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Haute Holidays
November 22, 2022 through January 8, 2023

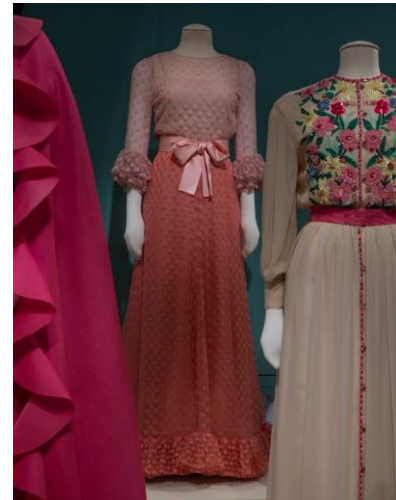
The special exhibition *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior* is the inspiration for lavish Christmas trees throughout the mansion.

Festive décor, workshops, and holiday shopping add to the holiday splendor.

WASHINGTON—Fabulous Christmas trees inspired by the special exhibition [Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior](#) are the centerpiece of [Haute Holidays](#) at [Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens](#) this holiday season, from November 22, 2022 to January 8, 2023.

Beginning Tuesday, November 22, the elegance and opulence of Grace Kelly, Princess of Monaco, permeates the holiday décor that adorns the entire estate. Kelly was a style icon, whose image was created in response to Hollywood's wish for glamour and the desire for sophistication in her stately duties. As an actor turned princess, Kelly found herself as a legendary public figure, and she carefully cultivated her image to reflect her status as a darling of the public and a modern, socially engaged woman. As the exhibition celebrates Kelly's renowned style and dedicated relationship with the House of Dior, so too do the Christmas trees, each inspired by a particular piece on view.

The mansion entry hall bursts into colorful bloom, with a tree inspired by two of Kelly's iconic dresses: an ivory silk georgette dress, embroidered with multicolored pearls and sequins in a floral design, which she wore to events in 1971 and 1973; and a red silk crepe cocktail dress from 1966 that features a bow detail on the shoulder. The tree abounds with dark pink and red flowers along with diamond and red bows, as seen in the garments, combining the two into one fabulous tree. Red ball ornaments enhance the over-the-top tree, adding a bit of holiday cheer.



Vibrant pinks and glittering diamonds decorate the French drawing room, with a tree that takes its cue from a polka dot tulle evening dress Kelly wore to the Mycca Gala in 1970 and the Cannes Film Festival in 1972. The two-tone gown will come to life through light and dark pink orbs and diamond ornaments, and will be topped with a large pink bow, drawn from the waist of the piece itself.

Grace Kelly appreciated an interesting and intricate neckline, as evidenced by the brown chiffon pleated dress with the attached pearl necklace and crystal pendants that inspires the large tree in the dining room. Gold will brighten the space through both matte and shiny round ornaments, complemented by dangling crystals to mimic the decorative collar of the dress.

An elegant tree, inspired by the sky blue evening dress and tunic outfit from 1970, enhances the pavilion. Fabulous fringe, as seen on the outfit, will dominate the tree, with silver and blue complementing the room built for after-dinner entertainment. Vintage glass balls will add shape and movement to the tree.

In the visitor center, guest designer [Quintecce Hill-Mattauszek](#) will create a tree titled “Moments in Time,” to serve as a celebration of Hillwood founder Marjorie Merriweather Post. Appearing like a giant collector’s item, featuring gold, pink, and turquoise, it will be as a tree within a tree, with a metal frame featuring important moments from Post’s life, like a storybook.



The Holidays at Hillwood

As always, the [gardens](#) at Hillwood reveal the beauty of the holiday season. Conifers such as the blue atlas cedar and false cypress show off their evergreen boughs, while holly and witch hazel provide bright spots of color. Greenery adjacent to the mansion is lighted to lead the way into the holiday splendor. [Wreath workshops](#) brings the holidays from Hillwood to you, inviting participants to craft a one-of-a-kind holiday decoration.

Throughout the season, the [museum shop](#) is a favorite destination for holiday shopping. With dozens of unique items inspired by the life of Marjorie Merriweather Post, in addition to clothing, books, ornaments, and home décor, Hillwood’s shop offers distinct gifts for everyone.

The delightful [Merriweather Café](#) is the perfect complement to a day celebrating the holidays at Hillwood. Warm up with seasonal specials and hand-crafted food and beverages served in the gracious manner of Post.

Calendar of events for the holiday season at Hillwood

[Haute Holidays](#)

November 22, 2022-January 8, 2023

Princess of Monaco Grace Kelly’s legendary style, as revealed in the special exhibition *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior*, is the inspiration for glamorous Christmas trees and festive décor across the estate.

Included in suggested donation.

[Onsite Wreath Workshop](#)

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 10 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m.

Friday, December 2, 2022, 10 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 10 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, December 4, 2022, 10 a.m.-Noon and 1-3 p.m.

Craft a traditional, one-of-a-kind holiday decoration of hearty evergreens to enliven your home.
\$75, \$65 Hillwood member
Visit www.HillwoodMuseum.org to register or call (202) 686-5807 for more information

Virtual Holiday Décor Tour

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Immerse yourself in Hillwood's holiday spirit from home and join Ami Wilber, floral and event décor designer, on a virtual tour of the holiday display, inspired by the special exhibition *Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior*. Guest designer Quintece Hill-Mattauszek, principal designer and owner of Studio Q, will share insights into her design of the visitor center tree, inspired by the life of Hillwood founder Marjorie Merriweather Post.

\$5, free for Hillwood members

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Gardener's Focus Tour | Bones of the Winter Garden

Tuesday, December 13 and 20, 2022, 10:30-11 a.m.

Friday, December 16 and 23, 2022, 10:30-11 a.m.

Enjoy some fresh air this holiday season and get an insider's look at Hillwood's gardens. Join Jessica Bonilla, director of horticulture, to explore the peaceful, winter garden, with evergreen and woody plants.

Included in suggested donation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Location:** 4155 Linnean Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008
Metro: Van Ness/UDC, Red Line (20-minute walk)
- Information:** (202) 686-5807 for information or www.HillwoodMuseum.org
[Facebook.com/HillwoodMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/HillwoodMuseum) or Instagram @HillwoodMuseum
- Hours:** Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed Mondays, most national holidays, and for several weeks in January.
- Café:** Merriweather Café offers full-service dining Tuesday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Merriweather To Go, featuring a quick selection of sandwiches, salads, snacks, and beverages, is available Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Suggested Donation:** \$18, \$15 seniors, \$10 college students, \$5 for visitors age 6 to 18.
No donation is suggested for children under 6
Adults and seniors receive \$3 off the suggested donation for weekday visits and \$1 for weekend visits when reservations are made online.

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One of the premier art collector's museums in the United States, Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens is dedicated to enlightening and engaging visitors with an experience inspired by founder Marjorie Merriweather Post's passion for excellence, gracious hospitality, and intent to preserve and share the beauty and history of her collections, garden, and estate. Hillwood is set upon 25 acres of gardens and surrounding woodlands in northwest Washington, D.C. Thirteen acres of enchanting formal gardens include a Japanese-style garden, a rose garden, and a French parterre.