

THE CROSSWORD



March is dedicated to St. Joseph, the humble carpenter and earthly father of Jesus Christ. With his feast day celebrated on March 19th, this month honors the quiet strength and profound faith of this remarkable saint.

ACROSS

- 1. Season of awakening
- 2. Nature's arch after rainfall
- 4. Guardian or protector
- 6. Fresh start
- 9. Spring's astronomical balance point
- 11. Skilled craftsperson
- 12. Celestial shadow dance
- 13. Protection from elements

DOWN

- 1. Heavenly company
- 3. March's stormy nature
- 5. Nine-day devotion, common to this saint
- 7. Joseph's feast day title
- 8. Winter's farewell process
- 9. Major spring celebration
- 10. Joseph's role to Jesus

HOLLOWBROOK HOUSE IN USE AGAIN AFTER FOUR DECADES

Edgar Hollowbrook's Great-Niece Inherits Historic Property

Young Artist Plans Extensive Renovation of Infamous Mansion

In an unexpected turn of events, Hollowbrook House, which has stood vacant since the mysterious disappearance of Edgar Hollowbrook in 1939, will soon have a new occupant. Margaret Hollowbrook, the inventor's 25-year-old great-niece, has been granted ownership of the property by her cousin Thomas Hollowbrook, the current deed holder.

Margaret Hollowbrook, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology with degrees in both electrical engineering and fine arts, expressed enthusiasm about her plans for the property. "The house represents not just my family's heritage, but an extraordinary blend of art and science that was ahead of its time," she told reporters. "I intend to restore it to its former glory while preserving its historical significance."

Thomas Hollowbrook explained his decision to transfer the property: "Margaret shares my uncle Edgar's innovative spirit and diverse interests. She's the first person in our family who has shown genuine interest in not just preserving the house, but understanding the work that was being done there."

The young artist and engineer has already begun consulting with local preservation experts about the renovation process. "The house's Art Deco features are remarkably well-preserved," noted architectural historian

James Morrison. "However, forty years of minimal maintenance means significant work will be needed to make it properly habitable again."

Local reaction to the news has been mixed. "That house has been a source of speculation and mystery for decades," said Eleanor Thackeray, one of the few remaining witnesses to the night of Edgar Hollowbrook's disappearance. "I hope the young lady knows what she's getting into."

Margaret dismissed concerns about the property's notorious reputation. "I grew up hearing stories about my great-uncle and his work from my grandmother Elizabeth. The house doesn't frighten me - it inspires me. There's so much we could learn from his research and innovations."

The renovation is expected to begin next month, with Margaret planning to move in by early summer. She has promised to donate any historically significant documents or artifacts discovered during the renovation to the Whispering Hollows Historical Society.

"This marks a new chapter in the history of one of our town's most significant landmarks," said Historical Society President David Clarke. "We look forward to working with Miss Hollowbrook to document and preserve this important piece of local heritage."

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