



AB TIMES
NEWSLETTER OF THE AUXILIARY BOARD OF
STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS, INC.
SEPTEMBER 2018

AB EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Wolle Building Conference Room. If unable to attend, please call Elise Bennett at 330-808-3050.

AB GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018. Carriage House, Social at 9:30 a.m., Program at 10:00 a.m. The Oxford Group presented by Charles Steiner.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is an honor to serve as President of the Auxiliary Board with so many talented and dedicated members. As we head into Ohio Mart, the excitement builds and final committee preparations are underway. This is the 52nd Ohio Mart. Fifty-second! Often, I hear Ohio Mart called a "storied event" or a family/girlfriend tradition. Not only is Ohio Mart important to Stan Hywet but also to the Akron regional area and so many individuals who 'wouldn't miss it'. Our members carry the torch lit so many years ago by those who would not let Stan Hywet fall to the wrecking ball. We have the opportunity to once again make a significant contribution to support Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens through Ohio Mart.

If you are not already committed, be sure to volunteer for a shift or two, donate to the Bakery, Ex Libras, or Vintage Finds, become a Patron, shop and support our Exhibitors or do it all!! It's always fun to see fellow members throughout the four days of Mart.

Our friendly rivalry continues between the staff and the volunteers to see which event will raise more money, the Gala or Ohio Mart. I'm visualizing sunshine and I know we will all be there doing what needs done and keeping the torch burning. I hope you have fun being part of the event and giving back to Stan Hywet and our community in such a meaningful way. See you at Mart!

Elise Bennett, President

VICE PRESIDENT

Please join us on September 26, 2018 as we learn more about *The Oxford Group* which was central to the development of Alcoholics Anonymous. AB Provisional and long-time Stan Hywet volunteer, Charles Steiner, will share with us the background and tenants of this Christian organization that enabled Bob W. to develop the twelve-step approach to sobriety. Guests are always welcome!

Susie Wallace, Vice President

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

A sympathy card was sent to Karen Jones upon the death of her husband and Maude Griffith received a thinking of you card. The correct e-mail address for **Linda Hecker** in the directory should be lhhecker@gmail.com. The deadline for the October AB Times is **September 30, 2018**.

Phyllis Woodrum, Corresponding Secretary

OHIO MART '18

We are just one calendar page away from Ohio Mart '18. At the September AB Meeting, OM Committee Chairs will pick up their OM envelope. It will contain:

- a badge for the chair and co-chair and a volunteer sign-in sheet ONLY to be used if the individual was very stealth and made it to your area without signing in upon entering the grounds
- a new volunteer release form; again ONLY if a NEW (to Stan Hywet) volunteer has NOT signed this form
- an Ohio Mart Volunteer Badge in case a volunteer arrives without a name tag or badge. Please collect this badge when the individual leaves.
- a laminated phone list with the reverse side containing information about Ohio Mart, facility locations, events, etc.

IF THE CHAIR OR CO-CHAIR IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER MEETING, PLEASE LET DIANNE KNOW.

Dianne Kauffman, Ohio Mart '18 Chair

THE BAKERY TENT WOULD LIKE YOUR SUPPORT

As we begin to reap the fruits from our gardens this month, the Bakery Tent awaits the fruits of your labor. Last year we hit our highest numbers in sales and much is attributed to the AB members' patronage and we are deeply grateful.

This year some of the bakery product prices have increased, we are not passing these costs on to the consumer. Bakery also does not ask for cash donations but we ask that you come to our tent to buy some of our delicious goodies. Back by popular demand we will have: Apple Fritters, Apple and Cherry Turnovers, Cinnamon Buns, Blueberry and Cranberry Scones, Lemon Bars, Pecan Pie Bars, and Decorated Sugar Cookies.

For those of you who donate these wonderful baked goods, all items must have the ingredients attached; otherwise, we cannot sell it. An attractive bow or ribbon is also a nice added touch.

Kathy Henson, Bakery Chair

VINTAGE FINDS

Are you tired of your old furniture? Now is the time to act! Donate to Vintage Finds and Curious Goods. Two Men and A Truck will pick up your furniture and large items September 28th. Leave a message on the Vintage Finds voicemail (330-315-3245) by September 19th so you are on their list. Include your name, the item(s), your address, and your telephone (cell) number. It's as easy as that. Now, go shopping!

Michele Pringle, Vintage Finds Team Member

JENNIFER MCDOWELL, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS

If you have ever been to a public program on the Estate, you've seen Jennifer McDowell in her position as Director of Public Programs. She's always there, always busy, and always ready to lend a helping hand. Many of us can attest to that, especially during Ohio Mart.

Jennifer has always worked for non-profit organizations. Before coming to Stan Hywet in 2016, she worked for the Cleveland Botanical Gardens and the Great Lakes Science Center. She was even on "Kickin' It with Kenny" dazzling everyone and earning the name "Miss Wizzie" from Kenny Krumpton!

Jennifer grew up in North Olmstead and attended Notre Dame where she played clarinet and alto sax in the marching band. She was also a member of the All Ohio State Fair Band for 4 years. She must have loved it because she's been involved with the Band for the last 25 years.. She spends her two-week vacation at the fair with 200 high school students from across the state. She no longer plays, but takes care of the students when they're not performing. Although her official title is "operations staff", she's more like band camp "mom."

Jennifer is a member of the National Association for Interpretation which includes parks, museums, zoos, and historic estates. She earned her Certified Interpretive Guide classification in 2010. She is currently the Deputy Director for the Great Lakes Region which encompasses Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Ontario, Canada. In this position her duties are to plan and implement annual workshops and professional development.

Jennifer has been married to her husband, Andy, for 11 years and as she says, "We must be gluttons for non-profits." because Andy works for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. They have two children, Ashley, 10 and Duncan, 7. They're a 4-H family! Ashley exhibited her pet cavy at the Lorain County Fair and won and Duncan isn't far behind. It's a good thing the family lives on three acres because they also have their beloved dog, Sadie, two cats, two parrots, one over 30 years old, aquariums, and are hoping to soon have chickens!

In her free time, which she admits she doesn't have much of, she likes to go camping at state parks with her family and Sadie. Andy is a great campfire chef! They like to hike, bike, canoe, and horseback trail ride. If they can't go anywhere, they actually camp out back behind their barn where a sign reads "McDowell's Outback Camp."

Maybe Jennifer likes the contrast between camping accommodations and those of the Manor House-- I don't know, I just know we all have reason to be glad she's here! So when you see her, thank her for all she does for Stan Hywet and most especially for us!

Interviewed by Millie Telford, Program Committee

STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, INC. AUXILIARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 22, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: President Elise Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:03. Elise welcomed members and guests and reminded everyone to silence their cell phones.

PROGRAM: Vice President Susie Gabel Wallace introduced speaker Emma Rinear, Volunteer Coordinator SHH&G, whose topic was Stories from the Seiberling Farm.

On September 26, 2018, we will learn more about The Oxford Group in a presentation given by our own Charles Steiner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting were approved at the June Executive Board Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joann Wallace gave the following report: June Beginning Balance \$3015.52; Income \$80; Expenses \$0.00; Ending Balance \$3,095.52; Memorial Fund Balance \$1,883.82

July Beginning Balance:\$3,092.52; Income \$0.00; Expenses \$999.83; Ending Balance \$2,095.69; Memorial Fund Balance \$1,883.82

Joann reported the following: The following changes should be made to the Executive Board Minutes dated April 16, 2018 and to the General Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2018:

- Treasurer Report ending March 31 should reflect a beginning balance of \$2,982.00 and an ending balance of \$3,152.15. Both income and expense figures are correct.

The following changes should be made to the Executive Board Minutes dated May 21, 2018 and to the General Minutes of May 23, 2018

- Treasurer Report ending April 30 should reflect a beginning balance of \$3,152.15 and an ending balance of \$3,090.02. Both income and expenses are correct.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Phyllis Woodrum reported that directories were mailed to all AB members on August 7, 2018. If you did not receive your directory, please contact Phyllis. Phyllis also noted that Provisionals had not received their directory binders and that they would be provided by the next General Board meeting. A sympathy card was sent to Margarete Boschert upon the death of her husband. Jan Nelson has a new mailing address: 465 College Street, Wadsworth, OH 44281. Please be sure to update your directory with her new address.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Mary Kay Danckaert reported the following attendance for the meeting: Active Members 64; Sustaining Members 6; Provisionals 8; Guests 6; Total Present 84

Provisional Members were once again introduced to the Membership: **Carol Brockenbrough, John Mills, Eva Nicodemus, Nancy Stanforth, Kenneth Nilsestuen, Charles Steiner, Lee Myer, Jackie Sonderman, Regina Kent, and Linda Hecker.**

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Helyn Docs - No Report

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES: Michele Mills - No Report

CRAFTS: Wilma Hardman – No Report

FINANCE: Kathy DeBarr – No Report

HOSPITALITY: Barb Wulff introduced the Host/Hostess for this meeting, Michele and John Mills.

John Mills, a member of the 2018 Provisional Class, was born in Toronto Canada where he grew up enjoying hockey, track and field, and baseball. He also had a paper route for many years to support his violin studies, which he had to abandon when he entered the Chemical Engineering program at the University of Toronto. He earned his PhD in Chemical Engineering at the University of Toronto, and later an MBA at the University of Waterloo. He worked in the polymer industry for 35 years, first for the Polysar Corporation (Sarnia, ON) starting in Research and Development. His research experience included specialty nitrile rubbers which are used in the space shuttle o-ring, auto timing belts and transmission seals. This expertise was especially valuable because he became a “PhD Bubble Gum”, developing new materials for gum which took him to many countries including Turkey, Japan, South Korea, Germany, France—wherever Wrigley’s was located.

Later, John’s management experience included marketing, global business, and strategic planning. Polysar was eventually acquired by the Bayer Corporation (in addition to making aspirin, Bayer is a major supplier of polymer products), and Bayer moved the headquarters to Akron, Ohio, in 1993 in order to be closer to the rubber production companies here. John applied for his green card immediately and was finally granted US citizenship in 2002, nine years later. He remains happily located in Akron where he chose to retire.

John's passions in life are his wife Michele—who he met and married in 2005, his adult children and grandchildren, and traveling both stateside and abroad. John appreciates the breath-taking beauty of nature, music, and the virtuosity and creativity of historic paintings, sculptures and works of art. But most of all he appreciates his friends and family. When he is not working on Adopt-a-Plot E-2, he enjoys gardening at home, walking and reading. Also, while he was Michele's groom in 2005, he has since proved an excellent "groom" for her horse, Slider.

During his work career, John had already been attracted to Stan Hywet during visits to the estate for celebrations related to his work for Bayer. He was smitten then by the unique architecture and historical interior décor of the manor house, as well as the life-style of the Seiberlings. More recently, John was attracted to Stan Hywet by his wife, Michele's, volunteer activities, assisting Michele in the Great Garden as well as volunteering for the Ohio Mart in 2017. He became an AB Provisional in 2018 in order to train for the position of Assistant Treasurer of Ohio Mart.

Michele Mills grew up in the Cuyahoga Falls area and as a young person enjoyed many outdoor activities. After a family visit to Shenandoah National Park, she wanted to become a park ranger for a long time. However, Michele has enjoyed a wonderful career as a student, teacher, and academic advisor with the University of Akron School of Music since 1988. She retired in 2012 and fully retired in 2015. She is an accomplished pianist having performed with the Ohio Ballet, U of A Dance Company, playing pieces by Chopin, Bernstein and Listz to name a few. At present, she is restoring her Steinway baby grand. She hopes to do some private adult piano tutoring.

Michele horseback rides two to three times a week. She also enjoys walking in the morning with her husband John. She loves bird watching, travel, Sudoku and is active on several committees at her church. She currently has an adopt-a-plot in the Great Garden and has joined the wonderful garden committee.

MEMBERSHIP: Barb McDonald – No Report

NOMINATING: Elise Bennett reported that there needs to be an election of one member to serve one year. An election took place at the August 22, 2018 meeting and JoAnn Schlue was elected to fill this position. A meeting of the Nominating Committee (Helyn Docs, Nora Kelly, Kristy Steeves, Millie Telford and JoAnn Schlue) will be held following this meeting.

OHIO MART: Dianne Kauffman, Chair, reported that everyone is continuing to work very hard and that we are nearly ready to go. The Wrap-Up Luncheon will be held on November 7th in the Carriage House.

- Vintage Finds reported that they have received many beautiful items for this year's Ohio Mart. Two Men and a Truck will be available to pick up items from September 28th through October 1st.
- Early Bird Specials in Vintage Finds will be held between 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 4
- Ex Libris reminded members that if the member cannot lift their items, the Ex Libris Committee members will be unable to lift them either. Items can be dropped off following the September AB General Meeting.

PROPERTIES: Roberta Searle – No Report

PUBLICITY: Char Bolek – No Report – Millie Telford did remind everyone that there are Ohio Mart rack cards on the table in the back so please take some and distribute them.

REVIEW/ PLANNING: Millie Telford – No Report

VOLUNTEERS: Char Bolek – Char reminded everyone to turn in their hours more frequently. She also reported that Ohio Mart is still in need of volunteers, especially on Saturday and Sunday and asked that people split up where they work.

YEARBOOK/BYLAWS: Joanne Karm – No Report

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

COLLECTIONS: Cindy Bruning gave the following report:

- This past month we have been moving forward on restoration projects, such as: Cindy Bruning has been working to reupholster several chairs in the Reception Room and Music Room.
- The curtains are starting to arrive in the Music Room. We hung the new velvet stage curtains on the north side of the room
- The final stage of restoration work on the Pewabic Foundation has started. It should be completed in 6 to 8 weeks depending on drying time. The Music Room, Round Room, West Porch and Reception Room/Linen Fold Hallway are all on track to be revealed this fall.
- Kim and Chloe are working hard on DTH projects with the help of a few of our dedicated Collections Volunteers. Chloe has also been working on finishing up the complete house inventory which she started in the winter. We have an intern in Collections right now. Ashley is working with Chloe on inventory and is assisting with the inventory of early Foundation records.

GARDEN: Pam Kotsalieff reported that they could use some more containers for their arrangements. They can be dropped off in Admissions or at the Ebe House on Monday and Thursday Mornings.

GILDE: Barb Vargo reported that the next Gilde Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the program at 7:00 p.m.. in the Carriage House Auditorium. The program will be Tom McKenzie (Tour Coordinator) and Julie Frye (Curator of the Museum). Their topic will be “Future Interpretations and Plans for the Manor House Museum”.

CARRIAGE HOUSE STORE (MOLLY’S): Barb Van Fosson gave the following report:

- Fall and Christmas merchandise is arriving just in time for Ohio Mart.
- Ladies’ wear and some handbags (spring and summer) are now 50% off.
- Mark your calendars for September 20, 2018 from 6-10 p.m. as Molly’s Boutique returns with unique fashions from top designers and brands such as: Aratla, Samuel Long, Jane & John Que and many others. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. All guests will receive 10% off their purchase of \$300.
- Outside merchandise will go on sale next week.

STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES

FRIENDS COUNCIL: Elise Bennett presented the following report:

- Planning continues on the Infrastructure of the Campus Improvement Project with a goal to have plans from the City approved by October to have extra 50 spaces in the lower lot ready by Deck the Hall.
- The Board of Winchester Mansion in California is coming August 30th for a planning session and to experience LIGHTNIGHTS. They visit a different place each year.
- CEO Sean Joyce is on the Planning Committee for OHIO MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION. Their conference will be in Akron next year with some activities taking place at SHH&G. About 300 will attend.
- Volunteers are needed especially for weekend Manor House Interpreters. The Fun Picnic, Staff & Volunteer Awards is Monday August 27th. **Congratulations to 10,000 Hour recipients Roberta Searle and Barb Vargo and to 15,000 Hour recipient Margarete Boschert... and to all who will be receiving awards for service.**
- Emma reminded all that if you have new members join your committee, please let her know so she can be sure they are properly added to the system.

PARLIAMENTARY ADVISOR: Janet Caudill – No Report

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Hugh West – No Report

NEW BUSINESS: Elise Bennett reported the following:

The Auxiliary Board of Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens (AB) is the recipient of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Northeast Ohio (AFPNEO) Chapter's 2018 National Philanthropy Day Fundraiser of the Year Award. The AB was nominated for this award by AFPNEO member Daniel Blakemore, CFRE, on behalf of Stan Hywet's development team. Stan Hywet AB has contributed more than \$5,000,000 and over 1.4 million volunteer hours. A luncheon will be held on November 2, 2018 at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn where AB President Elise Bennett and Vice President Susie Wallace will accept the award. **Any AB members who wish to attend the luncheon should RSVP to Joann Wallace, 2545 Rush Road, Norton, OH 44203 along with your check for \$50 per person. Reservations are due to Joann by October 7, 2018.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Executive Board Meeting, Monday, September 17, 2018, 9:30 Wolle Bldg.
- Next General Meeting, September 26, 2018, Coffee 9:30 a.m., Business Meeting 10:00 a.m., Carriage House – Program Charles Steiner, Topic – The Oxford Group

ADJOURNMENT: 11:23 a.m.

Mary Ann Stuyvesant, Recording Secretary