



AB TIMES

**NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY BOARD OF
STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS
MAY 2019**

AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, May 20, 2019, 10:30 a.m. Highland Square Mustard Seed for AB Board Members, Present and Future. Please reference the e-mail from President Elise Bennett. The deadline for reservations is **May 10, 2019**. If you have questions, please call Elise Bennett at 330-808-3050.

AB GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 22, 2019. Carriage House Auditorium, Social at 9:30 a.m., Program at 10:00 a.m. The Year in Review presented by Susie Wallace, AB Vice President & Archivist.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Part of the mission of the AB is to promote volunteer services. The Mingle Learn Join (MLJ) event that happened on April 4th was in keeping with that mission. The event was germinated during the Executive Board Retreat last July. A Special Committee was formed in the fall and met several times to craft the details of the event over winter.

In addition to the AB, many of the SHH&G groups and volunteer organizations across the Estate participated.

It was so fun to see the event transpire and hear the excitement in the room. There were many who came to investigate volunteer opportunities for the first time. Some existing volunteers were able to explore new volunteer roles, and even some "retired" volunteers were enticed to rejoin the volunteer ranks.

As a member of the MLJ Committee, I would like to thank my co-members: Carolyn Hahn, Sue Hasenstab, Millie Telford, Ciaran Reilly, Wilma Hardman, Teri Woodruff, Barb Wulff, Karen Jones, Emma Rainear, and Valarie Still for a wonderful, successful event! Thanks also to the SHH&G Administration who supported the effort and contributed to its success.

As a result of the event, I anticipate the AB will have a robust Provisional Member group for 2019. Be sure to come early for the May 22nd meeting so you have time to give a warm welcome to each of our new members.

Elise Bennett, President

VICE PRESIDENT

On May 22, 2019, I will switch hats and share the AB Year in Review presentation. I will also share a brief insight into the latest archival work I am doing on SHH&G Foundation records. The early years of this collection focuses solidly on the WAB (now the AB) and its predecessor organization. I hope you will join us in your finest hat. It is our tradition that hats be worn to the May meeting. During this meeting we will also introduce our provisional class, hold our annual meeting, and install officers for 2019-20.

Susie Wallace, Vice President and Archivist

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

A thinking of you card was sent to Jenny Thomas. The deadline for the August AB Times is **Wednesday, July 31, 2019**. All items including changes of street and e-mail addresses, marriages, congratulations, illness, death, etc. should be sent to **Mary Kay Danckaert** at **kay66@aol.com**

Phyllis Woodrum, Corresponding Secretary

MESSAGE FOR ALL PROVISIONALS

Reminder to all Provisionals to arrive a little early for the May AB meeting on the 22nd. Invite your sponsor to attend along with you. Please prepare a short bio and submit it no later than May 17th to Ciaran Reilly at willowcreek5@roadrunner.com.

Ciaran Reilly, Membership Chair 2019

**STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, INC.
AUXILIARY BOARD – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 24, 2019, CARRIAGE HOUSE
MINUTES**

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

PRESIDENT: Elise Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. She welcomed members and guests and reminded everyone to silence their cell phones.

VICE PRESIDENT: Susie Wallace – In Susie’s absence, Millie Telford introduced today’s speakers: Rebecca Rogers and Gloria Schreiber – Landscape Architects. Their topic was Warren Manning, discussing Manning’s work both at Stan Hywet and around the country.

MINUTES APPROVAL: President Bennett asked the membership if they had any corrections or additions to the March minutes. There were none. The March Minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Joann Wallace submitted the following report:

Beginning Balance:	\$2,421.00	
Income:	\$180.00	Memorial Fund Balance: \$2,083.82
Expenses:	\$221.83	
Ending Balance:	\$2,379.17	

Joann also noted that some members have not yet paid their dues and asked those members to please submit their dues as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY Phyllis Woodrum reported that long-time AB member, Gene Fogelsanger, passed away recently. She had been a member since 1984. A thinking of you card was sent to Karen Thomas. Phyllis also noted that the deadline for the May Newsletter is April 30, 2019.

Phyllis read a note sent to AB from Valarie Still, VP of Events & Personnel commending the AB on the Mingle, Learn, Join event held on April 4, 2019.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Mary Kay Danckaert reported that attendance for our April 24,2019 meeting included: Active members 65, Sustainers 5, Guests 11, for a Total of 81.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Helyn Docs – No Report

STANDING COMMITTEES

NOMINATING: Nora Kelly stated that there is to be a slate of 7 nominees (who do not serve on the Executive Board) to elect 4 members to a 1-year term. The member receiving the plurality of votes cast shall be the Chairman.

ARCHIVES: Susie Wallace – Absent No Report

CRAFTS: Wilma Hardman – No Report

FINANCE: Kathy DeBarr – No Report

HOSPITALITY: Barb Wulff introduced the hostesses for the April 24, 2019 meeting:

Gretchen Gibson

Gretchen, was born and raised in Akron. She is second in line of 10 children, 8 brothers and 1 sister. She has been married to Jeff, who is a local landscape photographer. She has 3 sons and 2 grandchildren. Gretchen was a Social Worker for 25 years before she retired 6 years ago. Since retirement, she has been involved as a volunteer with the Trailblazers in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. She started volunteering at Stan Hywet for 4 years ago and has been an AB member for 3 years. She has been involved the last three years with Vintage Finds, and this year is Co-Chair of that committee. Gretchen is an avid swimmer, power walker, and loves to read.

Carolyn Hahn

Carolyn has been an AB member since 2000. She is married with 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Carolyn graduated from Kent State with a major in English. After 18 years at Wadsworth Library, she “re-focused” (she never uses that “R” word: “Retire”) and became a Stan Hywet volunteer. She enjoys reading, gardening, genealogy, antiques, and she is a proud member of the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution).

Elise Bennett thanked Barb Wulff for the lovely flowers on the refreshment table this morning. Barb cut them from her own flower beds . A sure sign of Spring!

MEMBERSHIP: Ciaran Reilly reminded the Provisionals that they are to meet with Emma Rainear at the end of today’s meeting. The meeting will be held in the Carriage House.

OHIO MART: Vice-Chair Darby Ashelman gave the following report: Everyone is working very hard on their various committees and noted that the next Steering Committee meeting would be held on May 29, 2019 at 10:00 in the Carriage House Auditorium. Darby also stated that the Exhibitor Committee came up with the idea of a business card that they can use to hand out to vendors they are interested in at other shows. Mike Weiss designed a lovely card with the Ohio Mart logo that includes the timeframe of our show, the website, and how to obtain an application for Ohio Mart.

Vintage Finds and Curious Goods Committee asked the AB members **not** to bring any more boxes until later in May.

PROGRAMS: Millie Telford read the following report from Susie Wallace:

On May 22, 2019, Susie Wallace, Acting Archivist, will present The Year in Review as well as an update on early WAB records that she is processing in the Collections Department. Please note this is our Annual Meeting. We will have the opportunity to meet our Provisionals and we will hold the installation of Officers for 2019/20. Please hold to tradition and consider wearing a hat.

PROPERTIES: Roberta Searle: Absent – No Report

PUBLICITY: Char Bolek: No Report

REVIEW/PLANNING: Millie Telford: No Report

VOLUNTEERER: Char Bolek: No Report

YEARBOOK/BY LAWS: Joanne Karm: No Report

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

COLLECTIONS: Cindy Bruning: Cindy reported that we continue to work on the Reader Rails which are set to be installed in the Manor House in early June, 2019. The Reader Rails are interpretive panels which will be installed in 11 rooms in the Manor House. They will provide facts and antidotal information as an enhancement to the self-guided tours, that correspond to the map in the Visitor’s Guide. This makes for easier navigation for self-guided visitors. The Reader Rails are the final pieces of this project.

We have purchased fabric for the Billiard Room and Office upholstery projects. The curtains and sheers for both rooms are under way. We have an upholsterer lined up and as soon as the fabric comes in, we will be ready to get those projects started. Still moving ahead with restoration in the Breakfast Room and Mrs. Seiberling's Dressing Room.

Cindy reported that she is on chairs 13 & 14 which will go with the dining table in the Music Room. Cindy also stated that Carol Allen has retired. Her last day was Friday, April 19, 2019. We have interviews lined up for next week for her open position. SHH&G Collections Manager, Kim Soboro, is retiring this summer. Julie Frey expects to set up interviews for that job in the next couple of weeks.

GILDE: Barb Vargo: Barb reported that the next Gilde Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the Carriage House Auditorium. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 with the Program beginning at 7:00. The program will be presented by Jim Urban. His topic will be "Akron's History in Post Cards". Barb stated that everyone is welcome and to bring a guest. Barb also announced that the Gilde Picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

GARDEN: Michelle Blondel provided the following report: The Garden Committee will hold their first meeting of the year on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ebe House. Michelle also wanted to remind everyone about the plant sale here on the Estate. On Friday, May 17, 2019 from 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Stan Hywet members get a 10% discount and first pick of the plants and baskets. The sale will continue for the public from May 18 to June 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MOLLY'S: Barb Van Fosson gave the following report: Be sure to check out Molly's for decorative gardening merchandise. Floral glass scones with lights can be seen inside Molly's hanging down from the ceiling. New handbags are arriving and reasonably priced. If you don't have a hat for our May AB meeting Molly's has several to choose from. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Plant Sale on May 17th – only Stan Hywet members and May 18 for the public.

STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES

FRIENDS COUNCIL: Elise Bennett gave the following report from Friends:

- Antiques Roadshow will be filming at SHH&G between 5/15 & 6/1 of 2020. hosting the Roadshow at SHH&G should provide national exposure for the Estate.
- The events team already has 41 weddings, 16 receptions, and 8 corporate events on the books.
- The P.O.S. or Point Of Sale system is up and running. If you get a chance. thank Kevin. He burned the midnight oil on many occasions to get it in place and running.
- Staff Training is ongoing having just completed Active Shooter Training from the Akron Police Department.
- Sound Proofing panels have been installed in the Manor House Auditorium.
- With regard to the Campus Improvement Project, the trees are down, timbering is complete, and they are looking for May approval from the State of Ohio for \$1 Million in funding.
- The Flower Arrangers welcomed two new apprentices and plan to decorate the reception room for Deck the Hall. .
- The Needlework Guild reports they have 12 new members
- Horticulture completed their "Big Dig" of perennials and have been continuing apple tree pruning, spraying for deer and emerald ash borer.

PARLIMENTARY ADVISOR: Janet Caudill – No Report

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Hugh West - Hugh gave his report under Old Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nora Kelly: Nora reported the following results of the Nominating Committee Election: The Nominating Committee for 2019-2020 is: Jason Woodruff – Chairman, Dianne Kauffman, Vickie Steele, and Susie Bedall. Congratulations to the new members and Thank You to this year's committee for their hard work.

OLD BUSINESS: Hugh West again provided the information given at our March Meeting by Carolyn Hritz Executive Assistant of SHH&G in regard to the SHH&G license plate. The Stan Hywet license plate becomes available on June 4, 2019. The plate will be available online on the Ohio BMV's website or can be purchased directly at the BMV. If purchased at the local BMV, a temporary plate will be given at the time of purchase; the SHH&G plate will be mailed directly to your house. Cost: Organizational plate costs \$25.00/ea. (\$15 comes directly to Stan Hywet)

If you recently renewed your plate/tags but want to purchase a Stan Hywet plate before your next renewal, contact the BMV. Cost is \$11.75 to transfer to a new plate plus \$25 for the organization plate. Stan Hywet is one of three museums in Ohio to have an organizational license plate. The other two are the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Stan Hywet license plates can be placed on any owner or lessee passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Elise thanked Hugh for starting the ball rolling for the SHH&G license plate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE TO ELISE BY THE MAY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.**
- THE MAY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IS ON MONDAY, MAY 20TH, 2019 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:

- The next Executive Board Meeting, Monday, May 20th, 2019, 10:30 at Mustard Seed Market, Highland Square. Attendees will receive a menu selection sheet from Elise via e-mail soon.
- Next General Meeting, Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019 in the Carriage House Auditorium. Speaker – Susie Wallace will present the Year in Review. There will be a receiving line for Provisionals and their Sponsors and Social beginning at 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting at 10:00 a.m. including installation of Officers and introduction of Provisionals. The silver service will be polished up for use in this meeting and members should consider wearing a hat as has been our tradition for our Annual Meeting

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Mary Ann Stuyvesant, Recording Secretary