

NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY BOARD OF  
STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS, INC.  
MARCH 2019



AB GENERAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 27 IN THE  
MUSIC ROOM

**AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**MONDAY, March 18, 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, March 27, 2019**. Carriage House Auditorium, Social at 9:30 a.m., Program at 10:00 a.m. The Artist Gertrude Seiberling presented by Julie Frey

**Please note: April 2019 newsletter deadline is Sunday, March 31.** All items including changes of street and e-mail 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.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

It's hard to believe two months of 2019 have passed and Stan Hywet will open in just a few short weeks. Walking into the Manor House, seeing restoration in progress, and sitting in the Music Room for the February meeting energized me to return to the Estate.

It was heartwarming to see everyone who gathered in the Manor House Music Room for our February meeting to hear Sean Joyce describe the State of the Estate. Sean shared the fantastic numbers Deck the Hall posted to end 2018 and the exciting events planned around this year's theme; Art – "Lasting Impressions". I've already reserved the evening of July 19<sup>th</sup> on my calendar to take in the new *Off the Vine* event.

The new AB sponsored event, ***Mingle Learn Join***, on April 4<sup>th</sup> will also be here before we know it. To ensure the event will be a success, we are asking every AB member to pass along an invitation to someone you know who may be interested in volunteering on the Estate. The electronic invitation is attached to this February newsletter distribution email. You are welcome to email the invitation as often as you like. A printed invitation will be mailed to those who do not receive their newsletter via email. Additional printed invitations can be picked up at the SHH&G admissions desk, from me, and at the March AB meeting.

**Elise Bennett, President**

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

Our next meeting will be March 27, 2019 in the Carriage House Auditorium. Julie Frey, SHH&G Curator, will talk about Gertrude Seiberling, the artist. This will provide a wonderful preview of the 2019 estate theme of *Art, Lasting Impressions*. Influenced by this legacy, the 2019 theme celebrates Gertrude's passion for painting. To this end, Julie Frey curator has reached deep into the archives to identify a select collection of Gertrude's most enduring canvases of the estate's iconic gardens. *The Art of Gertrude Seiberling*, the fifth book in a series on the estate, will be released to coincide with the 2019 exhibit.

**Susie Wallace, Vice President**

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

The deadline for April AB Times is Sunday, March 31, 2019. A thinking of you card was sent to Karen Thomas. We have address changes for the following members:

**Johanna Knabe – 3064 Kent Road, Apt. 211A, Stow, OH 44224**

**Marlen Miskella – 205 Niblick Drive, SE Vienna, VA 22180**

**Cindy Wolcott – Danbury Tallmadge, 73 East Avenue, Tallmadge, OH 44278**

**Phyllis Woodrum, Corresponding Secretary**

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

For our March meeting, all members will be asked to vote on and elect our officers for the coming year. There are new candidates for Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Elise Bennett, Susie Wallace and Helyn Docs will remain in their current positions. The bios for all candidates will follow.

**Nora Kelly  
Nominating Committee Chair**

## **KIRKLYN KUZDRALL – RECORDING SECRETARY**

Kirklyn has been an AB member since 2004. She has served as Recording Secretary, Archives Chair, and on the Nominating and Ohio Mart Committees for the AB. This year she is serving on the Membership Committee. She is on the Friends Council, representing the Stan Hywet Historic Players. She has been a House Interpreter since 1998, and particularly enjoys participating in History First Hand, Murder in the Mansion, and the Education Department's Meet the Staff program. She has also volunteered for Deck the Hall, the Gate Lodge, Founders' Day and other events

## **MARY KAY DANCKAERT – CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Mary Kay Danckaert was born and raised in West Akron not far from Stan Hywet. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton in secondary education. When she returned home she found a job in elementary education so she retrained as an elementary school teacher. She taught for 15 years at St. Sebastian School. Eventually Akron Public Schools was starting to hire teachers for full day kindergarten classes and she was hired first as a part-time tutor than as a full time teacher. She earned her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Akron .She taught for 26 years in APS retiring in 2011. She married Frank, a widower, whose children she taught at St.

Sebastian, in 1994. They now have 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Over the years Mary Kay has volunteered at her church, in school related programs like Reading is Fundamental, and with service clubs like the Pilot Club of Akron. When she retired Frank had already been volunteering as a guide at Stan Hywet and he encouraged her to join the Auxiliary Board. Mary Kay enjoys working with the Garden Committee and is gradually learning about flower arranging. She has previously served on the Membership Committee and as Assistant Secretary of the Auxiliary Board. She enjoys reading, crocheting, travel, and chauffeuring her grandchildren.

#### **JANE DELCAMP – ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

I am a single female so have no stories of children or grandchildren. I've been a member of AB for many years and have served on the nominating and membership committees. In the summer I would help coordinate Tudor Times. I recently retired from being the Ohio Mart Volunteer Coordinator, a job I had for many, many years. Currently I volunteer for the Meet the Staff Program where I am the 1920 laundress, Eva Oberholtzer. I love to travel in the United States and have traveled to 49 states. I enjoy reading and cooking. I love animals, especially cats.

#### **AMY PRATHER – TREASURER**

I became an AB member in 2009. Being part of the AB membership has brought me great opportunities in meeting kind, wonderful people and most importantly, it has been rewarding having been able to work with so many dedicated volunteers and learn so much from them. I have served as Assistant Treasurer from 2009 until 2017. As a volunteer, I also served as Assistant Treasurer during Ohio Mart for many years. I have also helped/volunteered in the Accounting office whenever needed.

During my free time, I enjoy gardening, reading, going to the park and love swimming whenever I get a chance. I also enjoy traveling overseas. I have been to many countries and on a safari. It will be a great honor to be able to serve as the Treasurer on the AB Board.

#### **VINTAGE GOODS AND CURIOUS FINDS**

The holiday season may be over, but the excess gifts, decor, tissue paper, and bags may be lingering. We reuse your tissue paper and bubble wrap for repacking. It is never too early to unclutter. Remember: if you have not used the item in a year, you probably do not need it. Go through each room. By throwing out or donating your unused items, you can make room for what you do want to keep and for what you inevitably obtain in the future. By donating to Vintage Finds, you support Stan Hywet. Not only will Vintage Finds thank you for your generosity, your family will thank you for the effort to clean out and to organize.

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. If you cannot drop it off for any reason, let us know. We will find a way to pick it up. Any questions or concerns, please leave a message on the Vintage Finds Voicemail: 330-315-3245 and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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

**GUILD ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The next Guild Meeting will be held on March 19, 2019 with refreshments at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00 in the Carriage House Auditorium. The program will be presented by Tom McKenzie. He will report on what is happening at and around the Manor House and the Estate and review the tour programs and the time line of what will be affecting the Estate when we open. Tom will have handouts of the training manuals.

**STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS, INC.  
AUXILIARY BOARD GENERAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2019, MANOR HOUSE MUSIC ROOM  
MINUTES**

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

**PRESIDENT** Elise Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. She welcomed all members and guests.

**VICE PRESIDENT** Susie Wallace introduced our speaker Sean Joyce, President and CEO of Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, whose topic was *The State of the Estate*.

**MINUTES:** President Bennett asked for approval of the Minutes for December, 2018. The minutes were approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Joann Wallace gave the following reports for December, 2018 and for January, 2019 :

Beginning Balance for December, 2018: \$1635.72	
Total Income: \$3,000.00	
Total Expenses: \$3,286.05	
Ending Balance: \$1,349.67	Memorial Fund Balance: \$1,883.82

**DECEMBER ENDING BALANCE: \$1,349.67**  
**DONATIONS TO MEMORIAL FUND: \$200.00**  
**DONATIONS TO SHH&G FUNDS: \$1,149.67**

Beginning Balance for January, 2019 - \$0.00	
Total Income: \$1,610.00 -(Dues)	
Total Expenses: \$0.00	
Ending Balance: \$1,610	Memorial Fund Balance: \$2,083.82

Joann also reported that the finance committee had been asked to give a breakdown of the Auxiliary Board Contribution to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens since the Board was founded 54 years ago, she reported the following figure: To date AB has given at total of \$5,870,481.38. President Elise Bennett has challenged 2019 Ohio Mart Chair, Teri Woodruff, to raise enough to push that total over 6 Million. Teri accepted the challenge.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** Phyllis Woodrum gave the following report:

Sympathy Cards were sent to AB members Sharon Hershey upon the death of her brother and to Jim Urban upon the death of his brother. Staff members Sean McAllister and Bob Ulm received sympathy cards upon the passing of Sean's father-in-law and Bob's father. A thinking of you card was sent to Karen Thomas. Phyllis also notified us of the following address changes:

Cindy Wolcott:  
Danbury Tallmadge  
73 East Avenue  
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278

Johanna Knabe  
3064 Kent Road, Apt. 211A  
Stow, Ohio 44224

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY** Mary Kay Danckaert reported that the Attendance for our February 27, 2019 meeting included:

Active Members: 62 , Provisionals 0 , Sustainers 7, Guests 7, Total 76 .

**ASSISTANT TREASURER** (Helyn Docs) In the absence of Helyn Docs, Joann Wallace gave the following report: To date we have collected \$2,504 in dues. 25% of the membership have not paid their dues which were due on February 1, 2019. If you have not yet paid, please send Helyn your check ASAP. Dues are the only source of income for AB and our yearly budget is formulated on these figures.

**Helyn's address is: 392 Stone Bridge Dr., Sagamore Hills, OH 44067.**

## **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**ARCHIVES:** (Michele Mills) No Report

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

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

**HOSPITALITY:** (Barb Wulff) Barb introduced today's Greeters: Michelle Blondel, Pam Kotsalieff, and herself.

**MEMBERSHIP:** (Ciaran Reilly) Ciaran reported that thus far we have received applications for five (5) Provisionals. Ciaran asked that if anyone has any friends, family members that may be interested in joining you at an Auxiliary Board meeting, to please encourage them to attend as your guests. We welcome them.

In addition, there is the *Mingle, Learn, Join* event on April 4, 2019 for who would like to learn more about ways to volunteer at Stan Hywet, or more specifically the Auxiliary Board. That event will be held on April 4, 2019 in the Carriage House Auditorium from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**NOMINATING:** (Nora Kelly) No Report

**OHIO MART:** (Teri Woodruff) Terri gave the following report:

We had 9 committee roles to fill at the end of 2018. Good news... we have filled Sweepstakes Co-Chair, Cider/Donut, Decorating, Parking, Soft Goods, Volunteer Facilitator, Table/Chair Rentals and Signs. We still have one chair position open: Bakery. Teri asked that if you know of anyone, whether they are an AB member or not, that may be interested in taking on this role, to please let her know.

The Ohio Mart Steering Committee meetings have been scheduled and will be held in the Carriage House Auditorium or the Manor House Auditorium. All final details will be e-mailed to committee chairman prior to each meeting. The meeting dates are as follows: March 20<sup>th</sup>, May 29<sup>th</sup>, and August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am till Noon.

Ohio Mart leadership and Stan Hywet staff met at the beginning of February to begin working on Logistical improvements for 2019, including extra manpower during setup and tear down for Signs, Decorating, and Parking.

**PROGRAMS:** (Susie Wallace) Susie announced that our next meeting will be March 27, 2019 in the Carriage House Auditorium. Julie Frey, SHH&G Curator will talk about Gertrude Seiberling, the artist. This will provide a wonderful preview of the 2019 estate theme of *Art, Lasting Impressions*. Influenced by the legacy of Gertrude's beautiful and very personal works of art, the 2019 theme celebrates her passion for painting. To this end, Julie Frey curator has reached deep into the archives to identify a select collection of Gertrude's most enduring canvases of the estate's iconic gardens. The Art of Gertrude Seiberling, the fifth book in a series on the estate, will be released to coincide with the 2019 exhibit.

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

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

**REVIEW/PLANNING:** (Millie Telford) Millie gave the following report: It had been suggested that we change the Standing Committees on the AB Executive Board, but after careful consideration, the Review and Planning Committee found no need to do this and the Executive Board should remain as is.

**VOLUNTEERS:** (Char Bolek) Char reminded everyone that their volunteer hours for 2018 are due to Emma Rainear by March 31, 2019. Please report these hours by the month and note what type of activity you were completing.

**YEARBOOK/BYLAWS:** (Joanne Karm) No Report

### **ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES:**

**COLLECTIONS:** (Cindy Bruning ) Cindy gave the following report:

Christmas things are all put away and cleaning is in full swing. Restoration this year will focus on the Billiard Room and FA's Office. Kim has re-roped part of the lights in the Billiard Room and we are waiting for the return of the lampshades from ICA after restoration. The lamps are being rewired by Lumen Nation. Painters are finished in the Billiard Room and FA's Office and also the Dining Room.

We are anticipating about 10 different custom trims for re-upholstery and draperies. They should arrive in mid-March. This will allow us to go forward on several different projects. Kim is working on displays for FA's bath using men's jewelry and toiletry items. Clear covers will be on the drawers so that they can be opened and viewed.

An Enunciator will be placed in the Dining Room so that visitors can see how the original one works in the Servant's Hall. The theme this year, *Art "Lasting Impressions"*, focuses on the artwork of Gertrude Seiberling. 25 works have been chosen and we hope to borrow from at least 4 family members – 3 are confirmed. This will allow us to display artwork that has never been seen by the public. Julie Frey is writing a book to accompany them which will be available in Molly's mid-May.

**GARDEN:** (Michelle Blondel /Pam Kotsalieff) No Report

**GILDE:** (Barb Vargo) No Report See announcement in the March newsletter with regards to our next meeting.

**MOLLY'S SHOP:** (Barb Van Fosson) Lisa Vierling gave the following report:

The new floor has been completed and new merchandise is coming in. There will be a new POS (point of sale) computer system installed. Molly's Store Manager Melanie Kunsch has worked with many vendors who are part of the Museum Store Association. The main table will have a botanical theme...merchandise that incorporates birds/butterflies, and florals, etc. The men's section has been expanded and the children's section has been updated.

The **Plant Sale will begin on Member Day, Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>**. No earlier sales. The plant sale discount is 10% for **both** members/volunteers.

Following today's meeting, Molly's Shop will be having a sale in the Carriage House auditorium. All merchandise will be discounted 50% to 70% off the original price.

### **STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES**

**FRIENDS:** (Elise Bennett) President and CEO of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Sean Joyce gave the Friends report. Sean Joyce provided a recap of 2018 DTH and SHH&G financial report. He also previewed the 2019 season and how the theme: *Art "A Lasting Impression"* will be incorporated across the Estate all year and interpreted in Public Programs.

Gail Marie Fort discussed the formation of a SHH&G Professional Advisers Board of approximately 20 members that would launch in May.

Valerie Still reviewed open positions they are looking to fill which are listed on the SHH&G website. A new SHH&G display was part of SHH&G's booth at Today's Bride event.

Flower Arrangers is now being chaired by Nancy Koly (who is also a Friends representative). They currently have 33 members.

Stan Hywet Historic Players is creating a brief biography page for each character. Murder in the Mansion is already starting to develop their 2019 storyline and tying it into the Estate Theme. They have received a grant to help underwrite costuming expenses.

Horticulture is still dealing with snow and ice but will soon start winter pruning.

Needlework already has 7 new members and is preparing for their April 9<sup>th</sup> mini workshop & meeting.

Pat Mayer shared a free APP that makes it easy to track your volunteer hours including creating a PDF file that can be exported.

Sean Joyce is representing SHH&G in a Merriman Valley support initiative. Getting a CV Train stop in the Valley would be beneficial to Stan Hywet. A petition to sign is available.

The next Friends meeting is Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm in the Carriage House Auditorium.

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

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:** (Hugh West). No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** President Elise Bennett handed out Invitations for the, *Mingle, Learn, Join* Event to be held on April 4, 2019 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. She encouraged every AB member to pass along the invitations to someone they know who may be interested in volunteering at the Estate.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Hugh West reported that the Stan Hywet license plates are in production and should be available by the end of May.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Next Executive Board Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2019 at 9:30 in the Wolle Bldg.
- Next General Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2019 will be held in the Carriage House Auditorium. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., Business Meeting at 10:00. Program: SHH&G Curator, Julie Frey, Topic: The Artist Gertrude Seiberling.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.