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Summer Events at the Prop

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Summer is a great time to attend informal programs and events at the Propylaeum. The membership committee and other special events committees have been hard at work creating programs and events that appeal to a broad range of people.

*Our **July Prop Day** program will have a fun new twist—the event will be held in the evening! Guest speaker and Prop member Carol Faenzi will present her program called “Ellis Island: First Day in America.” Faenzi will discuss her Italian roots and her book “The Stonecutter’s Aria.” Italian-themed hors d’oeuvres*

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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.

OFFICERS

Rose Wernicke, President
Jim Glass, Vice President
Susan Fasig, Treasurer
Secretary, Christine Smith

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Alex Barnstead	Marjorie Kienle
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Gloria Harbin	Debra Renkens
Cathy Michel	Melissa Smith
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Governance: Alex Barnstead
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Finance and Audit: Susan Fasig
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Outreach: Joanne Solomon

STAFF

Executive Director: Liz Ellis
Marketing & Events Coordinator: LaurieAnne Wickens
Facilities Manager: Janice Radford

Commemorating the
*Centennial of
Women's Suffrage*
1920-2020



President's Letter

Summer is here, which means the Propylaeum Board begins anew. We welcomed new board member Christine Smith and our returning board members at the meeting in June. What does our board do, in addition to attending meetings once a month? Each member takes an active role in the operations and services of the organization by serving on or chairing a committee. Many bring professional expertise, creating a well-rounded field of competencies to the board. All board members make a meaningful financial contribution to the organization through Annual Fund donations, sponsorships, and donations to our Endowment and Building funds. Most of all, our board members share in a commitment to the Propylaeum. I appreciate all that they do. The next time you see a board member, please thank them for sharing their time, talent, and treasure with the Prop!

Rose Wernicke



Note from the Executive Director

Prop Heritage Day

Each August at our Prop Day Luncheon we honor 25 year Propylaeum members. In recent years we have begun referring to this luncheon as Prop Heritage Day. This year we will honor sixteen 25 year members.

As our membership continues to grow, it is important to honor members who have been, and continue to be, committed the Propylaeum. The legacy of long-term members helps us celebrate our past as we plan for the future.

Prop Heritage Day is August 21 at noon. Be sure to make your reservation.

Liz Ellis

Thank You

The 17th Salon Annual Society on April 28 was an enormous success. Wonderful entertainment was provided by ISO principal cellist Austin Huntington, accompanied by Kent Cook on piano. Special thanks to Debra Renkens for arranging such fine musicians.

After the performance we adjourned to the carriage house for the silent auction, live auction and wine pull. It was very lively, especially during the live auction when bidding became very competitive for each auction item. Live auction items included a two-night stay at French Lick Resort, an evening stay at the Propylaeum for up to 15 guests, and a wonderful Italian lunch for four catered by Carol Faenzi that also included four copies of her book *The Stonecutters Aria*.

Diane Tolliver worked her fingers to the bone to make the auctions a success and Gloria Harbin managed the wine pull with abundant success. All but 2 of the silent auction items sold. Who could have imagined that an Absinthe basket would be the top

selling silent auction item? Even the passes to the Wheel of Fortune TV show and autographed pictures of Vanna White and Pat Sajak are now in the hands of one of our guests!

Dinner was served in the mansion, catered by MBP Distinctive Catering.

Thank you to the Salon Society Committee: Jill Lough Chambers, Amanda Nierman, Gloria Harbin, Nancy Roth, Melissa Smith, Diane Tolliver, Monica Vojnovich, and Rose Wernicke. Thank you to our day-of volunteers, Ruth Black, Danielle Reed, Robert Conley, Gerry Solomon, and Alisia Morales.

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the auctions and wine pull to make the 2019 Salon a success earning a total of \$24,891 for the maintenance of the house. After the live auction, bidding was open for fund-a-need and an additional \$25,000.00 was pledged. What a night!

Thank you all,

Cathy Michel *Diane Tolliver*
Salon Society Chair *Auction Chair*

Glick cont.

The May Wright Sewall Leadership Award is given to outstanding women in Indiana who exude the spirit of May Wright Sewall. Marianne Glick exemplifies that spirit.

Marianne founded the Executive Women's Training Program in 1986, assisting organizations to enhance employee productivity and effectiveness. She is chairwoman of the Eugene & Marilyn Glick Family Foundation and president of the board for TeenWorks. She also serves on the boards of the Gene B. Glick Co., United Way of Central Indiana, Ivy Tech Community College, IUPUI Chancellor's Advisory Council, Goodwill, Ascend Indiana, and Community Health Foundation. She has served as a trustee for Ball State University, Central Indiana Community Foundation, the Women's Hospital, Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, Women's Fund and Prevent Blindness Indiana.

Marianne is an accomplished artist and president and owner of GlickArt, with

paintings being accepted into juried competitions and winning awards in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Florida. Marianne often contributes her paintings to assist non-profit organizations. She has received the following honors: Charles L. Whistler Award 2018, Sagamore of the Wabash 2014, Michael Carroll Award, the first honorary alumni award from Ball State University, Woman of Influence 2012, Touchstone Award 2011 from Girls Inc., and Indiana Woman of Influence in 2010 by Ball State University.

The May Wright Sewall Leadership Award dinner and event will be held on Thursday, August 15 beginning at 5:30 p.m. To purchase tickets, contact LaurieAnne Wickens at 317-638-7881 x4 or email l.wickens@thepropylaeum.org. More information may be found at www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents.



Great friendships start over a cup of coffee

They say "great friendships start over a cup of coffee," so we're putting that to the test! Drop in for free coffee, pastries, and casual conversation on Tuesday, June 25th at 9 a.m.

This event is open to members, non-members, and those who are interested in the Propylaeum and good conversation. Bring a friend or meet a friend! All are welcome to grab a mug and relax.

This informal setting offers a space to grow acquaintances into friends and meet new people.

**Tuesday, June 25
9 a.m.**

www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents

2019-2020
Marilyn K. Glick
Women's Enrichment Series



**Carolene
Mays-Medley**
Oct. 17, 2019



**Jennifer
Pope Baker**
Feb. 20, 2020



Allison Barber
Apr. 16, 2020

Reception 5 p.m.
Program 6 p.m.

Tickets

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Women's History Tea

July 20th
1:15pm

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON
OF TEA, A DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM,
RAFFLE, AND LOVELY PIANO MUSIC.
HATS OF ANY ERA ARE ENCOURAGED.

\$45 Members
\$50 Non-Members

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INDIANA'S HISTORICAL
WOMEN ARTISTS AND
THEIR SEARCH FOR
THE TIME AND A
PLACE TO PAINT

THE INDIANAPOLIS
PROPYLAEUM



THE INDIANAPOLIS PROPYLAEUM IS
PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

Marianne Glick

AS THE 2019 MAY WRIGHT SEWALL
LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

AUGUST 15, 2019 6:00PM

Please join us in celebrating
Marianne Glick at our May Wright Sewall
Leadership Award Dinner

THE INDIANAPOLIS
PROPYLAEUM
Suffrage Centennial 1920-2020

SAVE THE DATE

*PROPERly Chic
Style Show*

October 29, 2019



Alig, Roberts Receive Circle of May Wright Sewall

Mary Jean Alig and Shirley Roberts were the 2019 recipients of the Circle of May Wright Sewall award. The awards were presented at the annual meeting on May 15. Alig has been a member of the Propylaeum since 1978 and Roberts since 2010. Both have served on the board of directors, and Alig is a past president of the Propylaeum board.



Circle of May Wright Sewall recipients Shirley Roberts and Mary Jean Alig.



Attending the luncheon with Mary Jean Alig were her daughters, from left, Mary Linda Ray, Ginny Cain, Alig, and Christy Bakker.

summer cont.

will be served, as well as wine.

July will also feature our annual **Women's History Tea** a delightful way to enjoy an afternoon tea while learning about an important chapter in women's art history.

The Prop is once again hosting monthly **Porch Parties**. Guests enjoy lively conversation, light appetizers, and a refreshing beverage on the beautiful front porch. The Propylaeum is open for tours and membership and board committee members are on hand to answer questions, and join in the fun.

In June **Coffee Morning at the Prop** kicked off with over 10 attendees enjoying coffee or tea and a fresh pastry in the north east room. The social activity gave new and long-term members a chance to meet and share stories. More than one person left saying "I never knew that," about other members.

An **Open House** will be held on August 2 at 5 p.m. to introduce Chef Suzanne Catering. Chef Suzanne will be opening the Café at the Prop on

Monday, August 5. The open house will feature hors d'oeuvres as well as a sampling of the new Café menu. This promises to be a large event, as Chef Suzanne Catering also celebrates their 10th Anniversary.

The **May Wright Sewall Leadership Award** dinner and event will be held on August 15 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Marianne Glick is the 2019 May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Recipient. This program will also serve as the Propylaeum kick-off event for the 2020 Suffrage Centennial.

Attending one of these great events or another event downtown? Consider staying the night at the Prop. **Six guest rooms** in the beautiful Victorian mansion sleep up to 15 people. Call LaurieAnne at 317-638-7881 x4 to find out about pricing and availability. Overnight accommodations include free parking and a continental breakfast.

To RSVP for any of these great summer programs and events, or for more information go to www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents or call LaurieAnne Wickens at 317-638-7881 ext. 4.

Talbot Street Art Fair Parking Cancelled

The Talbot Street Art Fair parking at the Indianapolis Propylaeum was cancelled this year due to heavy rain. Talbot Street Parking Chair, Diane Tolliver hoped the weather would clear up, but there was no break in the rain on Saturday, June 15.

Each year during the Talbot Street Art Fair Prop members and friends sell parking in the Prop parking lot. Each year this fundraiser brings in over \$2,000 during the two-day event.

Prop Parking Lot Refreshed

When you come to the Prop you'll notice immediately the new, fresh look of the parking lot. In early June the lot was resealed, restriped, and new parking chalks were added.

"It makes a difference. The lot and parking chalks needed attention, it's one of the first things new members and clients notice about the Prop" said LaurieAnne Wickens, Marketing and Events Coordinator.

Carol Faenzi to Speak at July Prop Night

Join us for a very special evening event Wednesday, July 17, 2019, as we host Carol Faenzi, noted author, speaker, consultant, and entrepreneur, for a presentation entitled *Ellis Island: First Day in America*.

Faenzi is the author of *The Stonecutter's Aria*, a novel based on the true stories of her stone-carving Italian immigrant ancestors. She presents programs throughout the United States on preserving family stories and rituals many of which began on Ellis Island. Her many visits to Ellis Island will bring its rich and symbolic history to life for us. Prop Night will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the cost is \$30/ members, \$35 non-members. The event will include heavy appetizers, a cash wine bar, and mingling. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude by 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. For reservations please visit www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents or call 317.638.7881 x.3.



Fun Friday to Tour State Library

Fun Friday will be held on July 12 at 11 a.m. and will be a tour of the Indiana State Library, an architectural gem with wonderful resources. After the tour, we will adjourn across the street to the Indiana Historical Society for lunch at the Canal Café. If you spend \$8 for lunch or in the IHS gift shop you can have your parking at the IHS parking lot validated for discounted or free parking.

The State Library is at 315 W Ohio, Street and the Indiana Historical Society is at 450 W Ohio. The IHS parking lot is off New York Avenue, east of West Street.

Put this on your calendar. If you plan to attend, please contact Jill Chambers at jillloughchambers@gmail.com or call or text 317-514-9218.

CALENDAR

July

- 12: Fun Friday. State Museum. 11 a.m.
- 15: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 17: Prop Day Dinner and Program. 6 p.m.
- 20: Women's History Tea. 1:15 p.m.
- 23: Coffee Morning at the Prop. 9 a.m.
- 23: Book Group. *Where the Crawdads Sing*. Delia Owens. Noon.
- 26: Porch Party. 5 p.m.
- 30: July/Aug. Board of Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.

August

- 2: Open House/Café at Prop Launch Party. 5 p.m.
- 5: Café at the Prop open for business. 11 a.m.
- 9: Fun Friday. TBD.
- 9: Porch Party. 5 p.m.
- 13: Coffee Morning at the Prop. 9 a.m.
- 15: May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Dinner. 5:30 p.m.
- 19: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 21: Prop Heritage Day Luncheon and Program. Noon.
- 27: Book Group. *The Woman's Hour*. Elaine Weiss. Noon.

September

- 8: Princess Tea. 1 p.m.
- 10: Coffee Morning at the Prop. 9 a.m.
- 10: Board of Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.
- 13: Fun Friday. TBD
- 13: Porch Party. 5 p.m.
- 15: Volunteer Appreciation Event. 1:30 p.m.
- 16: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 18: Prop Day Luncheon and Program. Noon.
- 18: Flu Shot Clinic

For all upcoming events, follow us on:



Membership

Active Memberships contribute to the culture and social life of the organization. Dues are partially tax deductible and members may carry a monthly account, receive a 30% facility rental discount for private events held at the Propylaeum, receive special event pricing for Propylaeum Events, and enjoy member benefits through Columbia Club reciprocity. Visit thepropylaeum.org for more information.

July Birthdays

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| 3 | Libby D'Alton | 25 | Kandy Kinker |
| 15 | Marilyn Goeke | 29 | Gloria Harbin |
| 19 | Curtis Black | | |
| 22 | Penny Conner | | |

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