

AB Times

AUXILIARY BOARD

of STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS

SEPTEMBER 2020

Executive Board Meeting

9/14 Zoom Conference Call 9:30 a. m.

AB General Meeting

9/23 Manor House Reception Hall

Meeting to start at 10:00am. No refreshments. Please plan to arrive between 9:30 and 10:00. Please wear your own mask and bring pen/pencil if you want to take notes. Attendance will be capped at 60 people, so everyone must rsvp to Jane Delcamp. You may call or text Jane at 330-571-5873 or email her at jedelcamp@att.net. We will offer a virtual option as well.

Speakers are Susie Wallace & Nancy Stanforth and the topic is:

1920s Fashion in the Rubber City.

We will send a confirmation email a week prior to the meetings.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Teri Woodruff, Vice President

Corresponding Secretary

Please keep me informed of any member who should be receiving get well cards, sympathy, etc. Also please keep me informed of change of address, phone, etc.

Mary Kay Danckaert, 330-836-2637, kay66@aol.com

President's Message

Dear Auxiliary Board Members,

It was so nice to “see” so many of you for our August Regular meeting where a rare rainstorm surprised us and unfortunately impacted our live stream. Thank you to everyone for their patience. It was wonderful to hear about the garden art installation and new plants in the gardens.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic and out of an abundance of caution for our AB members, volunteers, and SHH&G staff, Ohio Mart 2020 is cancelled. We look forward to planning and executing Ohio Mart 2021. A huge thank you to Chair Darby Ashelman, Vice Chair Amy Prather, and Treasurer Joann Wallace as well as the entire Steering Committee. The decision to cancel the 54th annual event was made on August 19, 2020 and published in the Akron Beacon Journal on August 30, 2020 on page A2.

The good news is that there are still many ways to support and to thank our artisans and vendors. We will be featuring artisans and vendors on our AB Facebook page. Stan Hywet also created a list to easily shop online from your favorite artisans.

A plaque recognizing the ongoing contributions of the AB to Stan Hywet has been hung at the entrance of the Manor House! Be sure to check it out when you visit next! We are grateful to Stan Hywet for this honor.

Join me in congratulating the following AB members who received volunteer awards on August 31, 2020 at a special drive-thru awards procession:

100-hour award: Fran Cheek, Rachele Coleman, Eva Nicodemus, Jackie Sonderman, Jason Woodruff

250-hour award: Denise Abood, Janice Fisher, Michele Fletcher, Regina Kane, John Mills, Alice Mull, Ken Nilsestuen

500-hour award: Michelle Blondel, Alain Wulff

1000-hour award: Char Bolek, Gretchen Gibson, Lee Meyer, Susie Nolte, Nancy Stanforth, Lisa Vierling, Phyllis Woodrum, Barb Wulff

1500-hour award: Lynne Foradori, Linda Hecker, Kathy Henson, JoAnn Schlue, Carol Seiberling, Rae Welker

2500-hour award: Sandra Hollis, Pat Nilsestuen

3000-hour award: Elise Bennett, Suzanne Hasenstab, Sandra Hollis, Michele Pringle

3500-hour award: Mary Rywalski, Susie Wallace

5000-hour award: Dianne Kauffman, Madeine Milford

7500-hour award: Gary Vargo

With kind regards,

Susie Gaebel Wallace , President , Auxiliary Board of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc.

The plaque recognizing the contributions of The Auxiliary Board to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc.



Vintage Finds Donations Due By November 1st

Vintage Finds will be accepting donations until the first of November for this year. Just bag or box the items, label it Vintage Finds, and take it to Admissions. Make sure you write your name and address on a slip of paper. If you prefer to drop it off at the Ebe House, please call Gretchen Gibson at (330-819-7078) or Michele Pringle at (330-869-0085) to set up a day and time. Vintage Finds starts back February 1st to prepare for the Ohio Mart 2021. We are grateful for all the donations you have given us this past year.

Please continue to stay safe and we are so looking forward to next year's Ohio Mart.

Michele Pringle
Co-Chair of Vintage Finds

STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS, INC. AUXILIARY BOARD

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 26, 2019 – Carriage House Tent & via Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER: President Susie Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. She reminded members to silence their cell phones.

PROGRAM: SHHG Grounds Manager Shelley Funai gave a presentation on “Garden Art Installations,” highlighting how she created her sculptures. She also spoke about the new perennials and annuals in the gardens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Executive Board approved the minutes of the June, 2020, General Meeting at the August Executive Board Meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT: (Amy Prather) For the period ending July 31, 2020: Beginning balance \$3502.82; Expenses \$282.00 (Postage \$1.00, Printing & Promo \$281.00); Ending balance \$3220.82. Memorial Fund: \$2533.82.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: (Mary Kay Danckaert) A sympathy card was sent to the family of deceased member Rae Welker. A sympathy card was sent to Mary Ann Stuyvesant for death of family members. There is a slight change in address for Cindy Wolcott: 73 E. Avenue, Apt 102, Tallmadge, OH 44278. A thank you card was received from Elise Bennett, outgoing AB President, for her farewell gift from the Executive Board. A sympathy card was sent to the family of deceased member Linda Misanko. A thank you note was received from Gailmarie Fort for her retirement gift from AB. A get well card was sent to Bruce Greer. Please keep me informed of members who should be receiving get well, sympathy and other cards. Keep us up to date on changes in address, email, and phone numbers.

The deadline for the September AB Times is Monday, August 31, 2020.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: (Jane Delcamp) 46 people attended the meeting in person (42 Actives, and 4 Provisionals.) Other members were able to attend via teleconference.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: (Lee Meyer) We have 468 paid members: 112 Active, 8 Provisional, and 348 Sustaining members.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES: (Dianne Kauffman) Dianne presented a “Moment in Time” from the Archives, reading from the minutes of the April 26, 1998, WAB meeting. The program that day was “Women in (local) History”, plans were being made for a 2-day “May Mart,” Ohio Shakespeare Festival would be presenting “The Merry Wives of Windsor” in the summer, and the Wolle Building was scheduled for completion in July. And regrettably, commercially made rather than home-made Buckeyes would have to be sold at Ohio Mart because a Buckeyes committee chair could not be found.

CRAFTS: (Nancy Daniels): Committee members are meeting in small groups to sort and reorganize supplies and work areas in our Ebe House meeting area. At a later date, we will set a work schedule to start creating new items for Ohio Mart 2021 to add to items already created for 2020.

FINANCE: (Amy Prather) No Report.

HOSPITALITY: (Barb Wulff) No report.

MEMBERSHIP: (Ken Nilsestuen) Four Provisionals are here in person today. We have an application for a new 2021-2022 member.

NOMINATING: (Jason Woodruff) No report.

OHIO MART: (Darby Ashelman) Ohio Mart 2020 Recap:

- March – Held our Steering Committee Meeting in the Manor House Reception Hall. Extended the application deadline for the Exhibitors to 4/31 from 3/31.
- April 13 – I sent out an Ohio Mart Newsletter to Committee Chairs and staff. We were still on plan; we changed exhibitor fee due date to 30 days after acceptance. The new Food Vendor contracts were out but the deposit due date was moved from 6/1 to 7/15. Other committees working hard.
- May 20 Steering Committee Meeting held via Zoom. We eliminated ordering the rack cards normally sent to Exhibitors since so many shows were cancelled. Ohio Mart was still on plan; this was the beginning of staged reopening of the State and we were waiting to see how things unfolded. Sean asked all Committee Chairs how we could hold OM if the current restrictions were in place and so the Chairs began to look at changing traffic patterns, revising tent set-ups and controlling the number of people in an area.
- June 12 - the jurying of Exhibitors was complete and a letter sent with the due date for payment set for 15 days after notification to eliminate the need for refunds.
- June 14 – SH reopened. I sent the second OM newsletter and we set up an interim July 22 Steering Committee meeting
- June 26 – Vintage Finds was back in business, accepting donations.
- July 10 - Food vendor deposit date moved to 8/15.
- July 12 – the 7/22 Steering Committee meeting was changed to a zoom meeting with these questions for the Committee Chairs:
 - What are the obstacles going forward for you?
 - Can you identify a go/no go point at which we must have a decision about Ohio Mart? Examples might be when we have to commit funds, place orders, contact others, and so forth.
 - What is the feeling of the volunteers you normally work with? Do they seem comfortable working Ohio Mart?
 - What else do you need from the committee or staff to move forward with your planning?
- July 16 – Susie and I met with staff with the following agenda:

The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the 7/22 Ohio Mart Steering Committee Meeting. Agenda items include:

 - What factors go into determining the viability of different events at Stan Hywet and how does this apply to Ohio Mart? What indicators will point to a decision?
 - What do we stand in preparation for Ohio Mart at this point?
 - What areas/committees of Ohio Mart raise special concerns?
AB sales points (Vintage Finds, Ex Libris, Crafts, Garden Committee)
Food packaging and food lines
Bussing of volunteers and guests
 - Identification of go/no-go point; particularly related to expenses and purchases
 - Volunteer safety and volunteer availability
 - Alternatives to Ohio Mart?
- July 22 – Steering Committee Meeting; much of above was discussed by Sean. Meeting ran 3 hours with Sean taking all questions from the floor. At that point we had determined we would not have Vintage Finds or Ex Libris. We established a go/no-go deadline of 8/19 as that is when we would have to start spending money. Subsequent to the meeting, Gingerbread determined insufficient volunteers; The Needlework Guild determined they would not participate this year; and later, Crafts and Garden came to the same conclusion.

- August 3 – AB Times sent out with a one question survey about supporting Ohio Mart. Results were primarily no.
- August 6 – Susie and I met with Sean to discuss survey results and lack of support from volunteers to move forward. We drafted a letter with the results from the survey and where we stood at that point in the process that was sent out the next day. The Food Vendor deposit dates were moved again.
- August 18 – The event was cancelled by Stan Hywet.
- August 19 – The Steering Committee Meeting was held via Zoom; Sean presented the results and answered questions and we reviewed the undoing of items (tent contracts, letters to exhibitors and food vendors) related to the event.

Thanks to all Committee Chairs who worked so hard on all of this.

Currently we are trying to provide support for all associated with the event. These things include listing exhibitors and their web sites (if they want) on the Stan Hywet web page and including these thanks and listings and links on the AB Facebook page. Susie will be doing this until after the Ohio Mart date and has included the Exhibitors, Junior League, the Food Vendors, AB Tents and Rentals, the Bakery Providers. If there are any others that should be included, please email her with that information.

Vintage Finds: Gretchen Gibson announced that they are continuing to accept items, except for furniture, up until November 1st. Contact Gretchen or Michele Pringle if you have items to donate.

Patrons: A letter may be sent to AB members asking for monetary donations in recognition of Ohio Mart. Susie Wallace presented Darby with a floral bouquet in gratitude for her leadership as Ohio Mart Chair.

PROGRAMS: (Teri Wodruff) Nancy Stanforth and Susie Wallace will speak on the topic “1920’s Fashion in the Rubber City.”

PROPERTIES: (Roberta Searle) The Ohio Mart trailer is in fair condition at this time. Our properties are intact, and awaiting the coming transfer to a new facility whenever Stan Hywet completes that planned project. The trailer is secure until that happens.

PUBLICITY: (Char Bolek) No Report.

REVIEW/PLANNING: (Millie Telford) Review and Planning met on Aug. 6 to discuss items presented to us for review.

- The first item was to eliminate the position of Properties Chair as suggested by the current chair, Roberta Searle. Roberta informed us that the position has changed dramatically and now basically encompasses only materials relating to OM. It was determined, however, that it is necessary to keep the position until the new building replacing Ebe House is completed. This way we can be sure that all our things are moved and accounted for. Once the move has taken place, we can revisit the proposal.
- The next item related to Sustaining Members and their contribution and support of AB fund-raising projects. It was suggested that Sustainers make required monetary contributions in lieu of volunteer hours at OM or work actual hours. The committee recommends that this proposal be dismissed.
- The last item we reviewed dealt with the situation we now find ourselves in: electronic meetings. Our bylaws state that all meetings must be held in person, but that's not always possible. We recommend that Emergency Standing Rules be adopted stating that the Executive Committee will determine when an emergency is occurring, how meetings are conducted, notice of said meetings, voting procedures, and volunteer hourly requirement alterations.
- Of course, by adopting these rules, other bylaws will need to be adjusted to accommodate them. The committee recommends that all necessary bylaws be adjusted/changed/eliminated.

Our findings have been given to the Bylaws Committee.

VOLUNTEERS: (Char Bolek, reporting for Janet Caudill) This year, 39 AB members will be recognized for reaching milestones. There will be a drive-through rather than a meeting for the honorees. Congratulations to Gary Vargo for achieving 7,500 volunteer hours. Remember to send your off-site volunteer hours to Emma Rainear, preferably on a monthly basis.

YEARBOOK/BY-LAWS: (Joanne Karm)

The membership will vote on proposed bylaw changes at the September General Meeting. The proposed changes will be published in the September AB Times.

On behalf of the Yearbook/By-Laws Committee, Joanne Karm proposed the following addition to the Standing Rules:

Standing Rules Revision - Page B New Section D Emergency Bylaws

When an emergency is declared by a two-thirds vote of the AB Executive Committee, the following emergency actions may be taken:

1. The time and date of meetings may be cancelled, postponed, or changed to any other date.
2. Regular or special meetings may be conducted using any means of communication by which all members participating in the meeting can hear each other simultaneously during the meeting. A member participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person.
3. Notice of meetings may be given by email or by telephone at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
4. Voting, to include ballot votes, may be done electronically.
5. The required number of volunteer hours for the year may be suspended or revised.

These emergency bylaws are suspended by a two-thirds vote of the AB Executive Committee. They may be reactivated in the event of another emergency.

The new Standing Rule was adopted by voice approval, with no opposition.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: (Elise Bennett) No report.

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEES

COLLECTIONS: (Cindy Bruning)

- We have a new member on the Collections Team. Madalyn Staudt started on 6/22 as a Collections Technician. Her main priority is cleaning the museum and objects but she will also be involved with Collections projects. She graduated in April from Walsh University with a BA in Museum Studies and History. She did a one year internship with the National First Ladies Library in Canton where she did a lot of work repairing and stabilizing historic dresses. She has also been playing the harp for 18 years and one of her first projects will be re-stringing the harp in the Music Room!
- The "Cloud Collar" is back from ICA and has been reinstalled in the Solarium. We've learned that we have been incorrectly calling it a cloud collar when it is actually a fragment of a Chinese robe. It has been stabilized and attached to a more stable backing.
- We also brought back from ICA the following objects: The Linenfold Hallway torchieres (they sit near the entrance to the Great Hall), the desk lamp shade in FA's office, Gertrude's French chair from the Music Room (it still needs to be reupholstered but is in the Music Room behind the piano), the barrel stool from the Cromwell Room, and the Billiard Room lampshades (above the pool table).

The Gate Lodge exhibit is complete except for a tapestry wingback chair which will be placed in the office in the next few days, and the small settee that we are working on.

GARDEN: (Pam Kotsalief) Although the 2020 Ohio Mart has been cancelled, the Garden Committee has been working toward Ohio Mart 2021. We have cut many flowers from the Great Garden that we know are long-lasting, including peonies, globes, German statice, and yarrow. These have been made into many lovely designs, which we've stored in the Ebe House attic. The Garden Committee has a great head start for next year's Ohio Mart.

GILDE: (Barb Vargo) No Report.

MOLLY'S SHOP: (Barb Van Fosson) New fall and Xmas items are arriving daily. Be sure to check out the preview area in Molly's for some Xmas ideas. Melanie and her crew will be transitioning Molly's into a Xmas wonderland over the next couple of weeks. Fall and winter fashions will be appearing as well. Purchases will be checked out in the café. Be on the lookout for Garden Committee arrangements, soon to be on display in the stable area of the café. All Garden items will go on sale on Sept. 28th. There will be a sale for Members in October.

STAN HYWET REPRESENTATIVES

FRIENDS: (Susie Wallace)

- Ohio Mart: Responses from volunteers and staff, and state requirements are being taken into consideration in the decision of whether to have Ohio Mart or a modified fall event this year. Our main concern is the health and safety of attendees, vendors, volunteers, and staff.
- Safety considerations for Deck the Hall and other events are also under review.
- Stan Hywet remains in a good position financially whereas other cultural events are really hurting.
- Shakespeare performances were sold out each night.
- The Goodyear Band concert was rescheduled to August 16th.
- 474 raffle tickets for an evening in the Music Room were sold; drawing was Aug. 21.
- The “Evening of Holiday Magic” has been re-worked; it will be held every Thursday and Friday in December.
- Stan Hywet will be switching to a new data base; this will affect tracking volunteer hours as well.
- The Annual FUN picnic was cancelled due to the pandemic; the volunteer awards event will be held as a drive-through this year on August 31st.
- The AB dedication plaque has arrived.
- Garden Tour have begun, twice daily at 11 am and 2 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Susie Wallace announced a few things are still being addressed in regards to Ohio Mart 2020.
- Nominations and voting on the 2020-2021 members of the Nominating Committee will be conducted at the September General Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Executive Board Meeting: **Monday, September 14, 2020**, at 9:30 am, format/location TBD.
- Next General Meeting: **Wednesday, September 23, 2020**, Manor House Reception Hall – 1920’s Fashion in the Rubber City. Meeting details to be issued later.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:38 am.

Kirklyn Kuzdrall, Recording Secretary