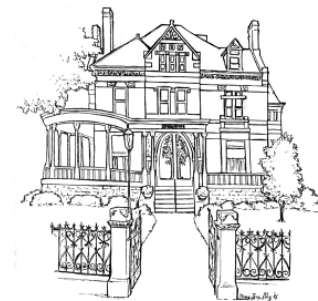


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# BULLETIN



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## Tree Dedicated in Memory of John Long



Board President Joanne Solomon and Grace Long

John Long will be remembered for the extraordinary amount of work that he and his wife Grace, did for the Propylaeum Historic Foundation. John and Grace were instrumental in guiding the merger of the Propylaeum Historic Foundation and the Propylaeum club into one organization.

John served as the president of the foundation from May 2012 through May 2015. John passed away in May 2016.

At the May 17 Annual Meeting of the Propylaeum Historic Foundation, Board President Joanne Solomon invited all guests outside for the dedication of a newly planted Sargentina Crab tree in honor of the life and work of John Long.



Guests watch the dedication ceremony.

Grace Long inducts new board members onto the foundation board. Returning board member Jim Glass, Karen Pfeiffer, Roxanne Anderson, and Alex Barnstead. Not pictured: Roni Embry, Ken Giffin, Michael Grueninger



## Circle of May Wright Sewall

The Circle of May Wright Sewall was created in 1996 to honor those special people who have given outstanding service to the club. Nominations are reviewed and approved by the board of directors.

This year we have six inductees into the Circle of May Wright Sewall:

- **Sue and Jim Hetherington.** Jim was the founder of the May Wright Sewall Leadership Award. Sue was involved in fund development and was instrumental in helping the foundation obtain funding from the Lilly Endowment.
- **Grace and John Long.** Grace and John were key to the merger of the Propylaeum Historic Foundation and the Propylaeum club.
- **Marilyn and Jim Pecsok.** Marilyn and Jim worked tirelessly on the Capital Campaign to replace the roof and raised over \$600,000.

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## A Letter From the President

### Welcome New Board Members

Dear Prop Members and Friends: I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather. We want to welcome our seven new board members: Roxanne Anderson, Alex Barnstead, Veronica Embry, Ken Giffin, Michael Grueninger, and Karen Pfeiffer. We look forward to working with them, and I am sure they will bring new energy and ideas as we look forward. Jim Glass is a returning board member.

The Propylaeum will be taking part in the **Landmarks Treasure Hunt** on July 15 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Indiana Landmarks Center, 1201 Central Ave. We will be selling books so please save your books and donate them to us. If you would like someone to pick up the books, let us know and we will arrange this.

We will once again be selling parking for the Talbot Street Art Fair on June 17 and 18. This is a lot of fun and certainly benefits us. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. The Café will be open both days.

I hope to see you at the June 21 Prop Day. We will be hearing from Amy Griffith, the Indianapolis Public Library's special collections librarian who will share information on May Wright Sewall and other special collections.



Joanne Solomon

*Joanne*

### A Note From the Executive Director

Creating new and innovative programming for members and guests is a top priority for the Propylaeum Historic Foundation. Keeping the historic structure in good repair and open to everyone is a top challenge. We are only able to accomplish both by generous donations from members, sponsors, and other donors – so, thank you! Thank you for your contributions to the Capital Campaign, Continuing May's Vision, and to special events. You have helped us to meet many of our immediate needs.

Thank you, too, for remembering the Propylaeum Historic Foundation in your estate plans. This is another way for you to express your commitment to the mission and goals of the Propylaeum. Once you have provided for loved ones in your will, you may want to include a gift of money, stock, or property to the Propylaeum. Your gift will be a lasting tribute to your love and dedication for the Prop, while guaranteeing our long-term future.

In recent years, members and donors have informed us of their intention to include a gift to the Propylaeum in their wills. These gifts provide an estate tax deduction and have a tremendous impact on our ability to create innovative programming, restore the building, and make sure the Propylaeum is here for our daughters and their daughters to enjoy. Please let me know of your plans to remember the Propylaeum through a legacy gift.

Thank you,



Liz Ellis

*Liz*

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

### Propylaeum Historic Foundation

#### Officers

President – Joanne Solomon  
Vice President – Jim Glass  
Secretary – Diane Tolliver  
Treasurer – Rose Wernicke

#### Other Board Members

Roxanne Anderson  
Alex Barnstead  
Veronica Embry  
Brooke Funkhouser  
Ken Giffin  
Michael Grueninger  
Cathy Michel  
Georgie Perkins  
Karen Pfeiffer  
Debra Renkens

#### Committee Chairs

Board Development — Vacant  
Facilities — Vacant  
Finance and Audit — Rose Wernicke  
Financial Development — Jim Glass  
Membership Services  
and Recruitment — Cathy Michel  
Outreach — Joanne Solomon

#### Executive Director

Liz Ellis

#### Event/Marketing Director

Elizabeth Turner

#### Office Manager

Nancy Showalter

#### Facilities Manager

Janice Radford

#### Bulletin Editor

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

### June Prop Day Program

Amy Griffin, special collections librarian for the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library, will speak about utilizing primary sources from the library's archive of May Wright Sewall's Papers at the June 21 Prop Day program.

The Indianapolis Special Collections Room is located on Level 6 of Central Library in downtown Indianapolis. There Griffin works to share, pre-serve, and acquire archival and educational treasures through programming, educational exhibits, digital preservation, off-site presentations, and community partnerships. Griffin earned her master's degree in library and information science from Indiana University Bloomington where she specialized in art librarianship. Among her favorite types of books are memoirs, cookbooks, picture books, and books about books.

The luncheon starts at noon, and Griffin will speak at 1 p.m. Luncheon is \$25 for members and guests and \$30 for the general public. Contact 317-638-7881, option 5 or [historicprop@aol.com](mailto:historicprop@aol.com) to reserve for luncheon program **by noon, Friday, June 16.**



Amy Griffin (standing) with Dan Wakefield signing his book (seated left).

### Meet Vern Petri

Sunday July 9, 5—8 p.m., join us as popular Italian cuisine author Vernon J. Petri, J.D. is the featured presenter for the Tasty Edition of Pages at the Prop. His "Tuscany al Verano" proves it is more than a cookbook as he tells of being an 8-year-old boy in the countryside of Lucca, Italy, as war breaks out.

This book is a culinary and personal history. Verano takes us through his personal journey from a boy surviving war-torn Lucca, where he received no schooling during the Occupation, to his move to East Chicago.

For 20 years Petri has been collecting family recipes and cooking tips picked up in the back kitchens of Northern Italian restaurants. He studied culinary techniques at several Italian cooking schools near Florence. In his book, he offers us the culmination of his love for the Cucina Lucchese.

We are transported back to the Tuscan countryside of San Donato, outside the great walls of Lucca where Petri

was born and raised. You will celebrate each recipe with its stories, descriptions and flavor that pops off the page.

Tickets for this special dinner are \$45. Doors open at 4:30 with dinner served at 5 p.m.. Some of Petri's recipes will be prepared and served by Food Guys Catering. Petri's presentation will begin at 6 p.m. An opportunity for author questions, book signings, and mingling will follow the presentation. To purchase tickets, please contact the Propylaeum Events Department at 317-638-7881, option #4.



Vern Petri

### Hats Off for Thrilling Thursday



Jan Wahls, Bev and Sherry Watkins

Several members of the Propylaeum gathered at the Indianapolis Museum of Art on May 4 to see *The Art of Collecting Vintage Fashion* by guest speaker Doris Raymond. Raymond is owner of a Los Angeles vintage boutique The Way We Wore and star of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series "LA Frocks Stars." Guests were encouraged to wear their best vintage frocks and hat.

This was a part of the Fun Fridays Prop series. The event continued with a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the Fashion Arts Society (FAS) Acquisitions Fund. The fashionistas from the Prop included Sherry Watkins, Beverly Watkins, Monica Vojnovich, Jan Wahls, Rose Wernicke, Cathy Michel, Angela Tarter, Joanne Solomon, and Diane Tolliver.



Rose Wernicke and Diane Tolliver

## Items We're Collecting

### Indiana Landmarks Treasurer Hunt

Each year the Propylaeum participates in the Indiana Landmarks Treasure Hunt. This year volunteers from the Prop will be set up selling gently used books at the July 17 Antiques Market at Indiana Landmarks campus. There will be yard sales throughout the Old Northside, with something for everyone.

If you have gently used books you would like to donate, please bring them to the Prop or call the Prop and we can help pick them up.

### Days for Girls

A group of volunteers provides handmade re-usable feminine hygiene products for girls in Malawi, Africa. Many girls are forced to miss school during their menstrual cycles. Days for Girls makes it possible for girls to stay in school. The group needs:

- **Colorful thread, gallon reclosable plastic bags, hotel-sized soap, girls underpants—all sizes.**



Nancy Roth works on Day for Girls project.

### Changing Footprints

Again this year at the **PROPERly Chic Style Show** we will be inviting guests to bring used and unwanted shoes to be donated to Changing Footprints. This Rushville-based organization collects and distributes footwear to those in need at home and abroad. Even damaged shoes are converted into playgrounds. Last year we collected over 200 pairs of high quality shoes and boots, an effort that was highly praised by the organization's co-founder, Bob Broughton. Changing Footprints realizes the need for shoes around the world as protection from disease and as a gateway to education, which certainly ties into our mission at the Prop. Their motto is 'to change the world two feet at a time'. We are proud to be a part of their efforts and will again support them at our 2017 event.

- **New and used shoes**

### Teachers' Treasures

Teachers' Treasures obtains and distributes school supplies free to teachers of students in need. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the Propylaeum. Jan Wahls very graciously delivers these items.

- **School supplies, art supplies, health & hygiene, books, cleaning supplies, office supplies**
- **Miscellaneous toy prizes**

### Parlor Party

We will be collecting white-elephant gifts for our September Parlor Party.

## Book Group

For June, the Prop's Book Group will read "A Spy Among Friends: Kim Philby and the Great Betrayal" by Ben Macintyre.

Goodreads describes this nonfiction work as "master storyteller Ben Macintyre's most ambitious work to date" and says it "brings to life the 20th century's greatest spy story."

The luncheon meeting will be at noon on Tuesday, June 27. The group gathers on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Other summer discussions will be:

**July 25** – "The Flying Circus" by Susan Crandall.

**Aug. 22** – "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead.

## Thank you, Joanne!



Joanne Solomon

Joanne Solomon has joined the **Propylaeum Legacy Society** by including the Propylaeum Historic Foundation in her estate plans. Joanne, current board president, has been a member of the Propylaeum since 1991. Joanne's mother was a member of the Propylaeum as well, and Joanne is following in her footsteps with a legacy gift.

"It's important to me to remember the Propylaeum in my will. The club meant so much to my mother and means so much to me that I want to make sure it is here for everyone. I would encourage everyone to do the same."

Joanne has always shown her support for the Propylaeum, not only by volunteering her time as board president and serving on many other committees, but also with leadership gifts to both the Capital Campaign and to Continuing May's Vision.

"The club meant so much to my mother and means so much to me that I want to make sure it is here for everyone."

If you have already included the Propylaeum Historic Foundation in your estate plans, we would love to recognize you as a member of the Propylaeum Legacy Society. If you would like information about including the Propylaeum Historic Foundation in your estate plan, please contact Liz Ellis (317) 638-7881

## Fun Friday Planned for June

Fun Friday in June will be visiting the Willowfield Lavender Farm, located at 6176 Smokey View Road, Mooresville, Indiana. Our tour starts at 10:30 a.m. There is a \$2 charge for the 45 minute tour. We will be shown the fields, house, and gift shop. There are no lunch facilities at the farm but we could go to Gray Brothers Cafeteria located at 555 S. Indiana St., Mooresville, 15 minutes from the farm.

If Fun Friday participants want to share rides you should meet at the Propylaeum at 9:30 and travel together to the lavender farm. It will take approximately 45 to drive.

Call the Propylaeum Office at (317) 638-7881, option 5, if you plan to attend. It should be a wonderful experience.

**Willowfield Lavender Farm** is an organic lavender farm with approximately 1,000 plants covering a four-acre field. The love of gardening and wildlife took them to this land in 1992. The farm includes 28 acres, many of which are woodlands providing home to a variety of plants and animals. In October, 2001, they planted their first 100 lavender plants. Lavender is one of the most beloved plants in the world, and they say experience as lavender farmers has taught them why. It requires hard work and dedication; but the benefits are well worth it. They are excited to share their joy in what they are learning and look forward to our visit to the farm where you can enjoy a relaxing stroll in our fields as you experience the 'gift' of lavender.

## Sherry King Celebrates 90th

Longtime Prop member, Sherry King celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday April 20. Her little dog, Coco, attended, as did Prop member Linda Carlen. Jan Wahls and Nancy Showalter also visited to wish Sherry a happy birthday.



Sherry King and Linda Carlen

## June Birthdays



4th Elizabeth Turner  
6th Paula McKay  
6th Irv Showalter

9th Mary Jean Alig  
16th Margaret McWhirter will be 102





# Happenings

## Calendar

### JUNE

- 2: Carriage House Concert Series featuring Wild Ponies
- 9: FUN FRIDAY ~ Lavender Farms
- 17-18: Talbot Street Art Fair
- 17-18: Q Artistry Performances in Carriage House
- 21: PROP DAY ~ Luncheon & Program
- 24-25: Q Artistry Performances in Carriage House

### JULY

- 4: Day for Girls Workshop
- 9: Indiana Landmarks Treasure Hunt and Prop Book Sale
- 9: Gateway Gatherings & Pages at the Prop featuring Italian cookbook author Vern Petri
- 14: Carriage House Concert Series featuring Mark Dvorak
- 14: FUN FRIDAY
- 19: PROP DAY ~ Tea & Celebration

### AUGUST

- 11: Carriage House Concert Series featuring Krista Detor
- 11: FUN FRIDAY
- 16: PROP DAY ~ Luncheon & Program

### SEPTEMBER

- 8: Carriage House Concert Series featuring Tim Grimm & the Family Band
- 8: FUN FRIDAY
- 10: Parlor Party
- 20: PROP DAY~ Luncheon & Program

### OCTOBER

- 10: PROPERly Chic Style Show & Brunch
- 14: SUPER SATURDAY ~ Belle of Louisville Trip
- 18: PROP DAY~ Luncheon & Program
- 19: WES present Ora and Naomi Pescovitz
- 28: Party at the Prop 'til the Candy Drops Halloween Bash

*Café at the Prop open Monday -Friday 11:00am-2:00pm  
Tea at the Prop reservations each Wednesday from 1-4pm.*



Jan Wahls and Marilyn Pecsok

## New Events Planned

In an effort to reinvigorate members and to attract new members, the Events office has put together some new programs and added a new twist to some of our traditional programs.

Along with the special guest speakers organized by Jill Chambers, Events/Marketing Director Elizabeth Turner, focusing on her vision to "innovate on tradition" has added a theme and a contest to each Prop Day. The prize? One member will be awarded the **RESERVED—PRIORITY PROP PARKING** space in front of the building to be used by him or her for the entire month. But you must be present to win!

The June Prop Day contest will be "Best Centerpiece." If you would like to participate stop by the office and get your "vase" to use. The sky is the limit, so let your creativity shine.

July Prop Day we will be collecting supplies for teachers, and the attendee who brings the most just may win priority parking. August Prop Day will be a Membership Anniversary Tea. Please be sure to invite a friend, and come out for the fun.

Other events planned in addition to our traditional Gateway Gatherings, Pages at the Prop and special events include Parlor Party in September, Holiday Cheer on Delaware open house in December, Mardi Gras Celebration, Kentucky Derby Day, Mommy & Me Tea on the porch, and many more.

Check for information on our newly renovated website at [www.thepropylaeum.org](http://www.thepropylaeum.org) or watch your monthly *Bulletin* for new events. You can always call the Prop offices with questions. We'd love to hear from you.



Cornelia Schulz, Pearl Joffe, Sophie Schulz, BJ Maley, and Marilyn Renner