



AB TIMES

NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY BOARD  
OF STAN HYWET HALL & GARDEN

AUGUST 2019

**AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Monday August 19, 2019 for Executive Board members 9:30 a.m. Wolle Building Conference Room. Contact Elise Bennett at 330-808-3050 if you cannot attend.

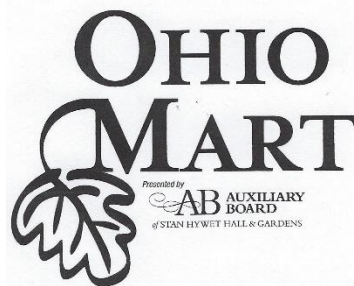
**AB GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, August 28, 2019. Carriage House Auditorium. Social at 9:30 a.m. Program at 10:00 a.m. FUSED presented by Joseph Ott, SHH&G Staff Member and Artist. Topic: FUSED: Garden Gallery of Art & Metal.

**Please note: SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019.**

**AB President's message – August 2019**

It won't be long before kids will be back in school and our Auxiliary Board activities will resume. Before you know it, we'll be fully focused on the activities of presenting Ohio Mart. During last year's Executive Board Retreat the idea of more visibly associating the Auxiliary Board with the Ohio Mart event was discussed. To that end we have worked with Stan Hywet's Creative Services Manager, Michael Weiss, to create a logo that incorporates the AB logo with the Ohio Mart logo.



I look forward to getting input and ideas from the new Executive Board during our August Executive Board meeting and mini "retreat" on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> **at the WOLLE BUILDING**. (Note: The 8/19 meeting **will not** be held at my home as previously planned.) The August 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meeting will begin with coffee & treats at 9:00, meeting begins at 9:30, followed by "retreat" discussion. We will wrap up the "retreat" by 11:30 so that those who are planning to attend the Horticulture luncheon may do so.

Vice President, Susie Wallace has planned a wonderful year of programs beginning this month with Stan Hywet's own Joe Ott. I'm looking forward to hearing all about the "FUSED" exhibit from Joe and seeing everyone at the meeting.

Sincerely,  
Elise Bennett  
AB President.

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

On August 28, 2019, we will have the opportunity to hear firsthand about the creative process that has brought FUSED: Garden Gallery of Art & Metal to SHH &G. Many of us enjoyed the installations, inspired by Gertrude Seiberling's art, during the Off the Vine event in July. Joe Ott, who is an accomplished artist across numerous media and a SHH&G staff member, will be our presenter. A not to be missed experience!

Susie Wallace, Vice President  
Chair, Program Committee

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Karen Thomas. Thinking of you cards were sent to Francess Cheek (illness of sister) and Wilma Hardman (death of friend). A get well card was sent to Ruth Bazzel. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Barb McMahan.

Please add Linda Hecker's home phone number to new yearbook 234-571-4643. She prefers using home number to cell.

All items including changes of street and email addresses, marriages, congratulations, illness, death, etc. should be sent to Mary Kay Danckaert at [kay66@aol.com](mailto:kay66@aol.com) or call 330-836-2637.

Mary Kay Danckaert, Corresponding Secretary

## **Final Ohio Mart Steering Meeting:**

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

In the Carriage House Auditorium

From 10am-12pm

Chairs are asked to submit a report on their final details pertaining to their individual Ohio Mart committees.

## **The Ohio Mart Bakery Tent**

We are counting on your donations of delicious baked good to make 2019 our best year ever. We still need some people to help in the Bakery for October 4,5, & 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested please contact Madeline or myself.

A friendly reminder...

- Donations must have ingredients attached (otherwise we can't sell it)
- Attractive wrapping is also a nice touch

Thanks to all of you who will be donating your time and baked goods for this year's Ohio Mart. It is very much appreciated. Please contact me to let me know you will be baking.

Happy Baking!

**RACHELL COLEMAN**

**MADELINE MILFORD**

**CO-CHAIRS BAKERY TENT**

[ladychelle@hotmail.com](mailto:ladychelle@hotmail.com) or 330-990-9851

## The Ohio Mart Gingerbread Tent

**Volunteers are still needed during Ohio Mart in the gingerbread tent. Positions include bakes, loaders, cashiers, assistants, etc. and volunteer time slots are 4 hours long. Please contact Barb Wulff (e-mail: [barb.wulff@gmail.com](mailto:barb.wulff@gmail.com) or telephone: 330-283-7170) to sign up for some fun volunteering in the gingerbread tent.**

**STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, INC. AUXILIARY BOARD  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MAY 22, 2019 – CARRAGE HOUSE RECEPTION HALL**

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

Before the meeting was called to order the new Provisionals formed a receiving line and AB members greeted them and introduced themselves, welcoming the Provisionals to AB.

**PRESIDENT:** Elise Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. She welcomed members and guests and reminded all to please silence their cell phones.

**PROGRAM:** Elise Bennett introduced today's speaker:

Our Speaker today really needs no introduction but deserves no less. She has been a volunteer at Stan Hywet since 2010 and an AB Member since 2011. For our Auxiliary Board she has served as Corresponding Secretary, Nominating Chair, and Chair of Ohio Mart 2016 & 2017. She currently serves as our AB Vice President – in charge of our monthly Programs.

She has also been involved with the AB Program and Archives committees, the Social Media committee, and has Chaired Ohio Marts Ex Libris and Parking Committees. Our Year in Review Program will be presented by a degreed Librarian who volunteers in the Collections Department (Archives) in the Manor House and is the Collections Representative on the Friends Council. She enjoys family gatherings with her son Liam and husband Deric. You may have seen her mother volunteering at Ohio Mart. Her interests include horseback riding, travel, and gardening. I am so very pleased to introduce our own Susie Gaebel Wallace.

**VICE PRESIDENT AND ACTING ARCHIVIST:** Susie Wallace presented the Program The Year in Review as well as an update on early WAB records that she is processing in the Collections Department. Following her presentation, Vice President Wallace, on behalf of the Executive Board, presented President Bennett with flowers and a gift certificate.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon a request for the approval of the minutes of the April AB General Membership meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Joann Wallace submitted the following report:

Beginning Balance:	\$2,379.17	Memorial Fund Balance:	\$2,083.82
Income:	\$530.00		
Expenses:	<b>\$583.31</b>		
Ending Balance:	\$2,325.86		

Joann also stated that following an Audit completed on May 21, 2019 STAN HYWET HALL received a report of No Significant Findings – the Best Audit that you can receive. Upon submitting her report Joann told the membership that she had enjoyed being Treasurer of AB and thanked all for their support over the last 2 years.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Corresponding Secretary Phyllis Woodrum submitted the following report:

A Sympathy Card has been sent to Lynda Grieves whose husband passed away. Phyllis also announced that a Thinking of You Card would be sent to Karen Thomas and a Retirement Card to Kim Soboro. Phyllis also reminded the membership that Mary Kay Danckaert will be taking her place as Corresponding Secretary as of June 1, 2019, so please send any change of address or names of members to receive sympathy, get well, or thinking of you cards to Mary Kay.

Deadline for the August Newsletter is July 31, 2019.

Following her report, Phyllis told the membership that she had enjoyed the job of Corresponding Secretary over the last 2 years and thanked everyone for their support.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY:** Assistant Secretary Mary Kay Danckaert gave the following report:  
Attendance for the May 22, 2019 General Membership meeting included:  
Active Members: 71, Sustaining Members: 4, Provisionals: 7, Guests: 3, Total: 85.  
**ASSISTANT TREASURER:** Helyn Docs – No Report

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**ARCHIVES:** Susie Wallace: No Report

**CRAFTS:** Wilma Hardman – Wilma announced that she is stepping down as Chair of the Crafts Committee and that Nancy Daniels will be taking her place.

**FINANCE:** Kathy DeBarr: No Report

**HOSPITALITY:** Barb Wulff: Barb introduced today's Hostesses Kathy Henson and Barb Van Fosson and provided a short Bio for each.

**Kathy Henson:** I was born and raised in Akron along with my two sisters and brother. I had twelve years of Catholic education. While earning a teaching degree at the University of Akron, I worked at an exclusive downtown men's store, selling men's clothing. I also worked in an auto body repair shop and managed the shop in the owner's absence. (By the way, did I mention the owner was my father?)

I earned my degree and was certified to teach high school English, but I never taught. Instead I sold advertising for the local Home Builders Association for a short time. Because of the experience in my dad's auto body shop, I spent the next thirty-seven years as an insurance Claim Adjuster with various companies both in commercial and personal lines.

I love to read, travel, volunteer at Stan Hywet, and spend time with my family. I met my husband Don while volunteering at Weathervane Playhouse some thirty-odd years ago. Somehow he still makes me laugh every single day. I have two adult children, and a granddaughter that is currently attending college. I consider my retired friends to be absolutely *priceless* because of the many fun adventures we have together all year round.

**Barb Van Fosson:** I was born and raised in Mansfield, Ohio. I graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Education (K-8). I married my college sweetheart Phill and taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the Springfield schools. I then became a stay-at-home mom raising 2 sons. In 1988 I joined the staff of First Place Early Learning Center (United Disability Services) teaching 3-5 yr. olds with special needs. Ruth Bazzel was my principal. I retired after 20 years. Phil & I enjoy keeping up with our 6 grandchildren ages 20-12. I love traveling, gardening, and helping out at Molly's, SH Garden Committee, bridge, and spending time in Florida during the winter.

Barb Wulff thanked Jenny Thomas and Barb Van Fosson for the beautiful flowers/centerpieces.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ciaran Reilly submitted the following report:

We currently have nine applications for membership to the Auxiliary Board. Each of the following Provisionals has a Sponsor and introductions to the Active members took place this morning. Following is a more formal introduction of each Provisional with a short autobiography.

**Denise Abood:** Denise has been a Registered Nurse for 34 years. She has spent time volunteering in her church, her children's schools, and in her husband Jeff's ministry. Denise has been married to Jeff for 37 years and has two children – Nicholas and his wife Angie, and Athena and her husband Bob. They have two grandchildren, Moses and Atticus. Presently Denise Volunteers giving Manor House and Nooks and Crannies tours on Saturday.

**Frances "Fran" Cheek:** Fran is a Canadian Registered Nurse, originally from Nova Scotia. She also holds two business degrees from the University of Akron. She is a past member of the Women's Board of Akron General and served several years on the board of the Alzheimer's Assoc. She is a past president and 30 year still active member of P.E.O., a Philanthropic Educational Organization. Fran first volunteered with Ohio Mart in the 70's in the cheese tent and more recently, in the sweepstakes tent. She is currently an intern with the Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener program, on track to graduate in October. She loves being a volunteer in the Horticulture department. She took part in the "big dig" and has her own "adopt-a-plot" in the Great Garden. Fran and her husband Thomas have been retired for 17 years and recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Rachelle Coleman:** Rachelle is retired from a tire industry's Engineering Projects department position. She once owned and operated an ad specialty business serving Fortune 500 companies. Rachelle is married to Larry and is a mother, stepmother, and grandmother of eight! Rachelle is also a self-taught acrylic landscape artist. She also trained in drawing to realism at the University of Akron under Judith Myers. Currently, Rachelle volunteers as the Bakery Chair for Ohio Mart. She is also Chair of the Akron Symphony Guild Octoberfest and is Vice President of

Communications for the Akron Symphony Guild. Rachelle is also a committee member of the Symphony's Youth Program. And finally among other things, Rachelle is a member of the Art League of Akron.

**Debbie Cowart:** Debbie is a graduate of the University of Akron. She is married with two children, two stepchildren, and eight grandchildren. Debbie taught Business at Norton High School for 30 years and is now retired. Her husband, Jack retired in 2016 and now they love to travel. Together they have been on several cruises, while Debbie has enjoyed going on girls' trips to NYC. Debbie and Jack spend January and February in Siesta Key, Florida. Next month they will travel to Ireland. Debbie is a member of T.W.I.G.S. (a support group for Children's Hospital. She is an officer in the Fairlawn City Women's Club, and volunteers weekly at Children's Hospital. Debbie is also a member of Friends of Children's Hospital. Debbie has already been volunteering during Special Events, with Ohio Mart, the Butterfly House, and with the educational programs here at Stan Hywet.

Debbie enjoys hiking, reading, shopping, and spending time with her grandchildren.

**Barbara Faulkner:** Barb received her degree in Fine Art from Moore College of Art in Philadelphia. She moved to Cleveland in 1980 after working as a commercial designer for eight years. In 1981, Barb and her husband, John moved to Brussels where she was the Art Editor of the Rendezvous Magazine put out by the American Women's Club of Brussels. Barb joined the Jr. Women's Committee for the Cleveland Orchestra and volunteered in the Gift Shop. In 1985 she joined the Hattie Larlham League of Hudson where she was President, as well as Funding Chair. In 2010 she received the Hattie Larlham award for her many years of service. Barbara started Laura Leighton Designs in 1984, designing gold-plated ornaments of historical sites (including two of Stan Hywet). Barb is currently the President of Anna Lee Questers in Hudson and past President of the Hudson Society of Artists.

**Janice Fisher:** Janice was born and raised in Stow and lived in the area for 27 years until she married her husband, John in 1986. They then moved to Washington state. They lived there for 30 years while raising the two daughters, Lauren and Victoria.

Janice moved back to Akron two years ago to help care for her parents, Harold and Cathy Lundstrom. Janice and John have always been interested in antiques and have collected them throughout their marriage. Together, they have restored three Century homes and are starting on their fourth. They love bringing the homes back to their former glory.

They have also rescued and adopted five senior English Bulldogs.

**Barbara Hughey:** Barb is the oldest of six siblings, living much of her life in Canton, Ohio, although, she now resides in Stow.

Barb is married to Bob and together they raised four children, two of them stepchildren. Barb taught school for 33 years, partly in Special Education and currently substitutes in Cuyahoga Falls, Stow, and Hudson schools. Barb enjoys reading, traveling, and gardening. She volunteers with the Red Cross, the Chapel in Akron, and has volunteered with Ohio Mart. She is looking forward to working with the Garden Committee at Stan Hywet.

**Eileen Simon:** Eileen's career was as a schoolteacher. She taught the visually impaired, the Head Start program children, as well as grades kindergarten through fourth. Eileen has lived in five different states, returning to Akron for retirement. Eileen has been volunteering as a Manor House guide since 2005 and helps with the educational programs. Eileen has two adult children, one living in New York, while the other lives in LA. She is also an avid quilter.

**Lisa Strawbridge:** Lisa has lived in Hudson for the past 10 years. She is originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Lisa's husband Steve works at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton. Her daughter, Bryn just completed her first year at Miami University of Ohio, while her son, Peter is just about finished with his sophomore year at Hudson High School. Lisa has volunteered for many school committees and events over the years, including Hudson United Soccer Club, The Taste of Hudson, and the Hudson Home and Garden Tour. Lisa is very excited to volunteer with the Garden Committee at Stan Hywet, as she is an avid gardener. In addition to gardening she loves tennis, golf, Pilates, needlepointing, and cooking. We welcome all these women to the Auxiliary Board Provisional Class of 2019. We wish them great success during the coming months and look forward to when they gain Active Membership status in December.

**OHIO MART:** Terri Woodruff gave the following report: Teri reminded Ohio Mart 2019 Chairs of the Steering Committee Meeting on May 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the MANOR HOUSE RECEPTION HALL. **Vintage Finds and Curious Goods** gave the following report: If you are interested in volunteering for Vintage Finds please contact Michele Pringle at 330-869-0085. Volunteers are needed starting Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. If you do not get called within the next two weeks, please give her a call. The team has been working hard since March preparing for this year's Ohio Mart. Gently used furniture, china, glassware, silverware, home

accessories, jewelry for women and men, men's items, art and women and men's accessories are needed. No clothing unless it is unusual. 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 the 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 Voice Mail: 330-315-3245. Large items will be picked up by Two Men and a Truck in September. Donations must be received by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PROGRAMS:** Susie Wallace – No Report

**PROPERTIES:** Roberta Searle – No Report

**PUBLICITY:** Char Bolek – No Report

**REVIEW/PLANNING:** Millie Telford – No Report

**VOLUNTEERS:** Char Bolek asked everyone to Volunteer – Try something new.

**YEARBOOK/BY-LAWS:** Joanne Karm stated that if you have a change for the new yearbook please e-mail those changes to Joanne by May 31, 2019. Joanne also stated that Committee Chairs need to send the names of their committee members to her no later than June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

**COLLECTIONS:** Cindy Bruning gave the following report: Kim Sorboro will be retiring on June 7<sup>th</sup>. She started at Stan Hywet in 2002 and became Collections Manager in 2009, during which she served as the point person for several key restoration and exhibit projects as well as the master planner and coordinator for decorating the Manor House for Deck the Hall. She also assisted with managing the House during the Alex Cross movie filming in 2012. She will be joining her husband in retirement, through anticipates returning in future years to volunteer for Deck the Hall.

Following Kim's retirement, current Collections Technician Specialist Barb Welch will become the new Collections Manager. Barb served as a Collections intern for several terms than became a member of staff in 2018. In her internships as well as her staff role, Barb has become a key contributor during winter cleaning and has assisted with several Collections projects including identifying and beginning a remediation process for water damage in the House and researching content for the museum brochure and interpretation programs. Barb will resume Kim's duties of managing maintenance of the House's historic collection and interiors in addition to working with other Collections staff and volunteers.

Also changing roles is current Collections Technician Specialist Chole Wingard who will; now become the Curatorial Projects Specialist. Chole started at Stan Hywet in 2017 and has provided much enthusiasm and creativity to assisting with maintaining the collections, restoration work and special projects including Deck the Hall. In her new role, Chole will be responsible for organizing and designing Deck the Hall decorating the Manor House, leading design research, and object conservation, coordinating restoration work and providing curatorial support for Tour Services and Educational-based projects. Chole and Barb will both assist and report to Curator Julie Frey. And if you can believe it, projects have already begun for Deck the Hall. It's an ongoing concern. Busy, busy, busy.....

**GILDE:** Barb Vargo submitted the following report: The Guild Picnic will be held on July 16, 2019 in the Carriage House Tent. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. Meat, rolls, and beverage will be provided. The meats are BBQ Pulled Pork and Pulled Chicken. There will be an ice cream dessert bar. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome, bring a guest. Millie Telford announced that last night's Gilde meeting was wonderful.

**GARDEN:** Michelle Blondel submitted the following report: The Garden Committee had its first meeting of the season on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We welcomed back old members and 6 new members. We will begin picking flowers in the Great Garden on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, then we'll start to design for Ohio Mart when enough flowers have been dried.

**MOLLY'S SHOP:** Barb Van Fosson submitted the following report: Melanie recently attended a fashion show in Michigan. New lines are more casual with lots of plaids, flannels, longer sweaters, tunics and longer jackets with larger collars. Lots of bolder colors too. As last year's style show was lacking in sales and attendance, look for a new Boutique closer to the opening of Ohio Mart. The new book "Gertrude's Art" is now available at Molly's.

### STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES

**FRIENDS:** President Elise gave a summary of the Friends Meeting.

- City of Akron has a 10-year plan to focus on Arts & Culture, ARTS NOW! Is heavily involved and thereby SHH&G will be a big part of the effort.
- Final Bids are coming in on the new volunteer building and hoping State of Ohio will come through with additional funding this month.
- License Plates should be available in June.
- Antiques Roadshow filming is set for 5/17/20 & 5/18/20 on the Estate with those episodes to air 9-12 months later.
- This year's volunteer awards will include a new category – 20,000 hours!
- Horticulture: The Great Garden beds are being renovated.
- Many of the Estate volunteer organizations thanked the AB for leading the Mingle, Learn, Join event that received positive reviews all around.

Elise also mentioned the front page of the Local Section of the Akron Beacon Journal, highlighting Stan Hywet.

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:** Hugh West stated that the Stan Hywet License plates will be available on June 4<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to get theirs. A portion of the cost of the plate will go directly to Stan Hywet.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Bennett announced that there will be an Executive Board Retreat on July 29, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at her home.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**PARLIMENTARY ADVISOR** Janet Caudill at this time installed the new Executive Board Officers:

- Elise Bennett – President
- Susie Wallace – Vice President
- Amy Prather – Treasurer
- Kirklyn Kuzdrail – Recording Secretary
- Mary Kay Danckaert – Corresponding Secretary
- Helyn Docs – Assistant Treasurer
- Jane Delcamp – Assistant Secretary

Janet then introduced the officers to the membership.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next Executive Board Meeting - Monday June 17, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Wolle Building Conference Room
- Next General Meeting – Wednesday August 28, 2019 in the Carriage House Auditorium. Coffee at 9:30, Meeting at 10:00.

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:28 a.m.**