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OH BABY!

By WILLIAM A. FIRSTENBERGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Wednesday, September 23, 2015, the name Baldwin made yet another significant connection to Ruthmere. On that morning I drove from Ruthmere, the home built by Albert Beardsley and Elizabeth Baldwin Beardsley, to meet with Larry Deputy at his daughter Jennifer's home located outside of Bristol, not far from Baldwin Prairie. To save time and miles my straightest route in this short journey took me down Elkhart's angling Baldwin Street. My goal in this meeting--to oversee the transfer of the latest gift to Ruthmere, the Deputy Family's Baldwin Baby Grand Piano!



This gift is like no other in Ruthmere's history. The Deputy Family lived at Ruthmere from 1946 until 1969--longer than any previous residents in the home. Their purchase of the home had saved it from an uncertain future in the 1940s when it looked like Ruthmere might become a commercial business site or worse...removed from the Elkhart landscape entirely. A generation later, the Deputy's desire to sell Ruthmere to the Beardsley Foundation for the purpose of creating a public museum left an enduring statement of stewardship for this landmark.

Now, forty-six years after having left the walls of Ruthmere, Larry Deputy was poised to make a grand gift back to Ruthmere on behalf of the Deputy Family. The 1938 Baldwin Baby Grand piano that had been a personal wedding present from the family patriarch Sherrill Deputy to his young bride Helen Deputy during their first year of marriage will be returning home. The piano had followed with the family in all their travels of residency, beginning in Detroit, then on to Omaha, and finally to Elkhart. Not only did Helen play, but generations of Deputy children and extended family learned their scales and rudiments of music on this lovely instrument--it was at the heart of family life for nearly 75 years. What object could better represent the years of the mid-twentieth century at Ruthmere and the family whose interest in architecture and preservation saved Ruthmere not once, but twice?!

A lovely piano, but in need of considerable restoration to reach its full potential once again as a regularly playable instrument, the Deputy Family has generously agreed to provide \$15,000 of restoration support for the piano to be fully restored by Chupp's Piano Service. On Ruthmere's opening day, April 1st, join us at 7pm as we welcome back "our Baby" to Ruthmere. A free concert will be held by the employees of Chupp's Piano Service. Seating is limited, and reservations are highly encouraged.

The Opening Day Piano Concert is underwritten by 1st Source Bank.

Ruthmere Record Editor - Carolyn Bonanno

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Ruthmere's mission is to inspire the imagination and promote excellence in fine arts, architecture, and historic preservation, and to advocate life-long learning and the entrepreneurial spirit.

LIVE IT UP WITH RUTHMERE!

By WILLIAM A. FIRSTENBERGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Become a Ruthmere Member and you might *Live It Up with Ruthmere!* By winning a luxurious flexible vacation voucher for \$2,000 coordinated by Menno Travel! Voucher can be used for travel, lodging, entertainment and more. Ruthmere memberships make great gifts for friends and family offering priceless arts and culture experiences all year long.



All Ruthmere private members at the Individual and Family Membership levels, as well as renewing Ruthmere members who renew at their existing level, will receive one chance to win. Renewing members who increase their level of membership in 2016 will triple their odds with three chances to win. Likewise, new members who join at the Patron level or higher will be given three chances to win. Drawing for the winner of the *Live It Up with Ruthmere!* promotion will be held December 29, 2016.

Ruthmere staff, Board members, Menno Travel staff and their immediate relatives are excluded from participation in the drawing. Cannot be combined with any existing trip or plans--all travel arrangements using the Flexible Vacation Voucher Prize must be made through Menno Travel. Minimum 400 entries required to conduct drawing. Voucher has no cash value.



VOLUNTEERS - WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

By SARA WELLS, VISITOR SERVICES COORDINATOR

We look forward to a busy 2016 season for Ruthmere and Havilah Beardsley House. One thing is certain, we can't meet all our needs without the help of our dedicated volunteers. We are fortunate to have an amazing group of volunteers who rise to every challenge!

Ruthmere has an abundance of volunteer opportunities for persons with a wide variety of interests: Docent tour guides at both Ruthmere and the Havilah Beardsley House site, the Elkhart County School Field Trip Project, collections work, gardening and special events assistance. Training opportunities available now for the upcoming tour season! To inquire about becoming a Ruthmere Volunteer please call 574-264-0330 ext. 104 or email Jennifer Johns - jjohns@ruthmere.org

ROBERT RECALLS

By ROBERT B. BEARDSLEY, RUTHMERE FOUNDING DIRECTOR

The family chauffeur in 1910 lived in quarters over the cars in the garage, his apartment a warren of rooms with a small bathroom with an iron claw tub and pull-chain toilet. When we got Ruthmere 1969 it hadn't been used for anything but storage after Ruthmere staffer "Old Joe" retired home to Tennessee in 1924.

What to do with the space? A library! The Robert B. Beardsley Arts Reference Library of American Domestic Architecture and Decorative Arts resulted from making one room 30 x 30 that I fit out with architectural "parts" from old buildings. Furnishings included retrofitted wooden columns procured from a Knights of Columbus hall, an 1880 oak library table from Simmons College, copper pans filled with cheerful red geraniums, Morris chairs, Persian rugs and 3,000 old books about American interior decorating 1880-1930.



We opened September 8, 1980, on my birthday and seven years to the day after opening Ruthmere to the general public.

Since then many researchers and book-lovers have enjoyed this oasis of calm and beauty and got ideas for similar retreats and inglenooks in their own homes. Here we hold small meetings, my favorite retreat. And gardeners: see our collection of books filled with illustrations of varieties available in 1910 and how it was all put together in similar houses across the country in 1910. Regarding artwork: don't overlook a superb Camille Claudell bronze and many important prints and paintings, including two Indiana Brown County stunners we guard with watchful eyes. Come refresh, relax and enjoy yourself in a cozy cheerful book-lined aerie, Far From the Madding Crowd!

You can now search our wonderful little library online through the Elkhart Public Library system. Find our books online at myepl.org and then come see the real thing by appointment.

RUTHMERE TO PREMIERE HEARTLAND: THE CIVIL WAR



Photo by Becky Malewitz
South Bend Tribune

This dramatized history/docudrama was created by Lifetime Education And Research Network, Inc. and is being produced by Michael Beatty. It follows the intersecting stories of eleven individuals; ten are historical residents of the South Bend/Mishawaka/Elkhart area. The program begins in 1861, at the start of the Civil War, and ends in 1890. The Civil War brought pain and misery, but also growth and prosperity. Some call it our deadliest and costliest war, but it also brought the end of slavery and the continuation of the union.

Key characters in the production are Elizabeth Baldwin (later in life the lady of the house at Ruthmere Elizabeth Beardsley) and other members of the Baldwin family. This lively interpretation opens new perspectives on both this pivotal period in American History and the impact that it made on the local landscape.

One showing only will take place in Ruthmere's Game Room on Sunday, April 17th at 4pm. Seating limited to 75. For reservations call 574-264-0330 ext. 104.

Free public event generously underwritten by Peter and Lisa Deputy.

YP NIGHT AT RUTHMERE

By WILLIAM A. FIRSTENBERGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Young Professionals (YP's) are getting into Ruthmere, if yaknowwhaddamean. On April 14th from 6-9pm, Ruthmere will host the inaugural YP Night at Ruthmere, a private concert event designed by YP's for YP's...but anyone who likes cutting edge musical talent and a great time is welcome to attend. We are all young at heart.

Cost is \$25 per person which covers beverages and hors d'oeuvres, open house tours of Ruthmere's first floor and a special private concert by the Chicago-based singer songwriter duo Frances Luke Accord. This cost also includes a 30-day trial membership at Ruthmere. This event is considered a Ruthmere members-only private party and is an ASCAP licensed event.

Frances Luke Accord first performed at Ruthmere's Coffee on the Piazza series in 2012. They have since exploded onto the Chicago music scene, toured internationally and are on the cusp of making their mark in the music world. Because of Ruthmere's prior relationship, they have agreed to come back to the intimate setting of Ruthmere's Game Room for a special performance just for us. These twenty-something artists are a perfect fit for the energy of a young professional crowd, and this evening could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see a truly phenomenal talent before they "go huge." For reservations call 574-264-0330 ext. 104.

For a preview of the Frances Luke Accord go to: franceslukeaccord.com



HAVILAH BEARDSLEY HOUSE TO BE A HUB FOR JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT LEMONADE DAY

By WILLIAM A. FIRSTENBERGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lemonade Day has taken Elkhart by storm the past few years inspiring the minds of Elkhart's future business leaders. What better place for young entrepreneurs to learn about Elkhart's roots of business innovation than at the place where it all started--the Havilah Beardsley House?

The foremost objective of Lemonade Day is to empower youth to take ownership of their lives and become productive members of society – the business leaders, social advocates, volunteers and forward thinking citizens of tomorrow. They do this by organizing and running their own creative lemonade stand.

The Havilah Beardsley House is a designated pick up site for students to get their Lemonade Day project backpacks. While there, students can learn firsthand about their community's roots in business enterprise. The Havilah Beardsley House property at the corner of Beardsley Ave. at Main St., Elkhart, one of the busiest corners in the county, will host a very special lemonade stand on the big day.

On Saturday, May 21st, Elkhart county will be blanketed by hundreds of Lemonade Day stands, and at the center of it all will be the Havilah Beardsley House!

AN ADVENTURE FOR BRIDE AND GROOM

By LORI STAMATOVIC, 2015 PARIS TRIP WINNER

When you receive a message from the Director of Ruthmere on New Year's Eve stating there is an important matter to discuss, you experience a range of emotions (mostly concern and confusion). After having rented Creek House for a party the week before, I assumed something was wrong – that perhaps I had inadvertently scratched the beautiful hardwood floors or damaged the exquisite antique buffet in the dining room. Not wanting to prolong my suffering, I returned Bill's call immediately.

Much to my surprise, after he introduced himself he didn't mention anything about Creek House (one of the few instances I was happy to be wrong). Instead, he asked me if I spoke French. I do not, so I started going through my mental rolodex of someone who might – obviously this man needed a translator! Wrong again. Bill said I had won a trip for two to Paris. What?! I, a newlywed of less than two weeks and who was saving for a honeymoon, had just won a TRIP TO PARIS! It seemed unreal.

I put Bill on speakerphone so my wonderful husband could help me understand what I was hearing (and because I could barely form words, let alone coherent thoughts to explain to him what I thought was happening). Bill explained that I was entered into a drawing for the trip when I became a Ruthmere member, and lucky me -- my name was chosen! The drawing sounded vaguely familiar, but when I became a member, I was really more focused on the fact that I could finally explore the beautiful properties in this area. I had completely forgotten about the trip to Paris, and what a way to be reminded!

I don't remember much else from that conversation as the shock set in pretty rapidly. I do remember Bill saying something along the lines of, "I hope you have a happy new year!" Um...YES!! My husband and I were in shock the rest of the evening...and to be honest, the shock has lingered in the best way possible. We both still have moments in which we ask each other, "Do you remember that time we won a trip!?" and are filled with excitement all over again.

We are working with Menno Travel to plan our adventure. The original trip to Paris was well-planned and would have been a wonderful journey, but we are longing for a tropical vacation. French Polynesia is a natural transition from Paris, but we are also looking at Riviera Maya and St. Lucia. Wherever we go, we will forever be grateful for this opportunity. This gift is a reminder of the endless (and often incredible!) perks of being involved in your community and investing in local culture. A big thanks to the Ruthmere team, particularly Bill and Carla, who have been instrumental in helping us better understand the tremendous benefits of being a Ruthmere member.



Lori and Nicholas Stamatovic at
Creek House Center on Their Wedding Day



LIVESTATUE RETURNS!

Ruthmere is once again bringing the international award-winning performance artist Robert Shangle of LiveStatue to community events this summer. Robert will mesmerize the crowds with his engaging and sophisticated living statue performances on these dates: Founder's Day Sunday May 1st at Havilah Beardsley House, Elkhart Jazz Festival Thursday June 23rd, Elkhart County Fair July 24th and Ruthmere Museum Pom Party August 11th. LiveStatue sponsored by Dick & Linda Armstrong.

ADOPT A POM FOR RUTHMERE!

By WILLIAM A. FIRSTENBERGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Building on the success of the 2015 launch of the Ruthmere Adopt a Pom campaign, Ruthmere is again offering up for adoption 292 little orphan Pomegranates (decorations from Ruthmere's interior and exterior) aka "Poms" to raise public awareness for historic preservation and have a summer bash! All proceeds go to sustain the preservation needs of Elkhart's historic landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

- Join Executive Director Bill Firstenberger at Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere (or by special appointment) to "Pick out Your Pom" and learn how you can become a "Pom Parent" supporting Elkhart's historic landmark. Deadline for Pom adoption is August 10, 2016.
- All Pom Parents are invited to attend free of charge the chic Adopt a Pom Party, to be held Thursday, August 11th, 6:30-9pm sponsored by the Firefly Trust and Whole Foods Market, for a theme party "Vegas Lounge." LiveStatue has a special surprise in store for the evening and swanky sounds will be crooned by Marty Lowe.
- Pom prices range \$30-\$1,000. Minimum contribution of \$30 per individual or \$50 per couple to attend the Pom Party. Purchase a more prestigious Pom and invite more guests to the party.

Example: Adopt a \$100 Pom and receive a Pom Party invitation for four people. Adopt a \$300 Pom and reserve a table for eight. Donations tax deductible within limits of the law. At the Pom Party, attendees can upgrade their Poms by purchasing any remaining available Poms or by participating in the "Premium Pom Auction."

- Your donation is leveraged! The Community Foundation of Elkhart County will match 25% of Pom contributions of \$100 or more up to a maximum of \$25,000 per year. Call Ruthmere at 574-264-0330 ext. 105 for details on how to make your Adopt a Pom donation.
- Pom Party event generously underwritten by the Firefly Trust and Whole Foods Market, inviting everyone to enjoy Whole Foods, Whole People and a Whole Planet!



Another Happy Pom Parent poses with her adopted Pom (over fireplace) at the 2015 Pom Party.



2016 FALL CONCERT SERIES

By GAIL MARTIN, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Ruthmere proudly announces the upcoming Fall Concert Series in the Ruthmere Game Room. For the first time Ruthmere will present world class music on two grand pianos.

October 13 Norell Piano Duo: Local husband and wife team, the Norell Piano Duo, will present a unique program for one and two pianos. The recital will include music of Mozart, Schubert, Grieg and Lutoslawski showcasing both the intimacy and grandeur of the repertoire. Luke and Mary Rose teach piano at the Goshen College Community School of the Arts and perform together across North America.

October 27 Jim Pickley: Well-known performer Jim Pickley will provide a medley of Broadway and Jazz numbers from the likes of Duke Ellington, Bill Evans and Erroll Gardner.

November 10 Bob Milne and Jeff Barnhart: Bob Milne and Jeff Barnhart are two of the best ragtime pianists in the world. When they play two-piano duets, it is nothing short of fireworks, including spectacular runs, rhythms and dynamics.

November 25 Nicholas Roth: Back for the umpteenth time to concertize at Ruthmere the Friday after Thanksgiving, Nicholas will once again dazzle the audience with his precise technique and his special exuberance. Nicholas is a native of Elkhart and is Professor of piano at Drake University. Stay tuned for an unannounced guest.

For more information, call Ruthmere at 574-264-0330. All concerts begin at 7pm and seating is limited for this premier series. The first three concerts are on a Thursday, and the last one, a Friday.

FISCHOFF AT RUTHMERE

By WILLIAM A. FIRSTENBERGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Fischoff soirée is a celebration of great music and lively conversation featuring a brilliant performance by a semifinalist of the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition. At the Ruthmere soirée on Thursday, May 5th from 6-9pm, guests will enjoy refreshments when they arrive followed by 30-40 minutes of music from the ensemble's competition repertoire. The musicians will also entertain questions from the audience about their music, their experiences and the journey that brought them to Fischoff.

The Fischoff is the nation's largest chamber music competition, which brings together young musicians from across the country and around the world. This year 142 ensembles from 28 states applied. Only 48 ensembles are invited to participate. The Fischoff Competition takes place May 6-8, 2016, at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Notre Dame. www.fischoff.org. For reservations to Fischoff Soiree' at Ruthmere, call 574-264-0330 ext. 104 or email jjohns@ruthmere.org.



RUTHMERE BUS TRIP TO ARTPRIZE

Book your seats now! Ruthmere is taking a chartered bus trip to the internationally acclaimed ArtPrize competition in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on September 22nd. Perennial ArtPrize winner Robert Shangle (LiveStatue) and his wife Rachel will be our guides. Fee will be \$80 for non-members and \$60 for Ruthmere members. For reservations and more information call 574-264-0330 ext. 104.

EOQ (END OF QUARTER) COCKTAILS FOR 2016



2016 EOQ Details:

*March 31st - Russian Vodkas
at Creek House Center*

*June 30th - Juniper Party (all gin-based drinks)
at Havilah Beardsley House*

*September 29th - Say Hello to Tequila
at Creek House Center*

*December 29th - Fine Wines of Winter
at Ruthmere Game Room*

**Live It Up with Ruthmere drawing!*

EOQ Cocktails return in 2016 with four exciting dates for these exclusive parties for Ruthmere members. The quarter's business is done. Come enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and select cocktails in a beautiful setting the last Thursday in March, June, September and December.

Ideal for Ruthmere's Business members, EOQ Cocktail events are private parties open to all Ruthmere members and their guests. Ruthmere members and their guests admitted for \$15 per person. Ruthmere Bronze Patron Members (\$250) and higher and Ruthmere Business members receive 2 complimentary admissions per EOQ event. Bring friends, make new ones and network ideas on Elkhart's exciting future.

Every EOQ (end of quarter) deserves its own theme and special drink to mark the success. Always held at 5-7pm, the venue rotates between Creek House Center, Havilah Beardsley House and Ruthmere.

Phone reservations requested by Noon on event dates. 574-264-0330 ext. 104.

EOQ Cocktails is generously underwritten by the Firefly Trust.

RUTHMERE RECEIVES YOUTH EDUCATION GRANTS FROM ELKHART NOON ROTARY CLUB AND ELKHART NOON KIWANIS CLUB

By CAROLYN BONANNO, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Elkhart Noon Rotary Club awarded Ruthmere \$1,000 to support Havilah Beardsley House Student-Led Special Events. This program gives students the opportunity to develop and execute their own community open house event at the Havilah Beardsley House. From planning creative event components, authoring and publicizing the event, conducting open house tours to still unexplored new creative ideas, all middle and high schools in a six-county region (public, private and registered home schools) are eligible for participation. These open houses are held evenings from 5-7pm to accommodate student and parent schedules.

Elkhart Noon Kiwanis Club awarded Ruthmere \$750 to support the "My First Museum Visit" tour program for young children from preschool through 2nd grade. The goal of this program is to introduce younger children to the museum learning experience. Students learn the history of Elkhart through a fun interactive puppet show and hands on experiences. These learning experiences build a foundation for a lifetime of learning in museums. "Thank you" to Elkhart Noon Rotary Club and Elkhart Noon Kiwanis Club for supporting programs for youth in Elkhart County.

VINTAGE PLANTS IN THE RUTHMERE GREENHOUSE

By CARLA RILEY, CAMPUS COORDINATOR

The 1910 greenhouse of Elizabeth Beardsley was all about plants that were her favorites and appropriate for the times. Ruthmere strives to follow in her footsteps as we select plants for the greenhouse in 2016.

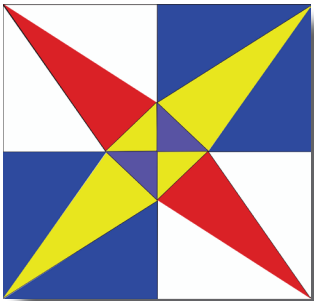
Roses, hydrangeas and orchids are traditional vintage plants that embellish their surroundings with color and brilliance. One imagines Elizabeth entering her greenhouse through the tunnel under the loggia during the cold of winter to care for her collection. Other plants in our array of vintage greenery will be ferns, myrtle, bougainvillea, oxalis, philodendron, daffadils, tulips and lilies.



Elizabeth Beardsley

2016 RUTHMERE QUILT GARDEN ALONG THE HERITAGE TRAIL - CROSS CANOES

By CARLA RILEY, CAMPUS COORDINATOR



The 1895 Cross Canoe design has been selected for the Ruthmere Museum 2016 Quilt Gardens on the Heritage Trail. This design represents the many canoes that came down the St. Joseph River in the early settlement of Elkhart as well as the coming together of the Potawatomi Tribe and the early white settlers. Canoes were prevalent in the culture and history of the Potawatomi Tribe from which Havilah Beardsley purchased the land for the development of the city of Elkhart.

THE INDIANA BICENTENNIAL & QUILT GARDENS ALONG THE HERITAGE TRAIL

Communities and events across Indiana have developed and tweaked programs to celebrate Indiana's 200th birthday in 2016. Elkhart County Bicentennial efforts and participation in this historic event include the Elkhart County Legacy Projects and Torch Relay.

The Quilt Gardens along the Heritage Trail join the Bicentennial party by weaving together 200 years of quilt history communicated thru giant gardens planted in the shape of quilt patterns along with tales of our rivers and railroads, stories of our pioneers and settlers, including Native Americans and entrepreneurs. Elkhart County has a story to tell during this special time in Indiana's history at the Quilt Gardens and throughout Elkhart County in 2016.



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Business Members at all levels are encouraged to use their business membership to show clients and guests the best of Elkhart. Business members may bring a party of six people free of charge on tour to Ruthmere and Havilah Beardsley House during normal hours of operation. Calling ahead for group tours is strongly encouraged. Business Members encouraged to attend EOQ events (see page 8).

Chairman's Club Members

As the highest level of business supporters Chairman's Club Members contribute a minimum of \$5,000 annually and underwrite flagship Ruthmere programs. Chairman's Club Members enjoy premium access to Ruthmere facilities for private special events.

**Firefly Trust
INOVA Federal Credit Union
Bill Deputy Foundation**

President's Club Members

President's Club Members contribute at least \$1,000 annually and are recognized as significant sustaining business members. Most if not all President's Club Members sponsor a Ruthmere program for the benefit of the public.

**IU Arts Foundation
KeyBank
Shreiner & Sons, Inc.
Elkhart Noon Rotary Club
The Elkhart Truth
Garber's Interior Design**

Corporate Members

Corporate Members provide \$500 for sustaining support to Ruthmere, the Havilah Beardsley House and Creek House Center. Corporate Members are eligible to sponsor a Ruthmere program.

**Harold Ziegler Ford Elkhart
Downtown Elkhart, Inc.
Whole Foods Market
Elkhart Noon Kiwanis Club
Menno Travel Service
1st Source Bank
NIBCO
American Home Improvement**

**L.P. Custom Painting
Geyer Decorating
Gibson
RSM
Chupp's Piano Service
Domain Logic Technology Solutions
Dena Phillips - Steinway Piano Servicing**

Business Honor Roll

Business Honor Roll Members contribute vital support to Ruthmere's mission, and identify themselves as community leaders who care about art, culture and historic preservation.

**Tom Naquin Chevrolet Nissan
Goshen Motors
Elkhart County Board of Realtors
The Homespun Country Inn
The Scottish Inn
Country Victorian Bed & Breakfast**

LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS

IUSB Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts
IUSB Anthropology Department
Indiana Landmarks
Elkhart County Community Foundation
Elkhart County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce
Elkhart County Museum Association
Christiana Creek Coalition
Elkhart City Parks Department
City of Elkhart
Elkhart County Historical Museum
Elkhart Public Library
The Lerner Theatre
Wellfield Botanic Gardens
Welch Packaging, Inc.
Habitat for Humanity of Elkhart County, Inc.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Elkhart County
First Presbyterian Church of Elkhart
Fox 28
WVPE
WNIT
The Elkhart Truth
Matterhorn Conference Center
Kil Architecture & Planning
Johnson Masonry, Inc.
Radecki Galleries, Inc.
H&M Tree Service
Himco Waste-Away
The Electric Brew
Young Professionals of Elkhart
Kevin's Lawn Care, Inc.

NEW SOUVENIR BOOK OF RUTHMERE COMING IN 2016!

By MARK DODDINGTON, MUSEUM ASSISTANT



Ruthmere Museum is proud to announce we are in the process of putting together a full-color souvenir book tentatively titled, *Recollections: A Photographic Guide Book of Ruthmere*, to be sold in our gift shop or via our website starting in 2016. Authored by Ruthmere Museum Assistant Mark Doddington, the book encompasses the history of the house and the families who have occupied it over the years since its completion in 1910. A mixture of vintage and modern photos brings the full story to life in a light, lively way. Beginning with the original owners, Albert and Elizabeth Beardsley, the book follows through with Arthur and Stella Beardsley, the second family to live in the mansion, and the Sherrill and Helen Deputy family, who owned Ruthmere from 1945 to 1967. We also get to know Ruthmere's architect, Enock Hill Turnock, himself an Elkhart institution.

A brief midsection talks about Walter and Robert Beardsley, the dynamic father-son duo who restored Ruthmere to its glory days. Finally, the moment you've all been waiting for: a room-by-room photographic tour of Ruthmere laid out in the same order as the walking tour we have all enjoyed. Filled with fun facts and little-known tidbits about the house and its occupants, *Recollections* is the perfect way to take a prized memory home for years to come. Doddington, a native of Maryland now residing in Elkhart, has been a member of the Ruthmere staff since October, 2015, and served as a volunteer tour guide for a year before that. He earned his bachelor's degree in English from Hartwick College in 1990.

NEW TIMES FOR GALLERY TALKS & DISCOVER HISTORIC ELKHART SERIES

Gallery Talks will be on a new schedule this year with Talks starting at 11am on the first Thursday of every month. We have a great lineup this year so keep an eye out for the *Off the Record* e-newsletter that is sent every month which will include the Gallery Talk topics and locations as well as other Ruthmere events. This information can also be found on ruthmere.org. On Thursday, April 7, Ruthmere docent Marty Weber will be discussing Albert and Elizabeth Beardsley's Dresden china at Ruthmere. Come learn more about the history of these unique pieces. Gallery Talks are sponsored by Garber's Interior Design.

The Discover Historic Elkhart Series will be on a new schedule in 2016 with presentations taking place on Thursday evenings in June, September and November at 6:30pm at the Havilah Beardsley House, doors open at 6 pm. On June 9th we will be getting into the Bicentennial summer spirit with Sonya Nash from the Elkhart CVB who will be discussing how Elkhart has connected with the Bicentennial in the wonderful quilt gardens throughout Elkhart county. September 8th will feature DHES partner Indiana Landmarks staff discussing, Rehabbing Your Vintage Windows. On November 3rd, Dr. Patrick Furlong will be presenting on the history of the Indiana Bicentennial. Admission is \$10 per person, \$5 per Ruthmere member. Light refreshments will be served. The Discover Historic Elkhart Series is sponsored by the Firefly Trust.

CREEK HOUSE CENTER OFFERS MANY OPTIONS

By CARLA RILEY, CAMPUS COORDINATOR



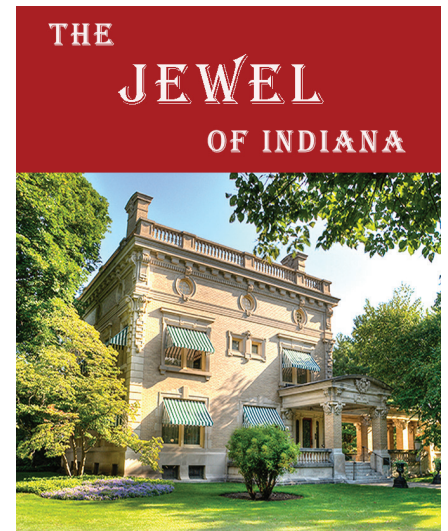
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IRISH!



Are you looking for a venue for your next big event, reception retreat or simply a relaxing weekend getaway? Well, look no further because historic Creek House Center offers you the perfect location for your next shower, birthday, anniversary, or even a beautiful outdoor wedding. The house boasts 5 bedrooms that comfortably sleep 10 guests, a fully functional kitchen, living room, dining room, and library.

Other house amenities include free WiFi and smart TV with cable sports package. The exterior includes over two acres of property with scenic views to Christiana Creek. Creek House Center is also a wonderful destination for Notre Dame home games. Tailgate in style! For reservations call (574) 264-0330 ext. 113.

LOOK FOR OUR "JEWEL" AD IN PRESERVATION MAGAZINE



Guided tours of Ruthmere, the lavishly decorated 1910 historic home of Albert and Elizabeth Beardsley, are offered Tuesday through Saturday on the hour from 10am to 3pm and Sunday from 1pm to 3pm. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$4 for students and children under 5 are free with an adult.

Havilah Beardsley House, home of Elkhart's founder, offers tours Tuesday through Saturday on the hour from 10am to 3pm and Sunday from 1pm to 3pm. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and children under 5 are free with an adult.

Wednesday is Senior Discount Day, seniors 65 and older receive admission to Ruthmere for \$7 and Havilah Beardsley House for \$3.

Members are admitted free at both locations (see www.Ruthmere.org for more information on Ruthmere member benefits). Bring your family and friends for an experience in history, art and architecture by way of a guided tour, a program or a special event.

*For more information call:
574-264-0330
or visit www.Ruthmere.org*

2016 SPRING/SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

April 1	Opening Day Ruthmere Museum & Havilah Beardsley House – 10 – 3pm
April 1	*Opening Day Concert – Chupp Piano Employees – 7pm - Ruthmere Game Room
April 3	*Free Family Sunday Ruthmere Museum Only – 1-4pm
April 7	*Gallery Talk - 11am – Docent, Marty Weber, Albert & Elizabeth’s Beardsley Dresden china – Ruthmere Game Room
April 14	YP Night at Ruthmere – Francis Luke Accord Concert - 6-9pm – Ruthmere Game Room
April 17	*Heartland Civil War Screening – 4 – 6:30pm – Ruthmere Game Room

* Free Event

+ Member Discount Benefits

^ Bronze Patron Benefits

~ Silver Patron Benefits

> Louis Comfort Tiffany Benefits

< Corporate Member Benefits

MAY

May 1	*Free Family Sunday Havilah Beardsley House Only/Founders Day - 1-4pm -LiveStatue
May 5	*Gallery Talk - 11am – Staff, Mark Doddington – Rand-McNally and 1889 Geography Textbook at Havilah Beardsley House
May 5	Fischoff Music Concert – 6-9pm – Ruthmere Game Room
May 8	Mother’s Day (Free Admission for Mothers) Rides in Milburn/Fee
May 21	Junior Achievement Lemonade Day – Havilah Beardsley House
May 29	Memorial Day observed – Receive a free flag with each tour

JUNE

June 2	*Gallery Talk – 11am – Pratt Antique Automobile - Ruthmere Garage
June 2	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere – 4:30–6:30pm
June 5	*Free Family Sunday Ruthmere Museum Only – 1-4pm
June 9	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere – 4:30-6:30pm
June 9	+^->Discover Historic Elkhart Series - Sonya Nash CVB – Havilah Beardsley House Quilt Gardens & The Bicentennial @ 6:30pm Havilah Beardsley House
June 16	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere – 4:30-6:30pm
June 19	Father’s Day (Free Admission for Fathers) Rides in Milburn/Fee
June 23	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere - 4:30–6:30pm
June 30	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere - 4:30–6:30pm
June 30	+^-<>EOQ Cocktails - Juniper Party - 5-7pm at Havilah Beardsley House

JULY

July 3	*Free Family Sunday Havilah Beardsley House Only & Independence Day observed Free flag with each tour – 1-4pm
July 7	*Gallery Talk - 11am – Dot Hanson – Vintage Lace and Doilies - Ruthmere
July 7	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere - 4:30–6:30pm
July 14	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere - 4:30–6:30pm
July 21	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere - 4:30–6:30pm
July 24	Ruthmere <i>LiveStatue</i> at 4-H Fair
July 28	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere - 4:30–6:30pm

AUGUST

August 4	*Gallery Talk - 11am - TBA
August 4	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere - 4:30–6:30pm
August 7	*Free Family Sunday Ruthmere Museum Only – 1-4pm
August 11	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere – 4:30-5:30pm (end early)
August 11	PomParty – <i>LiveStatue</i> Performs - Ruthmere Gardens - 6-8:30pm
August 18	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere - 4:30–6:30pm
August 25	*Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere - 4:30–6:30pm

OFF THE RECORD

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR ELECTRONIC SNAPSHOT OF MONTHLY EVENTS THAT INCLUDES PHOTOS, SHORT STORIES, LINKS AND SPECIAL OFFERS? OFF THE RECORD IS A GREAT WAY TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT HAPPENINGS AT RUTHMERE! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE, PLEASE SEND A REQUEST TO:

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SUMMER THURSDAYS IN THE GARDEN DISTRICT

By WILLIAM A. FIRSTENBERGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ruthmere Museums Campus and Wellfield Botanic Gardens are teaming up in the summer of 2016 to offer unprecedented live music performances on Summer Thursday evenings during the months of June, July and August. As the cultural anchors of the Gateway Mile Garden District and within easy walking distance of each other, Ruthmere and Wellfield are in a unique position to make Summer Thursdays something special in Elkhart.

Every Thursday during the months of June, July and August from 4:30-6:30pm Ruthmere will host "Summer Thursdays at Ruthmere" (aka STAR) serving free iced tea/lemonade and featuring two live acoustic musicians in the intimate setting of Ruthmere's outdoor piazza. Through the generous sponsorship of KeyBank this program series will be free admission to the public, targeting the after-work audience in a non-alcohol, family-friendly environment. Ron's River Dogs food vendor will be on site for all of these 13 dates. Lawn chairs and blankets welcome, no coolers please.



On ten consecutive Thursdays from June 16 to August 25 Wellfield Botanic Gardens will present a weekly garden concert at 7-8:30pm "Groovin' in the Gardens" featuring an eclectic assortment of jazz, contemporary, oldies and rock and roll artists. These concerts will have modest paid ticket admission ranging from \$3-\$10 depending on member/non-member and age status. Season tickets also available for advanced purchase. Caterer on site will offer an assortment of food and beverages available for purchase including beer and wine.



Garden District + Summer + Music = BIG FUN!