

# Global Link

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Tuesday, September 13, 11:30 a.m.

Guided Tour of Special Japanese  
Art Deco Exhibit  
Hillwood Estate and Gardens  
Washington, DC  
\$18.00 per person

### Saturday, September 24, 6:00 p.m.

Guided tour of King Abdullah  
Cultural Hall, followed by authentic  
Bedouin dinner  
Fairfax, VA

### October 7-17

Art & BookFair  
Exhibit Hall, State Department  
A&BF Open to Public:  
October 8 & 9, 10:00-4:00  
October 15 & 16, 10:00-4:00

### Saturday Evening, October 29

Get your costumes ready!  
Adult Halloween Party  
Falls Church

*Please confirm all events on our  
website, our Facebook page, or via  
office@aafsw.org before attending.*



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## AAFSW Creates New "Foreign Service Hub" to Serve Our Community

AAFSW is proud to announce the launch of the Foreign Service Hub, FSHub.org, a user-friendly online source for all Foreign Service community resources.

In the past, AAFSW's Board and other volunteers have often been frustrated by the lack of awareness in the Foreign Service community about the support resources available to help them, ranging from AAFSW itself, to FLO's website, to specialized social media groups.

To attack this problem, Nicole Schaefer-McDaniel, Patricia Linderman and Lara Center proposed and obtained a Una Chapman Cox Foundation grant, and organized a survey and focus groups, together with Barbara Reieux and many other volunteers. Based on this input, they hired webmaster Nicole Spiridakis, designer Lauren Ketchum and marketing expert Trena Bolden Fields and developed a beautiful, streamlined site that is now ready for use.

FSHub.org is a free, open Internet site aimed at presenting all relevant Foreign Service resources. Of course, it will continue to expand and improve based on user input.

Within a week of announcing FSHub.org in June 2016, we already had some great feedback, such as: "Great job launching this new resource. I predict it can be immensely helpful for foreign service spouses and their families!"

All readers are encouraged to:

- Visit FSHub.org and use it often!
- Tell others in the Foreign Service community about it, especially newcomers.
- Suggest any new links, improvements and events to FSHub@aafsw.org. (We know there is still a lot missing, especially with regard to other foreign affairs agencies — your input is needed!)
- Consider joining our volunteer team to identify and maintain links in an area of interest to you (for instance, for singles, retirees, male EFMs, USAID, parents in DC, etc.). Contact us at fshub@aafsw.org

Thank you very much!

*Patricia Linderman*

*Chair, AAFSW Board*

