



AB TIMES

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

MAY 2020

AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, June 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m. Virtual Meeting to be conducted by conference call or a similar method. Contact Elise Bennett at 330-808-3050 if you cannot attend; more detail will be forthcoming.

AB GENERAL MEETING

There will be **NO** May Regular Meeting due to the current COVID-19 situation. We expect to meet next on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 for The Year in Review.

President's Message

Greetings friends!

I hope you are well and have been enjoying the changing of the season as it slowly unfolds. As for me I try to walk when the sun is shining and I was excited to see the first hummingbird at my feeder today.

Normally the May AB General Membership Meeting is when the new Provisional members are introduced, many of us wear hats to honor our club founders, and the incoming officers take the oath of office to begin their term at the conclusion of the meeting. This year however is anything but "normal".

As of this writing Stan Hywet has opened the grounds only and is carefully considering how to expand the museum & it's programs while following the latest recommendations. The guidelines are ever changing without much advance notice but always with the goal to keep everyone safe.

After discussions with members of the Executive Committee and in keeping with the mandate of Governor DeWine:

- **The AB Executive Board Meeting scheduled for May 19th has been postponed until Monday June 15th.**
- **The AB General Membership Meeting scheduled for May 27th has been postponed until Wednesday, June 24th.**

We are hoping/planning to meet on June 15th and June 24th at Stan Hywet while maintaining social distancing. If there is a possibility to offer an electronic feed for those who choose to “attend” the meeting virtually we will let you know. More details for both meetings will be sent in the June newsletter and separately to Executive Board members.

There is a questionnaire attached to this AB Times Newsletter we would like each member to complete and return to Susie Wallace by May 30th. Your information will assist Susie as she steps into the roll of President. Thank you in advance for taking time to complete the questionnaire and returning it to Susie.

We learned in January that Gailmarie Fort is retiring this month as Vice President of Outreach & Communications at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. Her last day is Friday, May 22nd. The AB will send a note to her wishing her all the best in her retirement and I invite you to do the same if you desire. We also have a gift to share with her in gratitude for all she has done to benefit the Estate.

I’m looking forward to seeing all of you, welcoming our new Provisional Members, wearing my hat and turning over the gavel to Susie in June. If you are not already following the Auxiliary Board of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens on Facebook you may want to do so.

Fondly,

Elise

VICE PRESIDENT

Our May 27, 2020 meeting will not take place due to the current COVID-19 situation. The March and April programs will be shifted to fall 2020 if possible. We expect to meet on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 to hear The Year in Review presented by AB Archivist, Dianne Kauffman. More details and information will be forthcoming. Please plan for the June meeting to be longer than usual to accommodate important AB business items that have been delayed or postponed due to the extended closure.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

A sympathy card was sent to the family of former AB member Eleanor Wiedie. Helyn Docs has a new email address helyn.k.docs@gmail.com. Please continue to keep me informed of changes in address, email, etc. Also please let me know of any members who should be receiving get well, sympathy cards , etc.

This year there will be a June AB Times. The deadline for articles is Sunday, May 31, 2020.

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The Craft Committee members have been working on items for Ohio Mart at home. We generally meet Wednesday mornings at Ebe House. We miss visiting with our Stan Hywet friends. Eleven of the fifteen crafters are also Auxiliary Board Members. Craft Committee's unique items are made from donated materials. Here is partial list of items we are currently in need of: Santa Clause glasses, ¼" elastic, general cotton fabrics including any holiday prints/colors, interfacing, all purpose sewing thread (use a lot of black and off-white), hand sewing needles, feather boas, artificial creatures (bats, bugs, spiders, etc) used for embellishment. ETC., ETC. Also in need of tiered display stands and other display props.

**Several crafters are also making face masks for charities, homeless, healthcare workers, etc.

We will make face masks for our fellow Stan Hywet Auxiliary Board members. The mask is basic pleated style with over the ear elastic bands and is washable/reusable. These will be **free of charge** and **only** for an AB Members' household. Place your order via email to fmdaniels@sbcglobal.net . Pick up details will be sent when order received.**



The AB Executive Board would like to extend a big thank you to the Crafts Committee for offering their time, immense talent, and treasure to ensure that our AB members have access to face masks. We are grateful for all you do and appreciate how you continue in the Seiberling Spirit of community support. Many will be reminded of the sewing kits that Gertrude, Irene, and countless other Akron women created in spring and summer of 1917 in support of the Belgium Relief Sewing Organization which provided clothing to children in Europe impacted by the war. If you would like to make a small donation when you receive your mask, that money will support Crafts and their work for Ohio Mart. Thank you again