



## Horticulture Crossword Puzzle

### Answer Key

#### Across

2. *Flagpole* – Marjorie Post’s staff was quite devoted to her, so much so that to express their appreciation, 100 staff members purchased a flagpole for the Lunar Lawn, which was dedicated in October 1962.
3. *Thirteen* – The formal gardens comprise thirteen acres of the estate.
4. *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.
7. *Chrysanthemum* – The fall display each year features thousands of chrysanthemums, filling the gardens with autumn color.
8. *Friendship Walk* – Dedicated in November 1957, the Friendship Walk at Hillwood was devised by a committee of Marjorie Merriweather Post’s friends to celebrate her seventieth birthday and honor her philanthropic efforts.
9. *Garden party* – Among the events Post hosted at Hillwood were the annual garden parties, held on the Lunar Lawn. Hundreds of guests attended these receptions, both the political and social elite of Washington and groups representing Post’s philanthropic efforts.
10. *Arbremont* – Before it was owned by Marjorie Merriweather Post, Hillwood belonged to the Erwin family, who called the estate Arbremont.
12. *Japanese-style* – Post hired Shogo Myaida to create this non-traditional Japanese garden, which features an artful blend of Japanese and American garden traditions.
14. *Four Seasons* – This circular overlook, surrounded by a variety of trees, is named for the four statues surrounding it that represent the seasons.
16. *Cutting garden* – During Post’s time, the cutting garden remained hidden from view, as it was a working space rather than a formal garden. The garden was used to grow flowers for arrangements.
17. *Perry Wheeler* – To design many of the gardens at Hillwood, Post hired Perry Wheeler, an American landscape architect later known for working on the White House Rose Garden.
20. *Cattleya* – Though Post loved all orchids, her favorite was the cattleya, known for its large and colorful blooms and intense fragrance. This species was often worn as a corsage.

#### Down

1. *Rose garden* – Marjorie Post, with her daughters, chose the rose garden as her final resting place. In November 1974, her ashes were placed in the base of the granite monument in the center of the garden.

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5. *Leo* – Leo, a regal 18<sup>th</sup>-century stone lion, presides over the expansive Lunar Lawn.
6. *Washington Monument* – The Washington Monument can be glimpsed rising above the treetops, over the Lunar Lawn. Hillwood is only 3.8 miles from the monument.
11. *Boxwood* – Designed to capture the feeling of a formal garden of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the French parterre features four sections of boxwood hedges, pruned into scroll patterns inspired by 16<sup>th</sup>-century ironwork.
13. *Azaleas* – Each spring, the gardens are transformed as colorful azaleas burst into bloom, lining the paths with pinks, whites, corals, and more.
15. *Nine* – Post was a long-time proponent of healthy living and emphasized exercise, building a nine-hole putting green for competitions with family and friends.
18. *Earl Loy* – Earl Loy was Hillwood’s head gardener, working for Post for 35 years.
19. *Eros* – A 19<sup>th</sup>-century stone sculpture of the Greek god Eros sits in the center of the motor court. Traditionally the most handsome of immortals, this willowy god of love faces the driveway, welcoming Post’s guests.