet in the Dina Merrill Pavilion. Cost is \$40 per participant. Please use the link below to sign up for the workshop:

- [May 16 Spring Floral Workshop](#)

Volunteer Garden Tour and Plant ID Walk

May 20-23 (Tuesday-Friday), 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Join Sarah Bass, section gardener, on a garden tour and plant ID walk as she highlights plants that beautify the late-season garden. The tour will depart from the cold frames near the greenhouse at 10:15 a.m. Group size is limited to 15 volunteers per tour. Please use the links below to sign up for a tour:

- [May 20 Plant ID Walk](#)
- [May 21 Plant ID Walk](#)
- [May 22 Plant ID Walk](#)
- [May 23 Plant ID Walk](#)

Virtual Volunteer Lecture: [From Exile to Avant-Garde: The Life of Princess Natalie Paley](#)

June 9 (Monday), 10 a.m. via Zoom

Join us for a virtual lecture just for volunteers, presented by Dr. Wilfried Zeisler, deputy director and chief curator, and Megan Martinelli, curator of textiles, apparel, jewelry, and accessories. This exclusive program will highlight Hillwood's upcoming special exhibition [From Exile to Avant-Garde: The Life of Princess Natalie Paley](#), opening Saturday, June 7, in the Adirondack building.

A muse, model, actor, and socialite, Natalie Paley (1905-1981) was a twentieth-century icon. Though often forgotten today, she rose from her family's fabled and tragic history, and left a stylish and indelible mark on the century's culture and design. This special exhibition will be the first to explore the exceptional glamour and enigmatic life of this legendary figure.

During the lecture, the curators will share insights into the exhibition's design and featured objects, followed by a live Q&A.

How to Attend: All volunteers are invited to attend and no advance registration is needed. A Zoom link and meeting instructions will be emailed to volunteers closer to the program date. If you're unable to attend live, a recording of the lecture will be shared afterward via email and posted on the volunteer website.



Discover one of the twentieth century's most glamorous icons in the upcoming exhibition "From Exile to Avant-Garde: The Life of Princess Natalie Paley"

Volunteer Cutting Garden Tour

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

Join a Hillwood gardener for a tour of the cutting garden. Group size limited to 15 volunteers per tour. The tour will depart from the cold frames near the greenhouse. Please use the links below to sign up for a tour:

- [June 10 Cutting Garden Tour](#)
- [June 11 Cutting Garden Tour](#)
- [June 12 Cutting Garden Tour](#)
- [June 13 Cutting Garden Tour](#)

STAFF HELP AND RESOURCES

Thank you for being a part of the Hillwood community! Our doors are always open. Feel free to reach us at volunteers@hillwoodmuseum.org.

-The Volunteer Support Team
Erin Allen, Matt Boyle, and Lisa Leyh

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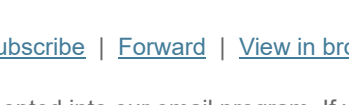
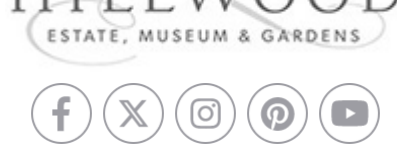
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Visit the Volunteer Website

Stay informed and inspired by visiting Hillwood's volunteer website. Revisit past newsletters and updates, watch recordings of volunteer programs, and review the latest guidelines. Dive deeper into your Hillwood journey with a wide array of educational resources designed just for volunteers.

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