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**Media Advisory: Fabergé Egg Family Festival this weekend**

**Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29**

**10am-5pm**

WASHINGTON—On Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29 from 10 am to 5 pm, Fabergé Egg Family Festival celebrates spring's arrival at Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens. Celebrate the season in grand Russian style, with festive folk music and traditional Russian games. Step into Fabergé's Workshop to decorate your own Fabergé-inspired egg and enjoy the exquisite imperial eggs and other splendid Fabergé pieces in the [collection](#).

**Schedule of Activities**

**Samovar Russian Folk Music Ensemble**

Visitor Center Theater

Saturday: 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm

Sunday: 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm

Welcome spring with joyous music, featuring the sounds of traditional Russian instruments, like the balalaika, domra and accordion.

**Fabergé's Treasures: A Play for Families**

Visitor Center Theater

Saturday: 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm

Sunday: 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm

Enjoy an interactive one-act play for families, produced by [Adventure Theatre](#), sharing stories about Russian Easter traditions popular during Tsar Nicholas II's reign.

**Kalinka Dance Ensemble**

Lunar Lawn

Saturday: 1 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm

Sunday: 12:30 am, 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm

Enjoy a performance of spirited Russian folk dances.

PLEASE NOTE: the dance performance is located outdoors and is subject to cancellation due to inclement weather.

### **Fabergé Egg Art Workshop**

Merriweather Room

Saturday: 10 am-5 pm

Sunday: 10 am-5 pm

Try your hand at making your own Fabergé–style egg.

### **Russian Folk Games**

Lunar Lawn

Saturday: 10 am-5 pm

Sunday: 10 am-5 pm

Enjoy traditional springtime games played by Russians for centuries.

### ***Passion, Playfulness, Process: Decorated Eggs by Bonnie Mapelli***

Merriweather Room

Saturday: 10 am-5 pm

Sunday: 10 am-5 pm

Bonnie Mapelli had a lifelong passion for creating decorated eggs, many in the style of Fabergé. See some of her fanciful creations on display while you create a Fabergé–inspired egg of your own.

### **Explore the Estate**

- Discover Russian art in the Mansion, 10 am-5 pm
- Explore the exhibition, *Splendor & Surprise*, in the Dacha, 10 am-5 pm
- Enjoy the Gardens & Greenhouse, 10 am-5 pm
- Browse the Museum Shop, 10 am-5 pm
- Take-out refreshments are available from the Café, 10 am-4 pm

### **General Information**

**Location:** 4155 Linnean Avenue, NW, Washington, DC  
Metro: VanNess/UDC, Red Line (20 minute walk)

**Information/Tickets:** (202) 686-5807 for information or [www.HillwoodMuseum.org](http://www.HillwoodMuseum.org)  
[Facebook.com/HillwoodMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/HillwoodMuseum)

**Hours:** **Editors Please note change in hours: Hillwood is now open every Sunday (previously only select Sundays)**  
Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 p. 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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When art collector, businesswoman, social figure, and philanthropist Marjorie Merriweather Post left to the public her northwest Washington, D.C. estate, she endowed the country with the most comprehensive collection of Russian Imperial art outside of Russia, an exquisite 18<sup>th</sup>-century French decorative art collection, and 25 acres of serene landscaped [gardens](#) and natural woodlands. Opened as a public institution in 1977, today Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens offers a gracious and immersive experience unlike any other. Highlights of the collection include Fabergé eggs, Russian porcelain, Russian orthodox icons, Beauvais tapestries, and Sèvres porcelain, and Post's personal collection of apparel, accessories, and jewelry. Thirteen acres of enchanting formal gardens include the Japanese-style Garden, Rose Garden, French Parterre, and a greenhouse full of orchids.