

NOVEMBER 2025 SCHEDULE

The November 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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STAFF DINING ROOM REFRESH

The newly refreshed staff dining room has reopened to the public, with new displays highlighting the relationship between Marjorie Post and her staff.

[Click here to learn more about the revitalized space in this article by Jason Speck, head of archives and special collections.](#)



The television in the newly refreshed staff dining room allows visitors to get a sneak peek into behind-the-scenes spaces at Hillwood.

Staff Dining Room Resources

Several resources are available for volunteers to learn more about the refreshed display in the staff dining room:

- [Sep 30 Virtual Volunteer Lecture](#)
- [Interpretive Label Text and Audiovisual Components](#)

These resources are also available on [the volunteer website](#). We hope they spark your excitement to learn more about this newly redesigned space. If you haven't already had the chance to see the new displays in person, be sure to take a look next time you're at Hillwood!

MANSION UPDATES

Adam Dressing Room

On Monday, October 6, the collections and curatorial team removed pieces from Princess Irina Paley's traveling dressing table set in the Adam dressing room. The objects were replaced with new acquisitions of a hat and pin.

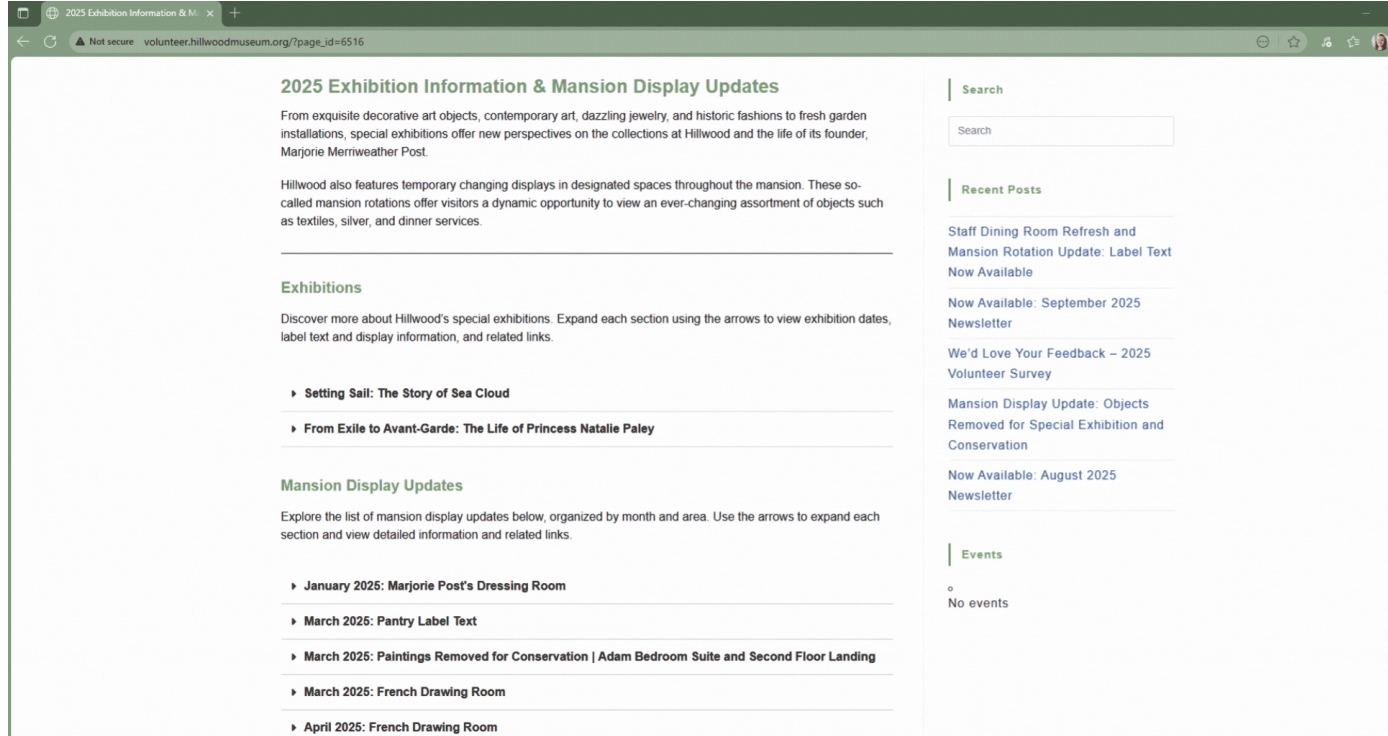
[Click here to view the updated display and label text, as well as a full list of objects that have been removed or placed on view.](#)



Pieces from Princess Irina Paley's traveling dressing table set, Pinteaux, silversmith (French, active 1906–after 1925), Paris, ca. 1923, Silver, crystal, Museum purchase, 2022 (2022.2.7.1–5)

Mansion Display Updates Pages Gets a Refresh

To help volunteers and staff more easily track changes to the mansion displays, the [2025 Exhibition Information & Mansion Display Updates](#) page has been updated with a cleaner, more user-friendly format. Display updates are now organized in an expandable list, allowing you to quickly scroll through and find the desired update. Simply click the arrow next to each update's date and title to view detailed information and related links. This new format makes it easier to stay informed about what's new in the mansion.



HIGHLIGHTING VISITOR FEEDBACK: AUGUST VISITOR SURVEY COMMENTS

Each month, Hillwood sends out a visitor survey to better understand how we can best serve our guests. Time and time again, visitors highlight the amazing contributions of our volunteers. Whether it be in the visitor center, the mansion, the gardens, or beyond, volunteers are vital to creating a positive visitor experience for everyone who comes through Hillwood's gates. Read on to hear some of the wonderful feedback volunteers received in August's visitor survey.

The beauty of the gardens was applauded by a number of visitors, which we owe to the wonderful work of all our horticulture volunteers and staff. One visitor shared a particularly poetic comment, writing, ***"I was enchanted, especially in the beautiful garden, full of yellow black-eyed Susan flowers, with so many butterflies, and bumblebees. I felt like stepping into a magical world where nature was painting a picture for me to see."***

Several comments lauded the welcoming environment that our VSVs help create. One visitor wrote that every staff member and volunteer they encountered was ***"extremely gracious, and, in some cases, even charming."***

Many visitors mentioned the joy that docent-led tours brought to their visit. One guest shared, ***"Our docent was incredible. Passionate. Knowledgeable. Made the entire experience!"***

Thank you to all our volunteers for the wonderful work you do! Your impact is felt by every visitor who comes to Hillwood, and we greatly appreciate your continued dedication and support.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EDUCATION

Mark your calendars for these upcoming volunteer educational sessions:

Volunteer Tour: Specialty Chrysanthemums October 23-31 (Tuesday-Friday), 10:15-10:45 a.m.

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

- [October 28 Specialty Chrysanthemums Tour](#)
- [October 29 Specialty Chrysanthemums Tour](#)
- [October 30 Specialty Chrysanthemums Tour](#)
- [October 31 Specialty Chrysanthemums Tour](#)

Volunteer Tour: Fall Color and Interest November 4-7 (Tuesday-Friday), 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Join Jessica Bonilla, director of horticulture, for a tour of the gardens as she highlights plants that beautify the fall season. Tours will depart from the cold frames near the greenhouse at 10:15 a.m. Group size limited to 15 volunteers. Please use the links below to sign up for a tour:

- [November 4 Fall Color Tour](#)
- [November 5 Fall Color Tour](#)
- [November 6 Fall Color Tour](#)
- [November 7 Fall Color 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, Holly Scanlon, Matt Boyle, and Lisa Leyh

Explore Hillwood Online

Stay connected with Hillwood anytime through our website! Discover treasures in the collection database, see what's blooming in the gardens, and sign up for upcoming programs. Planning a visit? Head to our [Plan Your Visit](#) page for the latest offerings and to book your next visit.

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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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