



**AB TIMES  
NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY BOARD OF  
STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, INC.  
APRIL 2019**

**AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, April 15, 2019**, 9:30 a.m. Wolle Building Conference Room. If unable to attend, please call Elise Bennett at 330-808-3050.

**AB GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2019**. Carriage House Auditorium, Social at 9:30 a.m., Program at 10:00 a.m. Warren Manning presented by Rebecca Rogers and Gloria Schreiber.

**Please note: MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019.** All items including changes of street and email addresses, marriages, congratulations, illness, death, etc. should be sent to Phyllis Woodrum at [jwoodrum@roadrunner.com](mailto:jwoodrum@roadrunner.com) or call **330-666-4713**.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Signs of Spring are finally poking up out of the ground and Stan Hywet has reopened with this year's theme of *Lasting Impressions*. The diverse and deep talent of Gertrude Seiberling has always been of particular interest to me and I'm happy that this year's theme shines a light on her by showcasing her paintings. The story of F.A. and Goodyear is central to Stan Hywet's story but Gertrude was every bit as integral to the amazing legacy of Stan Hywet. Of the historically 5 main fine arts, (Painting, Architecture, Music, Poetry, & Sculpture) she demonstrated interest in and masterful command of most. Her affinity of landscapes and gardens were also central to her artistic pursuits.

As we celebrate the renewal of Spring and reopening of the Estate; let's take time to recognize, better understand and admire Gertrude Seiberling's *Lasting Impressions*.

**Elise Bennett, President**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

On April 24, 2019, we will learn more about Warren Manning, one of America's preeminent landscape architects and the man behind Stan Hywet's estate grounds. Our speakers, who are both landscape historians, will be Rebecca Rogers and Gloria Schreiber. They will not only discuss Stan Hywet, but also other Manning projects in Northeast Ohio. Weather permitting, Tom Hrivnak, SHH&G Superintendent, will lead a short informational walk after the meeting and point out some key features of Warren Manning's design.

**Susie Wallace, Vice President**

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

A thinking of you card was sent to Karen Jones. Please note the new email address for Kathy Henson: **khenson0705@gmail.com** Deadline for May AB Times is April 30, 2019.

**Phyllis Woodrum, Corresponding Secretary**

## **NOMINATIONS FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

At our April meeting we will be taking nominations from the floor to select some wonderful people for the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. If you or any AB member you know might be interested in serving on this important committee, please come prepared to volunteer them or even yourself. Thank you!

**Nora Kelly, Nominating Committee Chair**

## **VINTAGE FINDS AND CURIOUS GOODS**

Here is how you can help us: as you clean out your closets; consider donating your gently used furniture, china, jewelry, and home accessories. By donating to Vintage Finds, you support Stan Hywet.

Drop off your boxed or bagged items labeled Vintage Finds to Stan Hywet's Admissions in the Carriage House. Include your name, address, and a list of items in the box or bag. You will receive a thank you letter which can be attached to your income tax donations. Any questions or concerns, leave a message on the Vintage Finds Voicemail: 330-315-3245. Thank you,

**Michele Pringle  
Co-Chair of Vintage Finds and Curious Goods**

## **STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS, INC. AUXILIARY BOARD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2019, CARRIAGE HOUSE**

### **Increase awareness, value, & effectiveness of the AB**

**PRESIDENT:** Elise Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. She welcomed all members and guests and asked that they silence their cell phones. Elise introduced Carolyn Hritz, SHH&G Executive Assistant, who reported the Stan Hywet license plates are approved and should be available in 30-60 days. A sample of how they will look was passed around..

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Susie Wallace introduced our speaker, Julie Frey, Curator, SHH&G. Julie's topic was: The Artist Gertrude Seiberling.

**MINUTES:** President Bennett asked for approval of the Minutes for February, 2019. Treasurer Joann Wallace said her report of the 2018 Ohio Mart earnings of \$183,246.00 and 2017 Ohio Mart earnings of \$205,667.44 needed to be included. The minutes will be filed as amended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Joann Wallace gave the following report for February, 2019:

Beginning Balance: \$1,610.00  
Income: \$900.00 dues + \$11.00 donations  
Expenses: \$100.00  
Ending Balance: \$2,421.00  
Memorial Fund Balance: \$2,083.82

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Corresponding Secretary Phyllis Woodrum gave the following report: A thinking of you card was sent to Karen Jones. Kathy Henson's new email address is: **khenson0705@gmail.com** We received a letter from Dancing Classrooms thanking us for a \$100 donation made on behalf of Sean Joyce. The deadline for the April Newsletter is March 31, 2019.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY:** Assistant Secretary Mary Kay Danckaert reported that the attendance for our March 27, 2019 meeting included: 73 Active Members, 3 Sustaining, 11 Guests for a total of 87 present.

**ASSISTANT TREASURER:** No report.:

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**ARCHIVES:** ( Susie Wallace ) No report

**CRAFTS:** (Wilma Hardman) No report

**FINANCE:** (Kathy DeBarr) No report

**HOSPITALITY:** (Barb Wulff) Barb introduced today's hostesses Patsy Biddinger and Carol Brockenbrough. President Bennett thanked Barb for providing the floral arrangement.

**Patsy Biddinger** has been volunteering at Stan Hywet for 12 years. A native of Long Island, New York, Patsy and her husband Scott moved to Akron from Chicago to be closer to their daughter, who is a professor at the University of Akron and their two grandchildren. Patsy gives tours at Stan Hywet on Thursdays and is in charge of the Tudor Rose Pub during Ohio Mart.

**Carol Brockenbrough** is Akron born and educated. Carol has been married for 50 years and has 2 grown sons. She ran her own fund-raising business for 25 years before retiring to volunteer work. She has been President of both Greater Akron Habitat for Humanity and several ladies' groups. She gives her time to Feeding the Homeless, Haven of Rest, St. Edwards, and the Chapel as well as Stan Hywet. Her Stan Hywet activities include Manor House Guide, Easter Bunny Breakfast, Murder in the Mansion, Deck the Hall, and is currently the Chairperson for the Ohio Mart Committee – Properties – Tables and Chairs Rental.

**MEMBERSHIP:** (Ciaran Reilly) Seven Provisional applications with another potential have been received bringing the 2019 class to possibly 8. Ciaran hopes to add a few more after the Mingle, Learn, Join event next month. After the April AB meeting, Emma Rainear will hold a brief orientation meeting for all Provisionals. It will be held in the Carriage House tent at noon.

**NOMINATING:** (Nora Kelly) Nora introduced the following 2019-20 slate of officers:

President: Elise Bennett, Vice President: Susie Wallace, Treasurer: Amy Prather, Asst. Treasurer: Helyn Docs, Recording Secretary: Kirklyn Kuzdrall, Corresponding Secretary: Mary Kay Danckaert, Asst. Secretary: Jane Delcamp.

**OHIO MART:** (Teri Woodruff) Darby Ashelman reported all vacant positions have been filled! Gretchen Gibson, Chairman of Vintage Finds, reported that ladies are hard at work with sorting, pricing and packing donated items. Please refer them to family, friends, and neighbors as a place where they can donate used or new items they have around the house when doing their spring cleaning or downsizing. If you have any questions on items that you would like to donate, you can call Stan Hywet's Hotline 330-315-3245 and follow the prompts. They continue to meet every Thursday morning at the Ebe House in the basement. If you are interested in volunteering, they meet every Thursday at 9:30.

**PROGRAMS:** (Susie Wallace) On April 24, 2019, we will learn more about Warren Manning and some of the defining features of the Estate's gardens and plantings. Our speakers will be Rebecca Rogers and Gloria Schreiber. Weather permitting, Tom Hrivnak will lead a short informational walk after the meeting and point out some key features of Warren Manning's design.

**PROPERTIES:** (Roberta Searle) No report

**PUBLICITY:** (Char Bolek) No report

**REVIEW/PLANNING:** (Millie Telford) No report

**VOLUNTEERS:** (Char Bolek) Deadline to turn in hours for 2019 awards is March 31, 2019..

**YEARBOOK:** (Joanne Karm) No report

### **ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES**

**COLLECTIONS:** (Cindy Bruning) The Manor House has been all put back together and is ready for the opening April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thirty paintings by Gertrude Seiberling will be in the display in the house for the theme this year, Lasting Impressions. Six paintings owned by family members are also going to be on loan and will be displayed. Three are already here and Julie Frey will be travelling to Pennsylvania to pick up three more in the next few days. The pictures in the Morning Room will be changed so the room will have a new look for the season. Willard and Mary's daughters, Julie Shaw and Anne Davis, have moved into assisted living and are donating two boxes of about 100 letters and many other materials pertaining to the Seiberlings. This should prove quite interesting. **And I am on chair #13!**

**GARDEN:** (Michelle Blondel/Pam Kotsalief) No report

**GUILD:** (Barb Vargo) The next Guild Meeting is Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Refreshments at 6:30 and Program Meeting at 7:00 in the Carriage House Auditorium. Program, TBA. We are working with the Akron Art Institute to present a program related to the presentation of Mrs. Seiberling's paintings.

**MOLLY'S SHOP:** (Barb Von Fosson) 2019 Molly's Shop---Bring the gardens of Stan Hywet into Molly's! Lots of silk flowers, butterflies, floral pillows, new T-shirts with beautiful floral designs. Expanded men's section of metal sculptures, socks, etc. Clothing is priced \$99 and less. Light jackets and reversible raincoats. Paper vases from a new company, Modgy. Soaps, lotions, etc. are coming from Australia. Grand Opening is Tuesday, April 2. The new floors are beautiful!!

### **STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES**

**FRIENDS:** (Elise Bennett) Elise gave the following report:

#### **The SHH&G Staff Announced:**

- Sound Proofing for the Manor House Auditorium is in Progress
- Easter Egg Breakfast is already sold out
- Stan Hywet runners in the Akron Marathon will enter for free as a perk to Stan Hywet for hosting the race start.
- SHH&G magazine should be out this week. (March 6, 2019)
- A Preview Night for the FUSED exhibit is being planned.
- The new event Off the Vine will have food and wine pairings with music
- Hours deadline for volunteers is 3/31 for 2019 awards
- Ice Cream Social date of 4/11 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. for Volunteer Appreciation week

#### **Other Updates:**

Winter pruning has started with the horticulture crew, April 3<sup>rd</sup> has been designated as the BIG DIG when perennials are dug up and split. It was mentioned that the Marathon logistics could impact set up for committees who are located in the Carriage House Auditorium. Also that the noise of maintenance work being done in the vicinity of the Carriage House could impact meetings held there on Mondays. Monday is the only day when guests are not on the property and therefore the only time when some work can be completed.

Sean Joyce is hoping to bring Ebe House users into the new building conversation late March/early April depending on the progress of the project.

**PARLIMENTARY ADVISOR:** (Janet Caudill) No report

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:** (Hugh West) Hugh will keep us updated on the license plates.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** MINGLE LEARN JOIN EVENT ON APRIL 4. Help get the word out about the event in the Carriage House Auditorium. Encourage members to post the electronic invitation on their

Facebook account, email electronic invitation and pass out printed invitations—available on the table today.

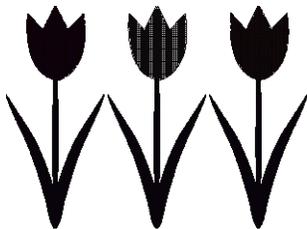
**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** If you have information to share from another organization you belong to, you may make a brief announcement at any AB meeting and place any handouts on the Information Table. Committee Reports are due to Elise by the May Executive Board Meeting. May Executive Board Meeting is on Monday, May 20 at the Mustard Seed Market in Highland Square. Both outgoing and incoming officers and committee representatives are encouraged to attend. **Again, that meeting will begin one hour later than usual at 10:30 with lunch to follow.** Look for more information on menu options from Elise.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next Executive Board Meeting – Monday, April 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Wolle Building
- Next General Meeting – Wednesday, April 24, 2019 will be held in the Carriage House Auditorium. Speakers Rebecca Rogers and Gloria Schreiber along with Tom Hrivnak will feature SHH&G Landscape Architect, Warren Manning. Social will begin at 9:30 a.m., Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.
- If you had invited anyone to attend the *Mingle Learn Join* event, you might want to also invite them to attend the April 24<sup>th</sup> AB meeting. Emma Rainear will conduct a new Volunteer Orientation at Noon that day in the Carriage House Auditorium.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



**HAPPY SPRING!**

