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BULLETIN



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See Her First at the Prop



Angela Brown, the Metropolitan Opera star who will wrap up the second year of the Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series on April 26, has been named the co-host of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra's annual holiday Yuletide Celebration sponsored by Duke Energy. Brown will be the first host of Yuletide who was born and raised in Indianapolis. She will share the

ISO stage with Josh Kaufman, winner of season six of The Voice.

Brown will share Yuletide with her husband and her step-children who will be making their first visit to America. "What a great way to show them Hoosier hospitality with a little Santa on the side," she said.

Her one-woman show, "Opera...from a Sistah's Point of View," will be presented to WES ticket holders on Thursday, April 26, and again to Shortridge students the following day, courtesy of WES supporters and donors as part of the Propylaeum's outreach. Her goal is take opera to the masses.

Tickets are \$40 for general admission and cash bar. The VIP meet-and-greet is \$75 for drinks and hors d'oeuvres in the carriage house and reserved seating for the presentation. Doors and networking for both groups begins at 5 p.m., the presentation starts at 6 p.m. with an opportunity for questions, concluding at 7 p.m. For ticket, please call 317-638-7881 or visit www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents.

pegg kennedy

16th Annual Salon Society Event

Sunday, April 15, will be the annual Propylaeum benefit event, the Salon Society. This event is an opportunity to relax and enjoy "Sonata for Oboe and Piano," "Six Metamorphoses after Ovid for Solo Oboe," and "Trio for Flute, Oboe and Piano" performed by principal oboist with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Jennifer Christen, flutist Alister Howlett and pianist Gregory Martin

Following the performance guests will adjourn to the carriage house while the club room is transformed into a beautiful dining room.

The first Salon Society "Wine Pull" will greet patrons in the foyer of the carriage house. Descriptions of the diverse array of wines will be available and the cost will be \$20 for each "pull." Wines included for the wine pull come from a wide array of vineyards both national and international and include whites, pinks, reds, and sparkling wines.

The silent auction will take place in the carriage house. Items include:

- Sports tickets
- Tickets to Indianapolis attractions such as Newfields, Indianapolis Philharmonic, Children's Museum, Zoo, Eiteljorge, and Opera to name a few
- Gift certificates to restaurants including St. Elmo

- Gift baskets featuring wine, beer, hats, candles, photography and lunch with an Indiana author.

There is something for everyone within the Silent Auction.

With dinner there will be a live auction for select items that include resort and hotel packages.

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to attend this year's fantastic Salon Society event. Chair Cathy Michel and her committee have been working to make this the very best Salon Society ever. To reserve your tickets call 317.638.7881 or visit www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents.

Diane Tolliver



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A Letter From the President

Dear Prop Members and Friends

I hope you were able to attend some of our March events. April is also going to be an exciting month. Cathy Michel and her committee have been working very hard on our annual Salon Society Program which includes a live musical performance, silent and live auction, and dinner. I hope you are planning on participating. Salon is a great way to support the Propylaeum, meet new and long-time members, and build fellowship. Diane Tolliver has been hard at work gathering wonderful items for our silent and live auction and for the first time, there will be a wine pull which should be very fun.

Later in the month, the Propylaeum will be hosting Angela Brown as the third in our 2017-2018 Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series. We are honored to have Ms. Brown talk to us and perform! At the end of the evening we will be announcing our slate of speakers for the 2018-2019 Series.

We are waiting for the results of the architectural study which will prioritize what we need and how much it will cost to maintain our wonderful historic home. We have begun our strategic plan for the future of the Propylaeum, to ensure that this organization and home will be here for future generations.



Joanne Solomon

Joanne

A Note From the Executive Director

"Volunteers are not paid — not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." Unknown

With so much going on at the Propylaeum—WES, Salon Society, Women's History Month Tea, Easter Egg Hunt, SheVotes 2020, etc., we may not always take the time to thank each volunteer personally. From board members to committee members to special event and outreach volunteers, to the Easter Bunny, — THANK YOU. The amount of effort put forth by so many is humbling.

The Propylaeum has been very fortunate over the last 100 years to have smart, dedicated, and innovative volunteers. Non-profits could not survive without those who have a passion for the mission and vision of the organization. Some volunteers work very quietly behind the scenes, and some in leadership positions. All are appreciated.

The successes that the Propylaeum has had are a direct reflection of the amount of effort volunteers give to the Propylaeum and I am grateful everyday to be a part this outstanding organization.

Thank you.

Liz



Liz Ellis

MISSION STATEMENT

To advance educational and cultural opportunities
for women and the community
and to maintain and preserve the historic Propylaeum

IMPACT STATEMENT

The Indianapolis Propylaeum is the center of Indianapolis women's history. It has always focused on providing a platform for women to express cultural and intellectual ideas and a continuing opportunity to enhance our community in every time period since 1888.

Indianapolis Propylaeum

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Liz Ellis

The Bulletin is published monthly by the Propylaeum Historic Foundation. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) public not-for-profit corporation established in 2013. It is responsible for preserving and maintaining the Propylaeum building and its Carriage House; increasing awareness of their historic significance; and furthering its educational and charitable endeavors.

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Group News

New Membership Directory Planned



We have many new members, new by-laws, and soon we will have new officers. This all means we need a new directory to keep us informed. Cathy Michel and Kathy Willing are looking for three or four members who would like to help them with this project. It needs to be finished in three months so you are not making a huge commitment. Is there anyone who has done this for another organization who could lend their expertise? We're thinking new members might want to work with a small committee and get to know the membership. We have all of the member information so we can work from there. A good start. Please contact one of the C(K)athy's to help. Thanks. This should be fun and we can work at the Prop which probably means yummy lunch too. If you would like to help please contact Cathy Michel at cmichel52@att.net or 317.888.1314 or Kathy Willing at kathywilling635@gmail.com or 317.951.1209.

Kathy Willing

Focus Groups Meet as Part of Strategic Plan

The Indianapolis Propylaeum is just beginning the strategic planning process. Consultant Tina Sullivan has organized and met with several groups of women in focus groups to learn about how the Indianapolis Propylaeum is viewed within Indianapolis, which programs are intriguing, and how member benefits compare to other organizations in and around central Indiana. Groups included professional women who are civic leaders, individuals involved with culture and tourism in Indianapolis, young professional women, and Prop members who may not be able to respond to an email survey. All other members of the Propylaeum will be contacted via email to take a survey about their experiences with the Propylaeum and their vision for the future.

Sullivan has years of experience with helping local organizations. She has been instrumental in researching and creating marketing solutions to help organizations grow and meet their potential. Sullivan is partnering with Marnie Maxwell to help facilitate a new strategic and marketing plan for the Indianapolis Propylaeum with funding from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Research gleaned from the focus groups will be part of the overall strategic and marketing plan that will be completed in early fall 2018. All members are encouraged to participate fully in the survey.

May Prop Day Annual Meeting

May Prop Day is the propylaeum Annual Meeting. Please join board and committee members as they update members on the successes and challenges of the last twelve months and discuss plans for the future. Financial reports, committee updates, special events, and programming will be on the agenda.

The Annual Meeting will also include tributes to members who have passed away over the last year, welcome new members to the Prop, and award the Circle of May Wright Sewall to a member or members who have served with distinction.

All Prop members are encouraged to attend.

Previous Circle of May Wright Sewall Awardees, Jan Conner Wahls, and Grace Long.



Prop Partners for Etiquette Luncheon

The Indianapolis Propylaeum partnered with Pass the Torch for Women of Indianapolis to hold an etiquette luncheon for college women. Prop member Diane Tolliver walked the group through business etiquette and best practices. Prop members also served as table coaches for the luncheon.

Tolliver delighted the group with lively reminders of general etiquette and with a question and answer period.

Pass the Torch for Women envisions a world where all women are equitably represented at all levels of leadership of business and of government.



Group News

Fun Friday on Tuesday in April Hats Off! To Bes-Ben Hats at the IMA



Bes-Ben hat

It is once again time for Newfield's (Indianapolis Museum of Art) Annual Hats Off! Lecture and Lunch. It is difficult to believe that it has been one year since we were at last year's fashion event. This event will be the Propylaeum's Fun Friday for April but will be Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Prop members and friends will be attending this "Hats Off! To Bes-Ben Hats" event. This program is inspired by the exhibition *Bes Ben: The Mad Hatter of Chicago*.

Our Prop group will be meeting at the Paul Textiles Gallery at 10:30 a.m. for the Bes-Ben Exhibit of more than 60 hats, then walk together to the Deer Zink Special Events Pavilion to our Propylaeum table(s) for the lecture and lunch. At 11:00 a.m., Abigail Aldridge, Milliner, New York City, will be presenting the approximately one-hour long lecture. Ms. Aldridge has been designing and making hats since 1989. The delicious luncheon will be served at noon. This is a fund-raising event for the Museum's Fashion Arts Society to fund new acquisitions.

According to several websites, Benjamin B. Green-Field is the creative genius behind the much-admired Bes-Ben hat label. He designed hats using a variety of everyday objects and unusual trimmings, like fake cigarettes, stuffed animals, plastic fruits and vegetables, and bejeweled objects. Benjamin B. Green-Field was born in Chicago in 1898. Mr. Green-Field and his sister (she was the "Bes" and he was the "Ben") opened their first hat Boutique on Chicago's State Street in 1920, eventually expanding to four more locations in the area. The hats were lovely, but in the 1940's, the label embarked on a much more creative course. The designs became unusual, whimsical, and even outrageous. Benjamin embraced non-traditional material during the rationing World War II years, embracing materials like kitchen utensils and napkin rings. He made a hat for Hedda Hopper, who was known to wear unusual hats, to wear to the premiere of the movie "The Razor's Edge". This hat was topped with real razor blades! Celebrities Elizabeth Taylor and Judy Garland wore Bes-Ben hats. These hats were very expensive with prices ranging from \$37 to \$1000, at a time when Sears was selling hats for \$2.00. Vintage Bes-Ben hats are still sought after today by modern day hat aficionados, due to their unusual designs and collectible status. After enjoying success as a Milliner, Mr.

Green-Field became a passionate philanthropist and in 1987, endowed the Benjamin B. Green-Field Foundation to improve the quality of life for children and seniors in his hometown of Chicago.

So please wear your favorite hat, the more outrageous the better, and join us. We had a wonderful time last year. Please register directly with Newfield's, not with the Prop, and be sure to indicate that you would like to sit with the Propylaeum group. Visit www.discovernewfields.org/HatsOff2018 for ticketing and additional information.

Monica Vojnovich



Shop and Support the Prop



Register your Kroger Plus card and a portion of your purchase price will go to the Indianapolis Propylaeum. This is an easy way to support the Prop.

1. Go to: www.kroger.com/communityrewards
2. Sign in. If you do not have a Kroger account yet, you must Register. Have your Kroger Plus Card handy.
3. Once signed in, click on your name. This opens your account.
4. Scroll down to **COMMUNITY REWARDS**. Click **ADD** or **Edit**.
5. Under **FIND YOUR ORGANIZATION**, type in the Indianapolis Propylaeum's nonprofit organization number: **48017**. Click **SEARCH**.
6. The name Propylaeum Historic Foundation should pop up. Select it by clicking in the circle next to this name.
7. Finally, click **ENROLL**.

If you do not have access to the internet, Diane Tolliver will have a computer available at the April 18 Prop Day. Please bring your Kroger Plus Card and she will help you get registered.

Diane Tolliver

Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series



April 26, 2018
Angela Brown
Grammy award winning
and critically acclaimed
opera singer.

Tickets on sale now at
[www.thepropylaeum.org/
upcomingevents](http://www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents)

VIP Tickets \$75
General Admission Tickets \$40

Tim Grimm and Jon Brooks Carriage House Concert, April 13

Don't miss Tim Grimm
and Jon Brooks perform
together on Friday,
April 13 as part of the
Carriage House Concert
series promoted by Fly-
ing Cat Concerts.



Tickets: \$20 in advance/ \$25 at the door.
Online: BrownPaperTickets.com
By phone: 800.838.3006

Salon Society

Sixteenth Annual Salon Society Concert and Dinner Event



Sunday, April 15
3:00 p.m.

*Enjoy an elegant evening with live
entertainment, dinner, silent auction,
and wine pull.*

Tickets: \$100

RSVP
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Sunday, May 13 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Join us on Mother's Day for a delicious champagne brunch
buffet. Reservations may be made by calling 317.638.7881
ext.2

Cold Station

Smoked Salmon Display with Mini Bagels, Cocktail Shrimp
Display, Cheddar Cheese Ball with Crackers & Toast Points,
Cream Cheese Ball with Crackers & Toast Points, Caprese
Salad, Tossed Salad, Caesar Salad

Egg & Omelet Station

Eggs, Egg Whites, and Egg Blend Toppings: Bacon, Ham, Sau-
sage, Pork Belly, Mushrooms, Peppers, Red Onions, Green
Onions, Tomatoes, Spinach, Caramelized Onions, Pickled
Jalapenos, Pico de Gallo, White Cheddar, Gouda, Swiss
Cheeses, Porter BBQ, Hoosier Sweet BBQ, and Hells Fire
BBQ

Pancakes & Cinnamon French Toast

Toppings: Blueberry Syrup, Carol Blankenship Syrup, Bana-
nas Foster, Whipped Cream, Butter, Powdered Sugar, Choc-
olate Chips, Strawberries, and Mixed Berries

Carving Station

Brown Sugar Glazed Ham, Slow Roasted Prime Rib of Beef,
Au Jus, Horseradish Sauce, and Orange Glaze

Hot Station

Bacon, Sausage, Cheesy Potato Casserole, Eggs Benedict,
Fresh Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Green Beans, Honey Glazed
Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Candied Sweet Potatoes, White
Cheddar Mac & Cheese, Roast Vegetable Medley, Roast Pork
with Apples, Fried Catfish, Crispy Fried Chicken, and As-
sorted Fresh Rolls

Dessert Station

Pecan Pie, Sugar Cream Pie, Assorted Cream Pies, Assorted
Fruit Pies, Assorted Cheesecakes, Assorted Cupcakes, As-
sorted Cookies, Brownies

Drinks

Champagne, Mimosas, Coffee Service, Orange Juice, White
Milk, Chocolate Milk, Iced Tea, Ice Water

Reservations
317.638.7881 ext. 2

Happenings



Priority Parking

Prop member Debra Renkens was awarded the coveted Priority Prop Parking space at our March Prop Day luncheon. Each month at Prop Day, a front-row parking spot will go to one lucky attendee. Watch the *Bulletin* for how you could win next month.

Debra Renkens left

April Prop Day

Mary C. Woolling is a writer of inspirational essays and sentimental stories. As president of Communicate, LLC, she also provides editing services, prepares newsletters and brochures, and plans special events for clients. Mary is a member-at-large in Letters of the National League of American Pen Women. A registered nurse, she holds degrees from both Butler University and DePauw University. Mary is a member of the Board of Visitors, College of Communication, Butler University.



A gourmet cook, avid gardener, beginning quilter, coin collector, and cat fancier, Mary finds unlimited inspiration for her writing through the ever-present beauty, goodness, and joy that life continually offers.

Jill Chambers

Calendar

APRIL

- 1: **Easter Brunch Buffet.** 11 a.m.
- 3: ICW Meeting and Luncheon. 11 a.m.
- 10: Board of Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.
- 13: Carriage House Concert featuring Tim Grimm and Jon Brooks. 7:30 p.m.
- 15: **Salon Society Event. 3 p.m.**
- 16: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 18: Prop Day — Luncheon and Program. Noon.
- 23: Book Group *Georgia* by Dawn Tripp. Noon.
- 23: Euchre Group. 1 p.m.
- 24: Fun Friday. Newfields at the IMA. 11 a.m.
- 26: **WES Featuring Angela Brown. 5 p.m.**

MAY

- 8: ICW Meeting and Luncheon. 11 a.m.
- 8: Board of Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.
- 11: Fun Friday
- 13: **Mother's Day Brunch**
- 16: Prop Day — Luncheon and Annual Meeting
- 19: Carriage House Concert featuring Joel Curtis. 7:30 p.m.
- 21: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 22: Book Group. Noon.
- 22: Euchre Group. 1 p.m.

JUNE

- 8: Fun Friday.
- 12: Board of Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.
- 18: Investment Group 10 a.m.
- 20: Prop Day—Luncheon and Program. Noon.
- 26: Book Group. Noon.
- 27: Euchre Group. 1 p.m.
- 28: Mailing Committee. 10 a.m.

April Birthdays

- 4 Libby Grueninger
- 27 Jan Wahls



*We love to honor our members. Please let us know if you have an upcoming birthday or if we missed your birthday.

Café at the Prop
Monday — Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tea at the Prop
By reservation.
Each Wednesday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.