



AB TIMES

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

DECEMBER 2019

**AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

MONDAY, December 16, 2019, 9:30 a.m. Wolle Building Conference Room. Contact Elise Bennett at 330-808-3050 if you cannot attend. Please note the date change!

**AB GENERAL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2019. Portage Country Club, Social at 9:30 a.m., Program at 10:00 a.m.  
Presenter: Julie Frey, SHH&G Curator  
Topic: The Seiberlings & Social Clubs

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Deck the Hall is in full swing and **POW!**, it's a big hit. This time of year, brings us together with family and friends to count our blessings and to celebrate. Be sure you return your December luncheon reservation to Susie Wallace by the 10<sup>th</sup>. You'll want to be part of our special gathering and celebration at Portage Country Club on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll have a fascinating program and a special celebration of our milestone accomplishment; having raised over \$6 Million dollars for Stan Hywet!

As I count my blessings, I'm thankful for the leadership of Stan Hywet, our dedicated AB Executive Board, and all our talented and passionate AB members. My sincere wish is for you is to enjoy a very joyous Holiday.

Sincerely,  
Elise Bennett  
President

**VICE PRESIDENT**

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Luncheon on December 18, 2019 at Portage Country Club! Although a speaker will be a departure from our typical musical entertainment, I ensure that Julie Frey with her program, The Seiberlings & Social Clubs, and a special surprise will not disappoint! Reservations are due by December 10, 2019. Please see the attached invitation. Remember the **salmon option** is **no longer** available. If you receive the AB Times via USPS, you received your invitation in November.

We will return to our regular meeting schedule on February 26, 2020 in the Manor House Music Room to hear the State of Estate update from Sean Joyce, President and CEO of SHH&G. Tram service will be available; please note there will be no refreshments during the social.

#### **ASSISTANT TREASURER**

##### **“PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE IN STAN HYWET DUES for ACTIVE and PROVISIONAL”**

Active and Provisional dues increased to \$25 and Sustainer dues remain at \$25.

##### **\$25 Dues for AB are to be paid by February 2, 2020**

Dues for 2020 will be collected at the December luncheon.

Checks shall be payable to: **Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, Inc.**

Dues may be paid at any time prior to the December luncheon by mailing your check to the Assistant Treasurer:

**Helyn K Docs, 392 Stone Bridge Dr., Sagamore Hills, OH 44067**

#### **Corresponding Secretary**

Please let me know about change of address, email, or phone numbers. Also keep me informed about members who should receive sympathy, get well cards, etc. There is no AB Times in January. Any articles for the February 2020 AB times are due Friday, January 31, 2020.

Mary Kay Danckaert

#### **Vintage Finds**

The Vintage Finds team would like to wish you a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year!

We are grateful for all the donations you have given us this past year.

We are now accepting new donations for the upcoming Ohio Mart. If you happen to find time to clean things out, please remember us. Just bag or box the items, label it Vintage Finds, and take it to Admissions. Make sure you write your name and address on a slip of paper inside. I will send you a letter confirming your donation. Also, save your holiday tissue and bubble wrap. We will reuse it. You can take this to Admissions as well.

Take care and Best Wishes,  
Michele Pringle

#### **Nominees for Membership Committee**

At the December general meeting members will vote to fill 3 vacancies on the Membership Committee. Below are biographies of those who have been nominated.

##### **Madeline Milford**

Madeline, a former resident of University Heights in Cleveland, Ohio moved to Cuyahoga Falls in 1994. After retiring from her Human Resource's position at American Greetings in 2001 Madeline joined the Stan Hywet Wednesday afternoon volunteers as a tour guide where she remained for ten years.

In addition to guiding, Madeline became part of the **History First Hand** group as Mrs. Natalie Mansfield, the lemon-cake-loving friend of Mrs. Seiberling. Adding to her acting credits are eleven years of ***Murder in the Mansion*** where Madeline was interrogated by hundreds of suspicious guests.

Madeline has been an active AB volunteer holding various positions including Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Vice-chair, Ohio Mart Chair (2014) and Bakery Tent co-chair ( 2019).

Madeline's artwork has been influenced by Stan Hywet, as well. Her graphite portraits of Mrs. Seiberling hang in the Carriage House (second floor.). Postcards of these drawings are sold in the Molly shop.

Madeline received her Bachelor's Degree from the Ohio State University and her Master's Degree from Cleveland State University. She resides in an almost century home with her husband, Richard.

### **Cindy Bruning**

Cindy Bruning has been a volunteer at Stan Hywet since 2005 and a member of the Auxiliary Board since 2011. She first worked in the gardens but now works in Collections in different capacities. She has been reupholstering and making cushions for furniture in the Manor House and has finished 18 chairs and cushions and is working on 19 and 20. This year she will be decorating the Dining Room for Deck the Hall and loves every minute of decorating for Christmas. Cindy was an exhibitor at Ohio Mart from 2008 to 2014 making her Glitter Village houses. She is now on the Exhibitors Committee as Hospitality Chairman giving refreshments to the Exhibitors each morning. She is a retired ballet dancer and still enjoys putting on her pointe shoes.

### **Sandra Hollis**

Sandra Hollis retired in 2014 after 34 years with the Jones Day law firm in Cleveland. She always knew her interest in history and "old house" craftsmanship would lead her to volunteer at Stan Hywet. She joined the craft committee in 2015 as an outlet for her love of decorative painting. Her painting skills were recognized by the collections team when they asked her to re-paint the wooden legs of a settee that is part of the collection currently being restored. In 2016 she joined the Auxiliary Board. She is a manor house guide on Wednesdays and frequently volunteers at other Stan Hywet public programs in addition to Ohio Mart. Sandra has one daughter, who is her best friend and traveling companion. Their favorite vacations are road trips. For the mother-daughter trips the drive is as enjoyable as the destination.

## **Linda Hecker**

On Christmas Eve in 2013, I moved from my home in Lancaster, OH, where I had lived for over 35 years to a condo in West Akron. If you question my sanity for moving then, consider this: my children and families all came to visit during the holidays to help unpack. As a reward, they then received their Christmas gifts!

I was born in Charlottesville, Virginia, but grew up on a farm in the next county. When it was time for college, I crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Shenandoah Valley to attend James Madison University where I received a B.A. in English and secondary education. I also hold a master's in school counseling from the University of Dayton. I taught tenth and eleventh grade English in both Virginia and Ohio. I served as district Career Coordinator for Lancaster City Schools as well as a junior high counselor prior to retirement (for my third and final time).

My husband and I have three married daughters and six grandchildren, all of whom live in Ohio. After my husband's death ten years ago and my retirement, I decided to move closer to at least one of our children.

Since arriving in Akron, Stan Hywet was the first of several places where I volunteer. I became a manor house guide in 2014, but I have stuffed envelopes, worked with education visitors, ushered for Shakespeare in the Garden, and, of course, volunteered during Ohio Mart. Stan Hywet remains my favorite volunteer place. I look forward to additional opportunities to serve Stan Hywet through the Auxiliary Board.

## **Gretchen Gibson**

I have been a volunteer since 2015 and an Auxiliary Board member since 2016. I have volunteered in several of the special events sponsored by Stan Hywet. One year spent on the Nominating Committee, and the past 4 1/2 years as an active member of Vintage Finds. The last two years I was co chair of Vintage Finds and this year will chair Vintage Finds again. I am also an active participant in Garden Club where I love to design arrangements.

I am an Akron native and have three sons and a very supportive husband.

## **Karin Warner**

Karin has lived in Cuyahoga Falls since 2002 with her husband Dick. She works part time as a recruiter for the Columbus-based Vortechs Group. She is also an award-winning photographer.

She has been a Stan Hywet volunteer since 2003. She started as a tour guide and then joined History First Hand, where she portrayed a friend of Irene's. She has been involved in all 11 seasons of Murder in the Mansion and is also their official photographer.

Karin's Ohio Mart involvement began as co-chair of their Beverage Tent for 3 years and then moved to the Exhibitor Committee which she currently co-chairs.

She is a member of the Women's Art League, Professional Photographer of Northeast Ohio, Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society and of course Stan Hywet.

**STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS, INC.  
AUXILIARY BOARD GENERAL MEETING  
CARRIAGE HOUSE RECEPTION HALL**

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

**PRESIDENT:** ELISE BENNETT called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Elise welcomed members and guests and reminded all to silence their cell phone.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** SUSIE GAEBEL WALLACE introduced today's speaker Nicole Mullet. Nicole is the Executive Director of ArtsNow and her topic was: ArtsNow: Envisioning Arts & Culture in Summit County. Following the program, Susie presented Nicole with a lovely bouquet of flowers and thanked Nicole for a very enlightening program. Susie also reminded everyone to please get their reservations for the Holiday Luncheon to her by December 10, 2019.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The October 2019 minutes were approved with one correction: The correction in regard to 2020 dues should read : Active, Provisionals, and Sustaining 2020 dues will be \$25.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Amy Prather) For the period ending October 31, 2019: Beginning Balance \$1056.46; Income \$0; Expenses \$54.24; Ending Balance \$1002.22. Memorial Fund \$2183.82. (\$100 donated from Alice Scott in memory of Pauline Carson) Additional checks for the Memorial Fund may be received. Amy stated that the AB Treasurer sits on the SHH&G Finance Committee; she will report relevant information from those meetings.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** (Mary Kay Danckert): Three Thank You notes were sent to family and friends of deceased member Polly Carson, who made donations to the Auxiliary Board in her memory. A Get Well card was sent to Michele Mills.

The deadline for the December AB Times is November 30, 2019. All members should have received invitations and order forms for the AB December General Meeting either by e-mail or USPS if that is how they receive AB Times..

Please let Mary Kay know about any change in address, e-mail, phone numbers, etc. Also keep her informed about any members who should be receiving get well, sympathy cards, etc.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY** (Jane Delcamp) Jane gave the following report: Today's Attendance included: Active Members – 56 , Provisionals – 4 , Sustaining – 4, Guests – 6 for a total of 70 present.

**ASSISTANT TREASURER** (Helyn Docs): Active and Provisional dues have been increased to \$25 and Sustainer dues remain at \$25. **2020 Dues are due to Helyn by February 2, 2020.** Dues will be collected at the December luncheon. Make checks payable to: **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc.** Dues may be paid at any time prior to the December luncheon by mailing

your check to the Assistant Treasurer: **Helyn Docs, 392 Stone Bridge Dr., Sagamore Hills, Ohio 44067** Dues collected will be recorded and deposited after January 1, 2020.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**ARCHIVES** (Dianne Kauffman) Dianne shared a look back at past minutes.

**CRAFTS** (Nancy Daniels) Nancy reported that the Crafts Committee is finished with their work for 2019, and that they will be going out to lunch to celebrate a job well done. They will return to work in February 2020.

**FINANCE** (Kathy DeBarr) No report

**HOSPITALITY** (Barb Wulff) Barb introduced today's Hostesses : Fran Cheek and Mary Ann Stuyvesant.

Fran Cheeks:

Fran is a Canadian Registered Nurse, originally from Nova Scotia. She 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 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. Fran is a Master Gardener. 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.

Mary Ann Stuyvesant:

Mary Ann was born and raised in a very small town located on Pymatuning Lake in Western Pennsylvania. She has been married to Phillip for 57 years and they have two wonderful sons – Eric who owns a Lawn Service Company in Garland Texas and Nathan who is a Police Officer with the Akron Police Department. She considers her sons her greatest accomplishment.

Mary Ann has worked as a bookkeeper, homemaker, and a teacher. She retired from teaching in 2006 after teaching Family & Consumer Sciences (Home Ec) for 25 years.

Mary Ann and Phill have traveled to Spain (while he was still in graduate school), Mexico twice and have visited 40 of the 50 states.

Mary Ann's hobbies are: traveling, quilting, needle arts of all kinds, spending time with her family & friends, and going to Drag Races and Swap Meets with her husband.

Since joining AB she has served on the Program Committee, Membership Committee, Hospitality Chair for 2 years and Secretary for AB for 2 years.

My involvement in Ohio Mart includes Co-Chair for Admissions for 3 years, Patrons Chair for 2 years, and volunteering in the Gingerbread Tent.

Being member of AB has been a gift, as I have made many new friend, and have had many new and varied experiences.

**MEMBERSHIP** (Ciaran Reilly) With the addition of Loretta Fieldman and Linda Bennett we are currently up to six (6) prospective Provisionals for the Class of 2020. It is shaping up to be a great class.

Ciaran reminded all 2019 Provisionals that they will be inducted into Active Member status at the Holiday Luncheon on December 18, 2019 at Portage Country Club. Please be sure to invite your Sponsor to attend with you.

Ciaran also reminded the Class of 2019 that their Volunteer Hours worksheet is due to her today. "If I have not already received yours, please see me after the meeting. Thank You."

**NOMINATING** (Jason Woodruff) Jason reminded those who are running for the various offices that you need to send your bios to Jason before the AB Times deadline on November 30, 2019.

**OHIO MART** (Darby Ashelman) Darby reviewed the proposed Ohio Mart 2020 Budget to be approved. The budget has already been approved by the AB Executive Board . Since the motion to adopt the budget came from the Ohio Mart Committee, no motion to second was needed. The motion passed and the 2020 Ohio Mart budget was approved by the General membership. See attached.

Darby reported that Open Chair positions include: Sweepstakes, 2 additional Admissions Co-Chairs. Happily most Chairs are returning next year. Susie Wallace has offered to fill the Secretary Position.

Darby stated that she has received wrap up reports for 2019 from all of the chairs with a number of suggestions for next year. She will compile those and review them in a recap meeting with Staff after the first of the year; also to be shared with the appropriate other Chairs. Darby noted that Vintage Finds needs folded tissue paper and plastic bags.

**PROGRAM** (Susie Wallace) Susie gave the following report:

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**PROPERTIES** (Roberta Searle) No Report

**PUBLICITY** (Char Bolek) No Report

**VOLUNTEERS** (Char Bolek) Char reported that Emma Rainer will be sending out e-mails for open positions for Deck the Hall. Char also reminded those with more than 50 Volunteer hours in 2019 to send in their RSVP for Volunteer Appreciation Night on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**REVIEW/PLANNING** (Millie Telford) No Report

**YEARBOOK/BY-LAWS** (Joanne Karm) No Report

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT** (Hugh West) Hugh said that he was pleased to see so many SHH&G license plates in the parking lot this morning and reminded everyone that when it is time to renew your plates to consider getting one.

**ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES:**

**COLLECTIONS** (Cindy Bruning) Cindy encouraged everyone to VOTE for SHH&G at [www.10best.com](http://www.10best.com) we are currently at #5. You can vote every day on each of your devices, so VOTE, VOTE, VOTE.

Cindy also stated that the grand piano was tuned by Kean on October 28<sup>th</sup> and the organ was tuned by Schantz on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

New custom wallpaper sources have been identified in Akrona Gallery and is a potential new source along with Karen Starr, author of a wallpaper book in which a photo of great grandson of Fred and Henrietta, Dashiell Huhn, playing in the Nursery on the cover.

Cindy stated that we will be applying for a DAR grant to be used for conservation and digitization of architectural drawings. Next year we will apply for funds to build the exhibit for them.

Marie Morgan is back after being off with a broken arm.

DTH is still going and things are being finished and final touches are being added.

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE !!!!!

**GARDEN** (Michelle Blonde/Pam Kotsalief) No Report

**GILDE** (Barb Vargo) Barb reported that 48 tickets have been sold for their theater outing and that \$269 has been raised for the restoration of the Manor House. Barb thanked everyone for their support of the Guild. Barb also announced that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for 2020 will be held on March 16 in the Carriage House Reception Room. Refreshments will be at 6:30 with program at 7:00. The program will be announced next year.

Barb closed her report by saying that the Guild wants to wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

**MOLLY'S SHOP** (Barb VanFosson) in Barb's absence Elise Bennett gave the following report: Molly's is gearing up for Deck The Hall and new things are still arriving. Melanie was pleased with the turnout for the Member Sale. A big thank you to all who attended. Check with Melanie or Emma if you could work a shift for Deck the Hall (4-8 p.m.) All clothing in Molly's is now 25% off, so if you are looking for something special, check it out. This does not include accessories.

**STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES:**

**FRIENDS COUNCIL** (Elise Bennett) No Report

**PARLIMENTARY ADVISOR** (Janet Caudill) No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS – NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS – NONE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next Executive Board Meeting, Monday December 16, 2019, 9:30 a.m., Wolle Building.
- Next General Meeting, Wednesday December 18, 2019, Coffee 9:30 a.m., Program 10:00 a.m., Luncheon 11:45 a.m., Portage Country Club.

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:17 a.m.**