

Eggs-traordinary Egg Hunts at Stan Hywet

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It's just before Easter, when the Stan Hywet staff would be putting all the last-minute touches on our very popular **Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with Bunny & Friends** that we host the day before Easter. It's always a great event for families, and such a perfect way to welcome spring. But as we all know, it's a very different year, as we all stay safe and stay at home.

We will definitely miss hosting our many members and guests who join us for the tradition of this wonderful event. So much planning takes place in the off-season, and this year was no different. We were expecting 1,000 participants this year, so we had to prepare a lot of Easter Eggs! In February, Public Programs Assistant Linda Williams and our dedicated volunteers spent a busy 4 hours stuffing more than **4,000 colorful plastic eggs** to help us get ready. We'd planned on including several "eggs-tra" *golden eggs* for each of our three egg hunts, so more children would be able to find these coveted shiny eggs and redeem for additional small prizes.



Breakfast in the Manor House Reception Hall had sold out in record time, and the Easter Bunny and friends —including Mad Hatter, Mother Goose, Little Red Riding Hood, Little Miss Muffet, and Little Bo Peep — were looking forward to participating in all the activities with the kids.

Since we can't be together in person, we're sharing some history of past Easter egg hunts held by the Seiberling family. This is another wonderful reminder of the motto in the crest above the Manor House entryway – *Non Nobis Solum* (Not For Us Alone). There is also a GREAT photo from the roof of the Manor House during a recent Egg Hunt, and an activity to try at home. **Have fun!**



The Seiberling family hosted many egg hunts. This article from the April 13, 1933 edition of the Akron Beacon Journal describes how F.A. and Gertrude "planned special entertainment in the afternoon," hosting their grandchildren for an egg hunt following Easter dinner:

EIGHT AKRON BEACON JOURNAL THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1933

EVENTS AND COMMENT ON SOCIAL WORLD

F. A. Seiberlings Hold Egg Hunt For Children Sunday

Event To Follow Family Dinner Easter; F. E. Wolfe Arriving For Visit At William S. Wolfe Home; Entertain Chicago Visitors

By ETHEL MYERS
Women's Department Editor

FOLLOWING a custom in the F. A. Seiberling family, members will be together at Stan Hywet Hall for their Easter dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Seiberling are planning a special entertainment for their grandchildren in the afternoon. It is to take the form of an egg hunt.

Stan Hywet is to be the scene of two very large affairs the following week. Tuesday afternoon the Portnightly club of Cleveland is coming down for a musicale. The club has a very high rating as an active music organization and includes many prominent artists in this vicinity. Out-of-town members will give the entire program. Among them is Mrs. Seiberling's niece, Mrs. Karamagian Seiberling of Northfield, who plays in the string quartet.

Next event at the manor is the Tuesday Musical club benefit bridge tea on Friday afternoon for which 130 tables are to be in play.

THE William S. Wolfe are to have guests at their Ridge rd. home in Fairlawn upon the arrival of Mr. Wolfe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wolfe, from Pittsburgh, Pa., Saturday. They will remain for several weeks.

ENTERTAINED at dinner and bridge on Saturday night are the John S. Knights, 364 Merriman rd. Their guests will be members of a club, 14 in number, who meet occasionally during the season. Guests at the Knight home Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ford of Chicago, Ill. They stopped over for a short visit on route home after a holiday in Miami. They left Thursday morning. Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Ford are sisters.

MANY benefit party plans will be discussed and made Monday when the West side circle of First Presbyterian church meets at the guest house for an all-day session. Members will talk as they work on quilts for an all-day session.

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EMILY POST, RECIPES, PERSONAL MENTION

Women Of Shrine Club Prepare For Golf Season



WOMEN students of the evening session at Akron university will hold their first social event on the spring calendar Saturday afternoon, April 29 when 200 guests attended a bridge party in Women's league rooms on the campus.

Women faculty members of the evening session, as well as women students will be welcomed at the affair. Miss Ethel G. Gorch, president of the organization, will be assisted in welcoming guests by Miss Bonnie K. Haberman, secretary, and Miss Eunice Barnes, chairman of the committee arranging the party. Members of committees include: Messrs. Hill, Bradstreet, Madeline Piper, Beatrice Turner and Mrs. James Reed. Additional members of the committees will be appointed later.

Other events on the spring social calendar for the evening session will be the annual spring party for all evening students, friends and faculty to be held May 5. The Brynning Theater will present its annual spring play Saturday evening, April 22, at the Akron Jewish Center. A cast of 11 will present "One of the Family."

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Vignas have returned to Akron to make their home and are now living at 62 Hollys av. They have been in Cleveland for the last year.

Plan Evening Student Fete Of All Women

Akron University Group Holds First Spring Social Event

Social Calendar For Friday

Junior League gives first public performance of children's play, "Rainbow Road" at O'Brien's auditorium.

West Side circle of First Presbyterian church holds sample party at West Side parish house in evening.

Miss Mildred Hessel, Postcard Lark, reads at N. Moore, W. Bowers st.

Directs Easter Play After O.E.S. Meeting At Temple Saturday

MRS. KITTINGER MRS. SMITH MRS. MORSE MRS. GILL MRS. KAHN MRS. BEDELL

With the golf season about to start in real earnest, wives, sisters and daughters of Shrine club members have organized and will carry out a definite program during the spring and summer. Their activities will be centered around the Potomac club picnic course which Shriner's have taken over for the season. Mrs. A. J. Kittinger, Fairlawn Blvd. and Drexelton rd., Warren, is chairman of the women's group. Mrs. Hoyt O. Smith has charge of publicity; Mrs. H. H. Kuhn and Mrs. Carl E. Morse, prizes; Mrs. E. H. Gill, handicaps; Mrs. E. A.

Mary Keeney To Be Queen During Prom

John Carroll Students Choose Akron Student To Reign

MISS Mary Elizabeth Keeney, a Rose Hill, has been chosen queen of the 1933 prom at John Carroll university, Cleveland. It is to be held Wednesday night, April 19 at the Hotel Cleveland. Miss Keeney is a junior at Trinity college, Washington, D. C.

Dr. and Mrs. Dale Porter of Grinnell, Ia., are guests for a few days at the home of Mrs. T. A. Kellough, 1584 Kenmore Blvd., en route to Philadelphia, Pa., where they will spend several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pohlman, Collingwood, who have just returned from a winter sojourn in Florida, will be Easter week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Hancock, 381 Antelope av.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bohan and children of Cleveland will be Easter week-end guests of Mrs. Edna Pittenger, 161 Ash st. They are arriving Saturday.

Members Of Temple Hold Picnic Spread; Husbands To Attend

St. Mary's Temple No. 247, Pythian Sisters, will have a picnic supper Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the temple, 34 S. High st. Husbands of members are invited, also all invited to bring friends. A next business session is to be called at 7:30.

Contributors to the burial fund of Favorite review No. 164, W. B. A. will have a meeting Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the club house dining room, 507 W. Market st. It is to precede a regular lodge meeting at 7:45.

All Daughters of America taking part in the chaperon draping ceremony to be held at the director's rally later in the season, will meet at Junior temple, 102 N. Mill st. Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Our Julia council No. 296 will have a meeting Friday at the home of Mrs. Ida Thomas, 342 Comstock st. c. Noon business will be served picnic style. Bridge is to follow a short business session.

Lady Annie Landon lodge, No. 171, Daughters of Botsia, will hold a



After the estate became a foundation in 1957, the volunteers organized an egg hunt to help open the second season at Stan Hywet. Here's the feature from March 30, 1958 in the Akron Beacon Journal. And, it was a great success! See the photo on the next page.

Offers Big Program On Easter

Egg Hunt At Stan Hywet

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Stan Hywet, the \$15,000,000 gift to the Akron area, will have its "formal" opening for the 1958 season Easter Sunday with a monster egg hunt for children.

The whole program, next Sunday afternoon, will be tailored for the youngsters.

There's to be a children's style show. And a magic show. And a fairy dell with a gingerbread house and toadstools three feet high to delight the youngsters.

MORE THAN 1,000 eggs will be hidden on the Stan Hywet grounds. Some of them will be painted in gold and some in silver, and each child finding either a gold or silver egg will receive a prize.

Each child will be given an

Easter basket in which to carry the eggs, and those youngsters who fail to find gold and silver eggs will be given Easter candy.

GATES, next Sunday, will open at 1:30 p. m.

The magic show, by Edward Boss, will be at 2 p. m.

At 2:45 will come the style show, and at 3:30, the Easter baskets will be distributed in front of the Manor House.

When the big egg hunt is concluded, the children will gather at the Carriage House

where the candy and prizes will be distributed.

For Easter Sunday, adults will be admitted to Stan Hywet grounds for 50 cents each. There will be no charge for children up to the age of 9. And 9, too, is the age limit for the egg hunt.

HOWEVER, no children will be admitted unless accompanied by an adult. Children, 9 through 16, will be charged 25 cents admission.

This is the second year of Stan Hywet operation. Last season more than 26,000 persons from 48 states toured the grounds and house. Stan Hywet, given to the city of Akron by the Seiberling family, is being operated by a Board of Trustees.



The April 7, 1958 edition of the Akron Beacon Journal reported that an unexpected 5,000 people, flocked to the estate to take part in the egg hunt on the Great Meadow, comparing the start of the hunt to the "Oklahoma Land Rush." Everyone was dressed in their "Sunday best."

PATTER OF LITTLE FEET REMINISCENT OF OKLAHOMA LAND RUSH AT START OF EGG HUNT

Will Become Annual Event

It was called "the biggest Easter egg hunt in Akron history" and encouraged the then-president of the Stan Hywet Foundation, Robert Pflueger to announce that it would become an "annual affair." And while they did not have enough eggs at the time to meet the demand because of the unexpected huge crowd, we loved how Mr. Pflueger was quoted in ABJ as saying, "I guess we'll just have to color a lot more eggs next year."

YES. Believe it or not, "egg committees" at Stan Hywet were working hard to actually dye 1,000 -2,000 hard-cooked eggs for the event.

We love this photo (right) from the ABJ, March 30, 1958.

Note the caption says, *“oops! one less for Stan Hywet egg hunt”* because one of the committee ladies is shown accidentally dropping one of the eggs!

While we now use plastic eggs stuffed with candies and prizes, we can only imagine how happy some of the estate’s wildlife must have been, later finding any of those hard-boiled eggs that may have accidentally been missed by the children during the event!

Even though we cannot celebrate together on the estate this year, please know [the Stan Hywet staff and volunteers appreciate your ongoing support and participation in this annual tradition.](#) We look forward to seeing you and your family on the estate, after we are able to reopen. Know that in the future we will be sharing this year’s world events as part of our own story in history.



JEAN BENNETT, SHIRLEY FLOWERS OF COPLEY HIGH
...oops! one less for Stan Hywet egg hunt



Try this At Home: Dying Easter Eggs with Natural Dyes

In 1958, the Stan Hywet “egg committee” dyed hard-boiled eggs to place around the estate for the egg hunt. To try something different at home, rather than using purchased dye tablets, have you considered using natural dyes? There are many resources online to help guide you to which ingredients will provide different colors. Here are a few examples:

Blue – red cabbage

Dark Blue - blueberries

Orange – onion skins

Yellow / gold – turmeric

Yellow – carrots or orange peels

Brown – coffee

Pink – beets

Green – spinach

Try alternating dyes to create your own mixture of colors – for example, dye eggs in beet solution first and then red cabbage to create Lavender eggs.

Most recipes call for bringing your dye ingredient and about 2 cups of water to a boil, simmering for at least 15-30 minutes, straining out any solids and skins, and then adding 2-3 teaspoons of white vinegar. Dye the eggs in the hot or warm liquid mixture. Just like with a dye tablet mixture, the longer the eggs sit in the dye solution, the more vibrant the colors will become.

Be sure to experiment and have fun!

Here are a few websites to get you started:

[Country Living](#)

[All Recipes.com](#)

[What’s Cooking America](#)

[Good Housekeeping](#)

[Martha Stewart](#)