



AB TIMES

**NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY BOARD OF
STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS, INC.
MAY 2018**

AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018, 11:15 a.m. at Papa Joe's Restaurant. If unable to attend, please call Hugh West at 330-867-2843.

AB GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018. Carriage House, 9:30 a.m., Program at 10:00. The Year in Review, Introduction of 2018 Provisionals, Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers will all take place.

Please note: August 2018 newsletter deadline will be determined at a later date to coincide with my August vacation. All items including changes of street and e-mail addresses, congratulations, marriages, illness, death, etc. should be sent to Phyllis at jwoodrum@roadrunner.com or call 330-666-4713.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you Auxiliary Board Members! This year, serving as your Auxiliary. Board President, for me has been most enjoyable--a definite honor and one I won't soon forget.

We have had great and interesting monthly programs, an excellent and profitable Ohio Mart—and are planning on still another one in just a few months from now. We have a growing, energetic membership and a very talented Board of Officers eager to lead us through the coming year.

I feel most fortunate to have met so many more Auxiliary Board Members and look forward to working with you and for you in the years to come.

Thanks for the opportunity of serving you.

Hugh West, President

VICE PRESIDENT

Don't miss our meeting Wednesday, May 23rd when Archivist Michelle Mills and Susie Gaebel Wallace take us back for: ***The Year in Review***. No doubt it will be a fun program! Active Members will be introduced to the new Provisional Members in a receiving line. The Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers also take place during the May meeting. The Hospitality Committee will break out the silver service and we'll finish the year in style. This is also the meeting when we usually wear hats (any style) for fun but no hat is required. See you there!

Elise Bennett, Vice President

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

During this month, a thinking of you card was sent to Cookie Apitz. Please let me know of any cards you would like me to send.

Phyllis Woodrum, Corresponding Secretary

AUXILIARY BOARD INFORMATION IS ON THE STAN HYWET WEBSITE

A reminder to all of our members, provisionals and guests that information regarding the Auxiliary Board can be found on the SHH website - stanhywet.org. Choosing *Support & Giving* at the top of the page and then *Volunteer*, brings you to further subcategories which include another Volunteer Portal. Housed with the Portal is the Stan Hywet Auxiliary Board.

These pages provide information on the board including our mission statement and how the AB came to be what it is today. Additionally, the officers, newsletters going back through 2016, our meetings and programs, as well as all of our committees are included. By clicking on the link, this page will also go directly to an application to join. Please become familiar with our website so that you can encourage friends to help support the organization of the Estate.

Joann Wallace, Treasurer

WELCOME 2018 PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

It is a pleasure to announce our new group of provisionals for 2018: **Carol Brockenbrough, Regina Kane, John E. Mills, Eva Nicodemus, Kenneth R. Nilsestuen, Jackie Sonderman, Nancy Stanforth, and Charles Steiner.**

Barb McDonald, Membership Chair

MEET THE MEMBERS - BARB & GARY VARGO

By Elise Bennett



It doesn't take long being around these two love birds to understand how their marriage is still strong after 54 years of marriage. When I ask Gary what his passions are he quickly answered "Barb!" They both grew up in Barberton and are active there in their church as well as with the Pregnancy Care Center.

After Barb Foster took them on a tour of the Manor House, they were convinced to start volunteering. Barb began volunteering at Stan Hywet in 1998 and Gary soon followed after retiring that same year.

Barb started in horticulture in the greenhouse and cleaning out planting beds. However, for the last 18 years she has been cleaning in the Manor house and is part of the Curatorial Department. She also helps create Deck the Hall decorations. Over the years she has volunteered in the Education Dept., chaired Gingerbread at Ohio Mart, and worked

Valentine dances but still hasn't seen all the nooks & crannies of the Estate.

Gary leads tours on Tuesday morning, cleans the fans that help keep the Manor House comfortable in the summer, and also helps create Deck the Hall props from wood.

If asked to portray characters for History First Hand; Barb would like to be Gertrude Seiberling's Personal Assistant helping to keep all in order. Gary would enjoy portraying a Houseman who does all the nasty jobs like shoveling coal or keeping the firewood stocked.

Barb's favorite room in the MH is the West Porch because of the fabulous view and warm sunshine that floods the room. Gary is most fascinated with the switchboard in the lower level and how it compares to phones of today.

They are thankful for their good health, family, friends, faith and the blessing of having what they need. If you don't know these two AB Members, introduce yourself and get to know them.

VINTAGE FINDS

It is time to spring into action. Clear the clutter and transform your life. Get those pieces of furniture and boxed items out of the basement. Not only will you feel more energized by creating space in your life, but you will also be donating to a worthy cause--Stan Hywet!

Drop off your boxed items labeled Vintage Finds to Stan Hywet Admissions. In your box please include your name, address, and a list of items. A tax deductible receipt will be mailed to you. For more information or questions, contact Vintage Finds at 330-315-3245 and leave a message. We will return your call as soon as possible.

**Michele Pringle
Team Member**

STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS AUXILIARY, INC. AUXILIARY BOARD GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 25, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: President Hugh West called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Hugh welcomed everyone and reminded all present to silence their cell phones.

PROGRAM: Vice President Elise Bennett introduced the speaker Kristine Gill, RN, PhD whose topic was Holistic Health in a Home.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 28, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Joann Wallace) Joann provided the following report:

Beginning Balance - \$2,982.00 Income from Dues - \$185.00

Expenses: (\$42.27) Ending Balance - \$3,152.15

Memorial Fund Balance - \$1,883.82 which includes a \$50 contribution made in March

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: (Phyllis Woodrum), Phyllis noted that there were no cards sent out since the last newsletter. The deadline for the May issue of AB Times will be May 11, 2018.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: (Mary Kay Danckaert) Mary Kay reported the following:

Attendance: Active – 58, Sustaining – 4, Provisionals – 5, Guests – 2

ASSISTANT TREASURER: (Ed Searle) Ed reminded everyone to be sure that you have paid your Stan Hywet Membership Dues. You must be a member of Stan Hywet to be a member of the Auxiliary Board.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES: (Michelle Mills) No Report

CRAFTS: (Wilma Hardman) No Report

FINANCE: (Kathy DeBarr) No Report

HOSPITALITY (Kathy Henson) Kathy introduced today's hostesses:

Darby Ashelman – Darby was born and raised in California and loved growing up there when it was a wonderful, wide-open state. She has a BA in Psychology from California State University at Long Beach and an MBA from Pepperdine University. Darby put her education to good use working for Xerox Corporation in financial and marketing management. She then went on to work for United Airlines in airport station operations and in international customer service.

Having no children, Darby and her husband Jack both chose to retire at an early age. She has lived in California, Illinois and Florida. They chose to move to northeast Ohio because of the arts, sports, beautiful countryside and the friendly people in this area. When Darby first moved to Ohio she came to Ohio Mart where she met so many friendly volunteers while shopping. She decided to volunteer here. She began doing house tours in 2007 and now does all the Stan Hywet tours. In addition, Darby joined the Garden committee and AB in 2008. As a member of AB, she has served as Treasurer, Membership Committee Chair, and EX Libris Chair for Ohio Mart. Darby's passions include the Cleveland Orchestra, golf, travel, knitting and of course volunteering at Stan Hywet.

Teri Woodruff – Teri is an Akron native with over 20 years of experience in the creative arts. She is a graduate of Kent State University's School of Fashion Design. While there she honed her design skills and even spent a stint studying Couture Design abroad in Paris, France.

After spending over a decade working in the ready-to-wear fashion industry, Teri turned her focus towards becoming more involved in our local community. During this time, she worked for both the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association, gaining skills in fundraising and event management. In 2015 Teri left her career in fundraising to start her own business: Creative Transformations. As a creative director, her clients keep her busy with an array of interesting projects throughout the year: everything from wedding planning, set styling for photo shoots, and even staging homes for sale. Typical clients include photographers, catalog producers, magazine editors and newly engaged couples.

When she is not working, practicing yoga, volunteering, experimenting with recipes, reading and traveling are among the many things that Teri enjoys. Teri, her husband Jason, and their fur-baby Duke live in West Akron.

MEMBERSHIP: (Barbara McDonald) Barbara reported that there are 6 Provisionals that have filed applications. The committee is still accepting applications for AB until May 15. Applications are at the sign-in table or you can see Barb. Next month (May) our Provisionals will be officially introduced. Come to the meeting a little early to meet them personally.

NOMINATING: (Alice Mull) Alice conducted the elections for the Nominating Committee for the year 2018-19. Those elected were: Frank Danckaert - Chairman, Kristy Steeves, Helen Docs, and Nora Kelly.

OHIO MART: (Dianne Kauffman) Diane reminded all Chairs and Co-Chairs that the next Steering Committee Meeting will be on May 16, 2018 at 10 a.m. in the Manor House Auditorium.

PROPERTIES: (Roberta Searle) No Report

PUBLICITY: (Char Bolek) No Report

PLANNING/REVIEW: (Millie Telford) No Report

VOLUNTEERS: (Char Bolek) Char reminded everyone to keep track of their hours and to turn them in either monthly or bimonthly.

YEARBOOK/BY-LAWS: (Joanne Karm) Joanne went over a list of changes to be made to the by-Laws which will be voted upon at the May meeting. Joanne noted that the majority of the changes were to make the by-laws easier to understand.

PLEASE NOTE: A COPY OF THOSE CHANGES ARE INCLUDED AS A SEPARATE ATTACHMENT IN YOUR E-MAIL ALONG WITH THE NEWSLETTER.

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

COLLECTIONS: (Cindy Bruning) Cindy reported for Julie Frey that the Collections Department has turned their focus back to restoration and we have been working on finding fabrics and trims for multiple upholstery projects in the Music Room, Round Room and Reception Room. The Breakfast Room curtains are being custom printed by Design2Print in NYC. This is the same company that printed the Master Bedroom.

Curtains. We received the final proof and are about to move forward with the full order. I am working on requesting some custom trims to be created by Kravets who has done a lot of work for us in the past for the Breakfast Room, Billiard Room, F.A.'s Office and the Round Room. Cindy Bruning is part of the restoration process reupholstering 6 chairs.

Kim, Chloe, Barb and Roberta are already working on DTH for this year and we have started thinking about projects for the 2019 season.

GARDEN: (Michelle Blondell/Pam Kotsalieff) Pam reported that the Annual Plant Sale will be held on May 18, 2018 (for members only) and May 19th & 20th for the public.

GILDE: (Barb Vargo) No Report

MOLLY'S STORE: (Barb VanFosson) Barb said that Molly's opened for the season on a very cold April 3, 2018 with about 15 or 20 customers. They have lots of new jackets and hats. She said that it looks very "spring-like" in Molly's and to come and check out the new items in the store. Barb stated that the Plant Sale is scheduled for May 18th for members and May 19th and 20th for the public. No flowers will be sold until 10:00 a.m. as we will be unable to set aside plants for early buyers.

STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES

FRIENDS: (Hugh West) No Report

PARLIAMENTARY ADVISOR: (Janet Caudill) absent - no report.

NEW BUSINESS: It was announced that Vintage Finds would be selling hats which are located on the table at the back of the room in case anyone needs a hat for our next meeting. JoAnn Schlue introduced her guest for today and announced that she has filled out the application to become a Provisional.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Executive Board Meeting: Monday, May 21, 2018 at 11:15 at Papa Joe's.

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, May 23, 2018 in the Carriage House Auditorium. Refreshments at 9:30 – Meeting at 10:00. The speaker will be Michelle Mills AB Archivist – Topic: A Year in Review Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers as well as the introduction of the provisionals.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

BE SURE TO LOOK AT THE BY-LAW REVISIONS THAT WE WILL BE VOTING ON AT NEXT WEEK'S GENERAL MEETING. THEY WERE INCLUDED AS A SEPARATE (SECOND) ATTACHMENT WITH THIS E-MAIL.

HAVE AN ENJOYABLE AND WONDERFUL SUMMER!

