



AB TIMES

NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY BOARD OF
STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS, INC.

MARCH 2016

AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY March 21, 2016 at 9:30 in the Wolle Building Conference Room. If unable to attend, please call Millie Telford at 330.836.3938 to be excused.

AB GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 23, 2016, Carriage House, Coffee at 9:30 AM, Meeting at 10:00 AM

Program: Leianne Neff Heppner, Summit County Historical Society

Topic: The Names and Glendale

Please Note!! April 2016 NEWLETTER DEADLINE: Friday April 1, 2016. All items including change of street or email addresses, marriage, congratulations, illness, death, etc. should be sent to Joann Wallace, tjwallace_49@yahoo.com or 330.335.5301.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear AB Members,

Although this has been a remarkably easy winter, I'm sure we're all looking forward to spring. It won't be long now, just a few short weeks. I know I, for one, am anxious to see the beautiful gardens here at Stan Hywet come to life again.

The Nominating Committee has prepared a slate of officers to be voted on at our March 23rd meeting. Thank you to all who agreed to serve.

We have received several applications for membership in the AB and hopefully more will be coming. Please consider sponsoring a new member. In order to remain a strong and vital organization and continue our tradition of service to Stan Hywet we need to recruit more fine new members. Welcome, too, those guests that attend our meetings and make them feel at home. They may be prospective members as well.

Nobody likes to talk about or ask for money and that includes me, but sometimes it's necessary. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so. It's easy to forget, our lives get so busy, or we think we've paid when we haven't. There are many reasons, but please, check to make sure yours are paid. If you still need to pay, you can send your check, \$20 for Active members, \$25 for Sustaining, made out to Stan Hywet Hall to Suzanne Hasenstab or give it to any officer at the meeting and we'll make sure it gets where it belongs.

Pam Kotsalief and her committee have scheduled a great presentation for our meeting. Leianne Neff Heppner from the Summit County Historical Society will be speaking on "The Names and Glendale."

Hope to see everyone at the March 23rd meeting.

Millie Telford, AB President

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT:

Get Well Cards

Madeline Milford – hospital stay
Dianne Kauffman's husband has been ill

Sympathy Cards

Cindy Wolcott's husband passed away

Joann Wallace, Corresponding Secretary



This year we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ohio Mart! It is not just any event; it is our signature fundraising event that has enabled us, Auxiliary Board of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc., to make such a huge and ongoing impact on the preservation of Stan Hywet. This event is the AB's primary volunteer focus and we look forward to everyone's support over the coming months. It is hard work, but very rewarding to support Stan Hywet and spend time with fellow AB friends!

Our first Steering Committee Meeting will take place on March 16, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Carriage House Auditorium. We will share important updates and begin the planning process for Ohio Mart 2016, which will take place October 6-9, 2016.

We are still in need of chairs for the Coffee & Cider tent. Two or four co-chairs would make the work of this important committee much easier. If you are interested, please be in touch!

Here's to 50 Golden Years of Ohio Mart – our past, our present, and our future support of Stan Hywet!

Susie Wallace, Ohio Mart 2016 Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND BIO

For our March meeting, all members will be asked to vote on and elect our officers for the coming year. I am please to tell you that all officers, with the exception of our Vice President, have agreed to serve a second year starting with the close of our Annual Meeting in May.

We have one candidate for VP, Stefani Carlson, whose bio is seen below.

Nominations from the floor can be made by giving a one week prior notice to our President. Millie Telford and to the Nominating Chairman. Hugh West, including having the nominees prior consent.

Hugh West, Nominating Chair

Stefani Carlson

Stefani Carlson has been a member of AB since 2011, when she was invited to attend a meeting by her sponsor, Jan Alpeter, who she knows through their mutual involvement with the Junior League of Akron (of which she is a sustaining member). While still a provisional in AB, she served as Pumpkin Tent chair for Ohio Mart, and also joined the program committee. Since then, her involvement at SHHG has been mostly on the financial side: she served as Ohio Mart assistant treasurer for two years under Roberta Searle's expert tutelage, and then as treasurer from 2014-present, and also as AB treasurer for two years (2013-15). When not at Stan Hywet, Stefani is usually found at Temple Beth Shalom in Hudson, where she is employed as Education Director and B'nai Mitzvah tutor. An avid reader and lifelong learner herself, Stefani is currently pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Jewish Education through the Mandel Teacher Educator Institute and the University of Cincinnati (a hybrid program that combines a 5-day seminar each semester with independent study and online coursework). She loves to be outside, and enjoys tennis, skiing, biking, kayaking, and hiking with her labradoodles, Max and Bear. In addition to the dogs, Stefani and her husband Steve share their home in Hudson with a cat and a goldfish. Their sons, Alex (a 2015 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy) and Evan (a sophomore at the University of Cincinnati), are off on their own adventures.

Meet the Staff

Tom Hrivnik, Director of Horticulture

When we look at the well-tended grounds and magnificently planned gardens, we have Tom Hrivnik and his talented Horticulture Staff to thank. Tom started working at Stan Hywet in March of 1998 as an arborist, but moved on to be the Director of Horticulture.

Tom's responsibilities are many. He is in charge of developing and implementing a budget, guiding the Greenhouse Manager and the Grounds Manager with their decisions, and undertaking long term planting for the Stan Hywet Estate. Tom said one satisfying part of his job is to see the results of a project planned ten years ago work out well. "After so many years of working on the property, it becomes a part of you."

But Tom is a hands-on type of guy. For example, you can see him on a bucket truck, 65 feet in the air, pruning large trees or hanging Christmas decorations. When asked what it is like being so high in the air, he explained, "The bucket truck sways in the wind. When you come down you feel like you are still swaying!"

Tom is an avid out-doors man. He loves to hunt and fish. Favorite vacations are camping with his family. It is not too surprising when asked what other time in history he might have wished to live, he answered, "The mid 1800's. There was a great push to explore and move west. The land was wilder and less developed."

Tom also enjoys his two older tractors from 1952 and 1962. He uses them on his own property because they are simpler to operate and easier to fix.

Tom Hrivnik is a genuinely kind and friendly man. Stop and introduce yourself, say hello, and thank-you!

STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS, INC.

AUXILIARY BOARD

GENERAL MEETING – February 24, 2016

The Auxiliary Board of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc. held a General Meeting on February 24, 2016, in the Carriage House Auditorium.

CALL TO ORDER

President Millie Telford called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. She reminded members to silence their cell phones.

PROGRAM

Janet McCally of the Summit County Historical Society gave a presentation on “Victorian Valentines.”

MINUTES

The minutes of the December, 2015, General Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Elise Bennett reported the following for the period ending Dec 31, 2015: Beginning balance \$1905.75; Income \$2575; Expenses – Postage, \$6.75, Refreshments \$41.74, Supplies & Materials \$38.26, Meals & Meetings \$2475.95, Total Expenses \$2562.70; Year-end Balance \$1918.05. Of the year-end balance, \$200 was donated to the Memorial Fund, and the remaining \$1718.05 was donated to the Curatorial Restoration Fund. For the period from Jan 1, 2016 – Jan 31, 2016: Beginning balance \$0; Income \$1670 in dues; Expenses \$0; Ending balance \$1670.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Joann Wallace reported that Get Well cards were sent to Cindy Berger and Cookie Apitz. Sympathy cards were sent to Bobbie Hawkins on the deaths of her sister and brother, and to Jean Allread on the death of her husband. Joann also announced that Millie Telford's sister had a heart attack, and Dianne Kauffman's husband is receiving radiation. The deadline for the March Newsletter is March 1st.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY – No report.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

President Millie Telford stated that she would accept checks for unpaid dues, or that members can mail checks to Assistant Treasurer, Suzanne Hasenstab.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES – Millie Telford introduced Phyllis Woodrum, who is replacing Carol Landis as Archives Chair.

CRAFTS – Wilma Hardman asked for contributions of fabric, yarn, and other craft items such as half-finished projects. Donated items should be labeled “Crafts – EBE House.” Contact Wilma if you have questions.

FINANCE – no report.

HOSPITALITY – Jennifer Thomas was thanked for providing centerpieces and Mary Gordon was thanked for her assistance in the kitchen.

MEMBERSHIP – Millie introduced the new chair of the Membership Committee, Mary Kay Danckaert. New member applications are available; the deadline to apply is May 1st.

NOMINATING – Hugh West announced that the Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to select a slate of officers for next year. If you are interested in serving as an officer, or wish to recommend someone, please contact Hugh.

OHIO MART – JoAnn Schlue announced that the 2015 Ohio Mart netted \$149,611.37. 2016 Ohio Mart Chair Susie Wallace congratulated JoAnn Schlue and the entire OM 2015 team on such a huge success. She thanked Stefani Carlson, OM Treasurer, for all her hard work. Susie reported that planning meetings continued during January and February. The Exhibitor Committee has issued all of the ‘call to exhibit’ packets, and the SHH website is updated. Work on all aspects of marketing will commence as soon as the SHH Spring magazine goes to press. Crafts is in need of supplies; contact Wilma Hardman if you can donate to the Crafts Committee. There will be a brief meeting following today's AB General Meeting for anyone who is interested in being involved with detail planning for the 50th Anniversary celebrations at OM 2016. The first Steering Committee meeting will be held on March 16 from 10 am – 12 noon in the Carriage House Auditorium. For chairs and co-chairs, please remember to submit a written report at this meeting; if you have specific questions or concerns please contact Susie Wallace prior to the meeting.

PROGRAM – Pam Kotsalief announced that Leianne Neff Heppner of the Summit County Historical Society will speak on the topic of “The Names at Glendale” at the March General Meeting.

PROPERTERTIES – no report

PUBLICITY – no report.

REVIEW/PLANNING – no report.

VOLUNTEERS – Speaking for Judy Mills, Janet Caudill announced that forms for reporting off-site hours are available.

YEARBOOK/BYLAWS – no report.

STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES

COLLECTIONS – Cindy Bruning announced that Stan Hywet won the Readers' Choice Award, getting more votes than Biltmore. She reminded members to vote for Stan Hywet in the Beacon Journal's 2015 Beacon's Best Awards. The upstairs guest wing hallway and the woodwork in Virginia's bedroom have been painted

FRIENDS – Millie Telford reported the following: The central theme for 2016 is "Family, Sharing Our Stories." Seiberling stories will be brought to life in the Manor House with photos, a family tree display, and a "where are they now?" exhibit, and there will be family information cards. Touch-It stations will contrast old and new items ranging from diapers to report cards to car cranks. "Walk the Halls" brochures will be available for self-guiders. The Conservatory will focus on oddities and unusual plants, and family fun and historic displays will be expanded throughout the gardens. The Deck the Hall theme is a "Storybook Christmas" featuring classic Christmas stories. The car show will feature family touring cars. This year guests will be encouraged to "Leave a Story" about their experiences at Stan Hywet. Restoration of the Great Hall, Library, Tower Landing Staircase, Tea Houses and perimeter wall will be completed this year. The fountain outside the Breakfast Room will soon be operational. Two new 40' storage containers have been obtained for Vintage Finds. SH membership is up 12% over last year; we now have 3294 members. Tour attendance continues to be on the upswing. Stan Hywet was voted Number 1 according to USA Today, and was also voted in the top 100 sites in the country, of any kind, according to the American Bus Association.

GARDEN – no report.

GILDE – Barb Vargo announced the next Gilde meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15: 6:30 pm - refreshments; 7:00 pm – meeting. The guest speaker will be Susie Wallace, who will talk about Irene Seiberling's papers that were in the Gate Lodge. Some of Irene's artifacts will be on display. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Gilde and the speakers.

MOLLY'S SHOPPE – Mary Gordon invited everyone to take advantage of Molly's Winter Clearance Sale today through Friday. Select merchandise is 30-70 percent off.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Susie Wallace announced that the AB website ad hoc committee will meet with Gailmarie Forte on Monday, February 29th.

NEW BUSINESS

Joann Wallace is designing a new membership application brochure. See Joann for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Executive Board Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2016.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

Please submit your check for AB dues if you have not already done so.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Kirklyn Kuzdrall, Recording Secretary