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Gay Day, Picnic in Partnership with Rainbow Families, and Divas Outdoors highlight a series of GLBT programming at Hillwood this September

Sponsored by Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams

WASHINGTON—Now in its 13th year of partnering actively with the GLBT community, Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens is presenting a series of lively, engaging, and welcoming programs throughout the month of September. The *Family Picnic in Partnership with Rainbow Families DC* will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 6, followed by *Gay Day* from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, and *Divas Outdoors: Classic Films Under the Stars*, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 18.

Since 2001, with the formation of the GLBT Advisory Committee, Hillwood has built on founder *Marjorie Merriweather Post's* gracious

tradition of opening her home for enjoyment, enrichment, and relaxation with programs that welcome and unite with the GLBT community in Washington, D.C. In a nod to Post's lovely garden parties, the GLBT *Family Picnic in partnership with Rainbow Families DC* will start off the series of programs on September 6. In



addition to picnicking on the Lunar Lawn, families can also decorate their own gold boxes inspired by pieces in the special exhibition, *Cartier: Marjorie Merriweather Post's Dazzling Gems*. There will also be putting on the *Putting Green*, as well as dress-ups, games, and face-painting.

This year, the exquisite jewelry and luxury objects collected by and designed specially for Marjorie Post, style icon and favored Cartier client, add a touch of sparkle to *Gay Day* on

September 14, while Post's fashions and fall flowers are tapped for a further look at the beauty of Hillwood. Throughout the day, visitors will be treated to gallery talks in the special exhibition [*Cartier: Marjorie Merriweather Post's Dazzling Gems*](#), while the head of greenhouse and design operations, Jason Gedeik, demonstrates the creation of magnificent floral arrangements with an abundance of flowers from the [Cutting Garden](#)—in magnificent bloom in September, and associate curator of textiles, Howard Kurtz, discusses selections from Post's collection of dresses and apparel, on view on the second floor of the Mansion. Historian and curator of material culture, Estella Chung, will describe the newly-refurbished [Staff Dining Room](#), illustrating staff life at Hillwood in the 1950s and '60s. Behind-the-scenes views into rooms and spaces not usually accessible to the public, including the massage room, the ladies' powder room, film projection booth, and fallout shelter, provide a glimpse into Post's mid-century lifestyle. Performances from the Rock Creek Singers of Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, Not What You Think, and DC Lambda Squares showcase the contributions of our community partners. In between activities, visitors are invited to view the special exhibition, enjoy a picnic lunch, pick up a special item in Hillwood's popular Museum Shop, or take a look at the vintage cars on view with the Straight Eights Car Club.

[*Divas Outdoors: Classic Films Under the Stars with our presenting partner Reel Affirmations*](#) has moved from June to September, bringing campy fun to the Lunar Lawn on Thursday, September 18 with ***Some Like it Hot***. This late summer evening begins with creative spreads across the lawn, all vying for the top spot in the picnic competition. Guests are invited to make a full night of it, exploring Hillwood's pristine gardens, the art collection in the Mansion, and the special exhibition ***Cartier: Marjorie Merriweather Post's Dazzling Gems*** before the film begins.

This series of programming is sponsored by Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams. Presented in collaboration with our GLBT organization partners and participants, all the programs listed here are open to and fun for the entire community.

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Details

Family Picnic in Partnership with Rainbow Families DC

Saturday, September 6

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Advanced sales (until 5 p.m. on Friday, September 5): \$5, free for children under 18.

Day of sales: \$15, free for children under 18.
Register at (202) 686-5807 or online at www.HillwoodMuseum.org
4155 Linnean Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Gay Day

Sunday, September 14

1 to 5 p.m.

\$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 Hillwood members and students, \$5 children 6-18, free for children under 6.

www.HillwoodMuseum.org or call (202) 686-5807

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The Dina Merrill Film Program presents

Divas Outdoors: Classic Films Under the Stars

Some Like it Hot

Thursday, September 18

6:30-7:45 p.m.

Picnic on the Lunar Lawn, stroll the Mansion, gardens, and special exhibition Cartier: Marjorie Merriweather Post's Dazzling Gems

7:30 p.m.

Best Picnic Spread Competition Judging

7:45-9:45 p.m.

Film Screening

Rain Date:

Thursday, September 25

\$15, \$10 children under 18

Purchase tickets in advance at www.HillwoodMuseum.org or call (202) 686-5807, Tickets also available at the door.

Tickets to this program are non-refundable.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location:

4155 Linnean Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Metro: VanNess/UDC, Red Line (20 minute walk)

Information:

(202) 686-5807 for information or www.HillwoodMuseum.org

[Facebook.com/HillwoodMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/HillwoodMuseum)

Hours:

Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; Select Sundays, 1 to 5 pm. Closed Mondays, most holidays, and for several weeks in January.

Café:

The HILLWOOD Café serves lunch Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Afternoon Tea is served on Sundays only from 1 to 3:30 pm.

Express Dining, featuring a quick selection of sandwiches, salads, snacks, and beverages, is available Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday from 1 to 4 pm. Call (202) 686-5807 for café reservations.

Suggested Donation:

\$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 college students, \$5 for visitors age 6 to 18.

No donation is suggested for children under 6.

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Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens is Washington, DC's most gracious cultural attraction. Marjorie Merriweather Post's spectacular estate and gardens, as well as one of the finest Russian art collections in the world, offer each visitor the opportunity to be immersed in a tranquil world of beauty. An engaging and welcoming respite from one's daily life located right in the city's own backyard, Hillwood is a true treasure for all who experience it. Since 2001, Hillwood has worked with an advisory committee, comprised of leaders in the GLBT community, to help reach out to the local community, form partnerships, and develop programming that welcomes the GLBT community to Hillwood year-round.