

Marjorie Merriweather Post Crossword Puzzle

Answer Key

Down

1. *Camellia* – Post had an entire building dedicated to these blooms. Built in 1968 and aptly named the Camellia House, the structure protected the camellia collection throughout the winter until they could be replanted in the spring.
2. *Mount Vernon* – Post attended Mount Vernon Seminary and College, maintaining a close relationship with the institution throughout her life and serving as the first alumna trustee.
4. *Grape Nuts* – The breakfast cereal was created in 1897 by Post’s father, C.W. Post.
5. *Sèvres* – Post began purchasing the French porcelain in the 1920s and retained a lifelong love for the famed *blue celeste*, or “heavenly blue,” pieces.
6. *Camp Topridge* – Post traveled to Camp Topridge, her home in the Adirondacks, each summer.
7. *Postum* – A caffeine-free beverage, made from roasted wheat bran, wheat, and molasses, that was created by Post’s father, C.W. Post, as a healthful alternative to coffee.
8. *Gus* – Gus Modig, known as “Mr. Gus to the staff,” was the butler at Hillwood from 1959 until Post’s death in 1973.
12. *Orchid* – Post saw the greenhouse at Hillwood as the perfect opportunity to support her growing collection of orchids, her favorite flower. Today, Hillwood has over 2,000 orchids of approximately 1,200 species.
15. *Carnet de Bal* – Post wore this fragrance, created by Revillon Paris in 1937.
16. *Dina Merrill* – Post’s third daughter was Nedenia Hutton, who used the stage name Dina Merrill as an actress.
19. *Sea Cloud* – The Sea Cloud was Post’s four-masted ship, once the world’s largest private sailing yacht.
20. *Mother* – Post’s staff was quite devoted to her, some even calling her “mother.”

Across

3. *Square* – Post considered dancing a form of exercise, dancing for her entire life. By the 1950s, square dancing had become so popular that she integrated it into her entertaining in all of her homes.
9. *Scampi* – Post had many four-legged friends throughout her life, most notably her schnauzer Scampi, who is buried in the pet cemetery at Hillwood.
10. *Eleven* – Though she was quite the hostess, Post typically ended events at Hillwood by 11 p.m.
11. *The Jungle Book* – Post hosted movie screenings in the pavilion, inviting staff to sit in the balcony. She is known to have shown *The Jungle Book* during one of these sessions.

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13. *Four Seasons Overlook* – The circular overlook is surrounded by trees, offering views to the woodland below.
14. *Springfield* – Marjorie Merriweather Post was born on March 15, 1887 in Springfield, Illinois.
17. *Pink* – Post had quite an affinity for the color pink, using it in everything from clothing to decorative objects to home décor, as seen in her bedroom, fallout shelter, and the first floor powder room at Hillwood.
18. *All my hopes rest in me* – In November 1974, Post’s ashes were placed in the base of a granite monument in the center of the rose garden. The base bears Post’s coat of arms, engraved with the Latin phrase “In me mea spes omnis,” or “All my hopes rest in me” – an apt motto for a generous and independent woman.
21. *Fabergé* – Post loved beautiful and finely crafted objects, as evidenced in her impressive collection of nearly 90 items created by the Firm of Fabergé, including two imperial Easter eggs.
22. *Lady Bird* – Lady Bird Johnson visited Post on many occasions, including at Hillwood in 1966, and described Post as “sort of a duchess.”