

AB Times

AUXILIARY BOARD

of STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS

April 2021

The April Executive Meeting will be held via Zoom on April 12th at 9:30 am.

The AB General Meeting be held via Zoom on April 28th Our speakers will be Nancy Stanforth & Susie Wallace. Their topic will be "1920s Fashion in the Rubber City". For this meeting we will offer a live streaming option via Facebook as well.

For more information or questions please contact either Teri Woodruff or Susie Wallace.

Dear Auxiliary Board Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying our lovely spring! Seeing the early bulbs blooming and the trees beginning to green up certainly brings much hope. The estate has now reopened so we can enjoy the new displays in the Manor House, take in the grounds, and return to our favorite volunteer spots!

Thank you to Darby Ashelman, Ohio Mart Chair, and all the committee members for a great opening steering committee meeting on St. Patrick's Day. Planning is moving forward for a full, in-person event in the 'new normal' and we will also be able to enjoy the Stitchery Showcase. If you have not already marked your calendar, the 54th Ohio Mart presented by the Auxiliary Board will be October 7-10, 2021.

The AB will begin to resume in person meetings once the weather fully breaks and we can comfortably meet in the Carriage House Reception Tent. The virtual options for all meetings will continue as well. As a reminder, the AB is still operating under an emergency, so the tracking of volunteer hours and meeting attendance is still suspended. This means that your membership standing is not impacted if you have not been able to volunteer or to attend the virtual meetings. The AB Executive Board will review the situation at their June meeting.

With kind regards,

Susie Gaebel Wallace

President, Auxiliary Board of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc.

Finance Report

Beginning Balance.	\$2,206.66
Income.	1,150.00
Expenses.	162.00
EOM March.	\$3,194.66
Memorial fund balance is	\$2,533.82

Amy Prather, Treasurer

Corresponding Secretary

Please let me know of any members who should be receiving get well, sympathy cards, etc. Keep me informed of changes in address, phone, or email.

Mary Kay Danckaert
330-836- 2673

OHIO MART

No fooling, it is April. That means it is Spring, Stan Hywet is reopening and the Ohio Mart Steering Committee has already met for the first time (by Zoom) in 2021.

We have received over 150 applications for our show and the application period is now closed. The Exhibitor Committee soon begins the lengthy process of jurying the exhibitor applicants.

Other Committee Chairs are preparing their plans for what they will need this year. Treasury has met with Stan Hywet Accounting Staff and is readying procedures to ensure we know what we are earning and spending.

Please help us fill the two additional chairs for Admissions. Nancy Stanforth and Susie Nolte are looking for two additional people to work with them in this important area.

We are excited to have our event back this year and look forward to the support of each and every one of you to make our AB event a success. Thank you.

Darby Ashelman
Ohio Mart Chair, 2021

Molly's Shop

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Barb Van Fosson

Membership

In order to add to our membership, I would like to ask all members to ask friends and family and other volunteers about joining our wonderful organization. Applications are online at stanhywet.org under the Volunteer Portal. Or click on <https://www.stanhywet.org/sites/default/files/AB%20application2016.pdf>

Applications should be received by May.

There are so many opportunities at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens all year long. It's so rewarding to be able to contribute to our community.

Cindy Bruning

Membership Chairman

Garden Committee



Garden Committee has an organizational meeting scheduled for 10 am on April 19th. Tentative arrangements have been made to gather at the Carriage House Tent. Zoom is also scheduled in the event of bad weather or any health guidelines changes. More information will be sent to GC members closer to the date.

Garden would appreciate donations of unusual vases and containers.

Suggested items are but not limited to possible:

Lanterns	Cloches
Planters	Pitchers

Additional appreciated and suggested donations:

Wreaths	Baskets
Mini-lights	Small Signs
Unusual Tins	Plaques

Tissue Paper Bags with Handles

Newspapers

Fall and Christmas holiday ribbon

Pinecones (all shapes and sizes)

Please clearly earmark your donations for the Garden Committee that can be dropped off at Admissions any time after April 1

Kathy Henson and Pam Kotsalieff

Garden Committee Co-Chairs

Vintage Finds Needs Your Help!!

Here is how you can help us: as you Spring clean and clear the clutter, consider donating your gently used furniture, china, jewelry, and, vintage and home accessories. You support Stan Hywet by donating to Vintage Finds and Curious Goods.

Just bag or box the items, label it Vintage Finds and take it to Admissions. Make sure you have enclosed your name, address, and telephone number. If you prefer to drop it off at the Ebe House, call Gretchen Gibson at (330-819-7078) or myself at (330-869-0085) to set up a day and time.

Take care and continue to stay safe,
Michele Pringle
Co-Chair of Vintage Finds

STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, INC. AUXILIARY BOARD

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 24, 2021 – Zoom Virtual Meeting & Facebook live streaming

CALL TO ORDER: President Susie Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. She reminded members to mute their devices when not speaking. Susie announced we have a quorum.

PROGRAM: Collections volunteer Patti Kagafas gave a presentation on “SHHG Chair Caning Restoration.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the February 2021 General Meeting were approved as distributed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: (Amy Prather) For the period ending February 28, 2021: Beginning balance \$875.00; Income \$1350; Expenses \$18.34 (postage); Ending balance \$2206.66. Memorial Fund: \$2533.82.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: (Mary Kay Danckaert) Nora Kelly has a new address: 2216 Woodbrook Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223. A get well card was sent to Susie Bedall. An acceptance of resignation letter was sent to Madeline Milford. Please keep me informed of members who should be receiving get well, sympathy, and other cards. Update your contact information if there are any changes.

The deadline for articles for the April AB Times is Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: (Jane Delcamp) 52 Actives and 4 guests attended virtually, for a total of 56.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: (Lee Meyer) AB Dues were due by 2/2/21. Checks payable to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc. Please mail to Lee Meyer, 909 Meese Rd., Louisville, OH 44641. Questions: please call or email Lee at 330.705.4789, meyerlee@aol.com. Past due letters were sent to 57 members; seven Actives and 6 Sustainers responded. The AB finalizes membership rolls in April.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES: (Dianne Kauffman) Dianne entertained us with items from the minutes of the WAB General Meeting of November 19, 1998. Highlights: Stan Hywet received the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 1997 Trustees Emeritus Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites in recognition of the Apple Orchard.

CRAFTS: (Nancy Daniels): No report.

FINANCE: (Kathy DeBarr) No report.

HOSPITALITY: (Barb Wulff) No report.

MEMBERSHIP: (Cindy Bruning) With the approval of the Executive Board, President Susie Wallace has appointed Pat Nilsestuen to the Membership Committee to complete Madeline Milford's term. The committee will meet on April 2nd. The AB application has been updated on Stan Hywet's website to reflect the increase in dues to \$25.00. Elise Bennett suggested that we extend an invitation to today's speaker to join the AB.

NOMINATING: (Hugh West) Hugh presented the committee's proposed slate of officers for 2021-2022: President, Susie Wallace; Vice President, Teri Woodruff; Recording Secretary, Ken Nilsestuen; Corresponding Secretary, Roberta Searle; Assistant Secretary, Char Bolek; Treasurer, Debby Senko; Assistant Treasurer, Lee Meyer. The slate was unanimously approved.

OHIO MART: (Darby Ashelman):

- The first Ohio Mart 2021 Steering Committee Meeting was held March 17th by Zoom.
- The Exhibitor Committee reported 104 applications received at that point, with 26 new. We do have a conflict with Christmas in the Woods but don't expect a problem meeting our goal by the deadline of March 31st.
- Food and Concessions contacted the food vendors and has heard back from 2/3 of them. Charles explained we are planning a "business as usual" event.
- Susie Gaebel Wallace has offered to chair Patrons for Ohio Mart 2021, with co-chairs Michelle Mills and Sue Kroll. Patrons is an important area and we are grateful to have this team in place. This raises the question of tabling Ex Libris for this year. Libraries and bookstores are still operating under quarantine issues that make the acceptance and handling of books impractical. This would also offer additional space for Vintage Finds. It may be possible to include books as a small corner of Vintage if book quarantining is not in place later in the year. The majority opinion of the Board was that having books this year would be acceptable and we are still looking at the right solution.
- We still need two additional chairs for Admissions. We are asking our AB members to step forward and help us fill these important slots.

- The Exhibitor Committee has eliminated the dedicated phone line and voice mail that is used for Ohio Mart Exhibitors. It is seldom used as there are preferred methods of communicating with potential and actual exhibitors. Jennifer McDowell has documented the procedure for directing queries that come to the general phone line.
- Two meetings were held with accounting staff: one covering Zapplication and the second to orient ourselves and the new Accounting staff about how our event works and how we can work effectively together.
- **Vintage Finds:** (Gretchen Gibson) We're asking for donations of collectables, linens, furniture, dishes, etc. We also need packing boxes. If you have a donation, you can drop it off at Admissions; include your name, & phone number, and label it "Vintage Finds." You can also drop items off on Thursdays between 9:30 am and 12:00 noon; contact Gretchen beforehand.
- **Patrons:** Last month's winner of the Patron's drawing declined the prize. Mary Ann Stuyvesant conducted another drawing for the prize of 10 Ohio Mart tickets and 10 OM parking passes, good through 2023. Patsy Biddinger won.

PROGRAMS: (Teri Woodruff) Susie Wallace and Nancy Stanforth will speak about 1920's Fashion in the Rubber City. If we are able to conduct this as an in-person meeting in the Carriage House Tent, virtual streaming will also be offered as an option.

PROPERTIES: (Roberta Searle) No report.

PUBLICITY: (Char Bolek) More publicity articles will be sent to local newspapers. Please reach out to SH volunteers that you work with, and invite them to join the AB. We're also working on posters to place at various locations where volunteers sign in, and at tour entrances to the Manor House. Emma Rainear will be asked to hand out AB applications along with SH volunteer application forms.

REVIEW/PLANNING: (Millie Telford) No report.

VOLUNTEERS: (Emma Rainear, reporting for Janet Caudill)

- If you have any off-property or on-property hours that you have not submitted for the 2020 - early 2021 season, please email or mail them to Emma by March 31. On April 1, we will begin a new term for hour logging.
- Also in April, we will be celebrating National Volunteer Week (April 18 - 24). Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for all you do, and stay tuned for information from Emma about a special appreciation event that is currently being planned for that week.

YEARBOOK/BY-LAWS: (Joanne Karm) No report.

PARLIAMENTARY ADVISOR: (Ed Searle) No report.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: (Elise Bennett) No report.

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

COLLECTIONS: (Cindy Bruning)

- A very generous anonymous donor has purchased a new but vintage looking baby grand piano which has been installed in the Gate Lodge living room, rounding out the recreation of Henrietta Seiberling's home. It includes a player system which uses an I-Pad programmed with hundreds of songs that can provide ambient music as guests peruse the exhibit.
- There has been ongoing work on the steam lines for the heating system in the Manor House and system is now much more efficient.
- Winter Cleaning was completed Friday 2/26 and we've begun setting up the rooms for the 2021 exhibit on Restoration.

- The custom wallpaper for Virginia's Bedroom has been received and will be installed the week of March 8th. We are also expecting the recreated sconce shades for that room soon so it will look VERY different this year and much more like it was originally.
- While attempting to replace a light bulb in the Great Hall chandelier, a socket arced sending sparks flying. Facilities was able to make repairs to get it working again, but they identified the fact that this fixture still has the original 1915 cloth tube wiring which will continue to cause problems and is a huge risk. This past Wednesday, we had the objects conservator from the ICA, Cleveland, and an electrician assess the chandelier to provide quotes for rewiring and conservation. This project will include installing a winch system to lower the chandelier. The winch will be a permanent addition for easier access in the future. Once quotes are received we will begin pursuing funding. More to come!
- Julie is working on an updated book including the restoration projects in the Manor House which will be on sale in Molly's this season.
- Chloe is working on refreshing the "Picturing the Past" signage throughout the grounds, updating them with restoration information and including interactives and a family friendly scavenger hunt. The signs will be rebranded as "A Walk Through Time".
- Chloe is also working on improving the Carriage House restroom experience with fun, educational panels.

GARDEN: (Kathy Henson, Pam Kotsalief) The Ebe House attic is being cleaned, and unneeded items are being discarded. We'll have an article in the AB times requesting unique and unusual containers. They can be dropped off at Admissions beginning April 1st. Our annual organizational meeting will be held on April 19th at 10:00 am.

GILDE: (Barb Vargo) Emma Rainear emailed the following to volunteers: Due to the continuing effects of the pandemic, the Gilde's March and May meetings will not be held. At this time, they do hope to have their July meeting as planned.

MOLLY'S SHOP: (Barb Van Fosson) Molly's is opening April 1. Molly's theme this year is "HOME." Many areas have been relocated inside Molly's. The children's section is now located where SH ornaments and logo wear were. SH clothing is now across from the former checkout desk. Look for a new jewelry line featuring resin jewelry with botanicals, SH trucker hats, vintage silverware herb markers, pop-up cards, beautiful stoneware containers for outdoor living, as well as new SH souvenirs and Tiffany lamps to name just a few. Drop in the next time you visit Stan Hywet.

STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES

FRIENDS: (Susie Wallace)

- Staff is busy preparing to open April 1st with the same Covid-19 safety protocols as when the Estate closed in December. However, Playgarden and Homes of Nature will reopen later this year. All the usual events are being planned plus a few new ones.
- The Campus Improvement project had a positive with city councilman who appreciated receiving letters sent by Friends members... so much so that the traffic study previously discussed is now no longer necessary. Sean will be reaching out to committees who utilize the Ebe house for input soon, as the project progresses.
- VP of Development & Communications, Mark Syrone, is finishing up the SHH&G magazine... look for it mid-March, and is finalizing this year's development plan. Looking to recognize major donors to the 2nd Century Campaign.
- Look for letters coming out this month from Emma Rainear to confirm hours of record. You have until 3-31 to get hours turned into her.
- The Easter breakfast is sold out but space remains for just the Easter Egg Hunt along with a few volunteer opportunities.
- Although the Founder's Day activities in Akron are not planned for this year, Stan Hywet will still hold its usual event.

- Still planning for car show and Gala along with Cleveland Ballet performance, Alice in Wonderland. A Music Room raffle like was held as a fund raiser last year will return again this year.
- Dianne Kauffman gave a brief history of the Gilde which began in 1968 when the Gilde put out weekly newsletters called 'Tudor Tidings'.
- The Collections team discovered the chandelier in the Great Hall has the original cloth wiring which will be assessed by ICA. The wallpaper for Virginia's bedroom will be installed in March and a new book from Curator, July Frey will be out this year. There will be new walk thru guides and tour services is working on new signage for the door that leads downstairs to the auditorium in the family stairway.
- History First Hand is still looking for new volunteers, contact Jennifer McDowell if you are interested in participating.
- Horticulture will begin spraying tulips and will continue throughout the spring to ensure deer don't eat the flowers.
- The inventory of the Museum Store is now complete. The Café will remain outside at least until June.
- The Needlework Guild is hoping to meet in April and is working on restoration of the diningroom drapes and bell pull.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Executive Board Meeting: **Monday, April 12, 2021**, 9:30 am, via Zoom.
- Next General Meeting: **Wednesday, April 28, 2021** (Location TBD)
- FINAL DUES REMINDER! Please pay your dues if you have not yet done so!

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 am.

Kirklyn Kuzdrall, Recording Secretary