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THE JOY OF GIVING

By Robert Beardsley & Gail Martin

The concept is simple. We all want Elkhart to be a thriving, beautiful place to live. How we achieve that goal is where things get complicated. One piece of the puzzle involves people giving back. The need for gifts is obvious when we dare to try something newtoenhance the quality of life, like the Havilah Beardsley House Project.

Elkhart has many families and individuals who segenerosity improves our lives. They will be the first to admit that few things make them happier than knowing their resources are building a stronger community. People who give resources from their checkbook, or time from their calendar, experience the same feelings of satisfaction. Their personal contribution makes the difference.

ManyofyourememberthebrillianteveninginJune 2009, when Ruthmerewas aglow with royal Russian colors. That was the night maestro Alexander Toradze of the Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) Martin-endowed Piano Studio performed two private recitals in the Game Room for the guests. Alice and Rex Martin also provided superb Russian cuisine, live dance music (and Alice does a mean jitterbug) and who can forget the evening-ending performance of the children's choir singing Russian Iullabies.

"Elkhart has not experienced such a wonderful evening," stated one visitor from Colorado.

What made this evening possible? The generosity of Ruthmereboard member, Alice Martin and her husband Rex. They wanted their guests to share the beauty of Ruthmere and a night to remember. Alice and Rex



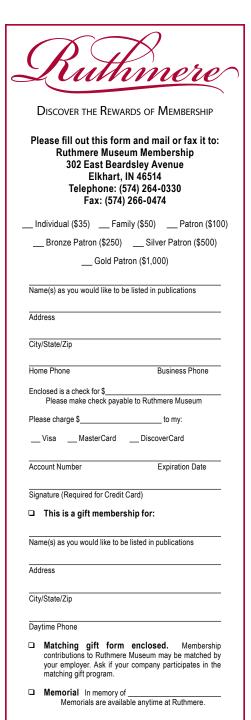
RuthmerePresidentRobertBeardsleyacceptsan1838land patent from his cousin Edward Beardsley.



Volunteer docent Lois Bare leads a school tour.

Martin, our great benefactors and friends, remind us that Elkhart continues to be a great place for all of us to live.

The Martin's enthusias misins trumental in getting the Havilah Beardsley House Project off the ground. This project reminds us that Elkhart has a fascinating historical past that we are now joining to a creative future. Our children and our grandchildren now have a special place to enjoy the history and spirit of Elkhart. Leading the way, Alice and Rex have shown us the joy of giving.



Confluence

The Ruthmere Writers' Group meets monthly on the third Saturday of each month. If you are interested in attending, please call 574-264-0330 for detailed information.

The group is facilitated by poetry Professor Emerita Darlene Mathis Eddy.



Membership Levels

Individual - \$35

3 issues of The Ruthmere Record, one free tour for 2, and information regarding all upcoming Ruthmere events

Family - \$50

3 issues of The Ruthmere Record, one complimentary family tour, and invitation to the children's summer party.

Patron - \$100

3 issues of The Ruthmere Record, listing in newsletters, one complimentary tour for 4 plus information regarding all upcoming Ruthmere events.

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3 issues of The Ruthmere Record, listing in newsletters one complimentary tour for 8 plus information regarding all upcoming events.

Silver Patron - \$500

Same as Bronze Patron above plus one complimentary tour for 12.

Special membership opportunities are available at higher levels. Please contact Bill Firstenberger at (574) 264-0330

All memberships include a 10% discount in the Museum Shop.

Havilah Beardsley House Road Show

Would your club or organization enjoy a Havilah Beardsley House Project video presentation? We would love to visit your group and share the story of Elkhart's entrepreneurial past focused on the city's founder Havilah Beardsley.

Contact us to schedule your program.
Phone 574-264-0330 ext 105

Phone 574-264-0330 ext.105 or emailbfirstenberger@ruthmere.org.

Notes From an Oaken Aerie...

Marilou Ritchie, Librarian /Archivist

Autumn is upon us again, and to old school teachers this is a time for new beginnings. With a new director, new email accounts, new nametags, and many other innovations Ruthmere is starting over once again. As long as each new beginning brings improvement – and it usually does – all is well.

Autumn also brings the annual change of the maple outside the library from boring green to flaming red; and when the sun shines on it, the library develops arosyglow that is warmand wonderful. This is my favorite time of year, and I invite all of you to visit the library and enjoy its special ambience.

There are other reasons for visiting the library of course. You might browse around and find a book on gardening, collecting pottery or china, domestic architecture, a favorite painter or sculptor, or our antique automobiles. You might sit at our trestle table that came from Harvard University and leaf through our newest book on Louis Comfort Tif-

fany's unique contributions to American art. It's called Tiffany Glass: A Passion for Colour, and that is the way it's spelled in the book, published in Canada.

The catalog of the Arts Reference Library should be available through the Elkhart Public Library by the end of September. In order to make it easier for clients to find us, we will be called Ruthmere Museum in the catalog, but we will still be the Robert B. Beardsley Arts Reference Library in the details of each book. Go to myepl.org to find the Elkhart Public Library; then go to Library Catalog, then to Advanced; under Advanced, scrolldownto find Ruthmere Museum under Libraries, and you may begin your search.

Meanwhilewewelcomeyoutocome here to browse through our real, old-fashioned card catalog any Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



ROBERT RECALLS... "WINTER CROSSING"

By Robert Beardsley, President, Board of Directors

*In order to give Robert Beardsley a short respite from his column, we print the following excerpt from his forth coming autobiography.

Determined to make at least one winter Atlantic crossing, I returned to New York in early January 1969 on the liner United States. Actually we had clearweather, but it was cold, windy, and quiterough. The red velvet "ropes" were up in the hallways most of the trip for unsteadypassengerstograbontowhen theseawasup. One doesn't see the ropes anymore even on transatlantic runs; the company must have decided their negative psychological impact outweighed theirusefulness.Wellbundledup,capped and gloved, I used to march around the promenade deck midmornings during the "heat" of the day for exercise. The winds on deck were 35-40 mph, considering that we had a headwind and the United States was the fastest liner ever built. We traveled at about 32 knots, or 35mph.Theopendeckwasmanageable if you leaned into the wind (or lay back on it going the other way) but entering theforedeckthroughanarrowpassageway, I forgot the Venturi principle about how liquid, like air, speeds up as it goes through a narrow space. I got through the passage way; but on the forward side the wind flattened me against the companionway, and I could not move and certainly could not be heard. I finally slumped to the deck like a sack of potatoesandonmyhandsandknees, myscarf whipping every which way, I crawled aft to the open deck where I finally was able to stand up again.

I told the ship's social director of my adventure at lunch (I was at her table) and she said: "You should not have been on deck today!" I had not read the ship's bulletin that morning. Just as she said

that, the giant black and gold sideboard in the middle of the dining room slid about two feet to port. "Uh, Nancy, did you see what I just saw?" Alarmed, she summonedfourwaiterswhograbbedthe monster and hooked it down to keep it from moving again on the next roll. The service staff was predominantly Filipino onthatmagnificentship, but labor costs, strikesanddecliningpassengermanifests spelled the end of the big liners who so on wentout of business. The cruise industry revived ship travel, of course, and saved it, and made bigger and bigger ships. The next one to come will probably be named "Monster of the Seas." Cunard's "Getting There Is Half the Fun" was true. There is a great difference between travelling and cruising.

Just a few weeks ago, I came a cross a dozen or so color slides I took on that fastwindy voyage 39 years ago. The color is perfect, like yesterday. Since one can take pictures ON a ship, but on a ship one cannot take pictures OF a ship, I got a lotofshotsofthestreamlinedred, white, and blue funnels, the long promenade deck, and some fairly big waves. My pictures do not show any other passengers on deck. The staff captain allowed me on the bridge. From the observation postseach side I got some good pictures down the side of the ship underway at great speed. How clear, blue, and sparkling the Atlantic can be in winter, and cold. When Mr. Pickwick was learning to ice skate, he observed to Sam "Veller," his man: "How slippery it is." "Not an uncommon thing with ice, sir." Cold is a not uncommon thing on the north Atlantic, especially in January. As for ice, we did see "growlers" on that passage, but so did the captain and we steered well past them.



Westbound on the 'United States' in a North Atlantic winter gale January 1969

I still have a souvenir of that crossing. One rough evening when I thought I was safely in bed, I got up to go to the bathroom. Halfway there a wave hit and propelledmetherestofthewaythrough the air. I fell on my hands and face but my left shin collided with the aluminum combing that separated the bath from the cabin. I got a nasty gash on my left shin. They take forever to heal. Ship's doctors are accustomed to treating seasick passengers so I was one of his more interesting patients on that four-and-ahalf day crossing. I do not have my diary in front of me, but I remember that the ship's first class was no more than 20% full. Its silhouette and hull design were fabulous, and, in my thinking, the United States was one of the most beautiful ships ever built, next to the Normandie, forever the most beautiful. Grandfather "Hub" was taken off the Normandie by pilot boat as it entered New York Harbor

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By BILL FIRSTENBERGER

It's hard to imagine a summer filled with more excitement and fortuitous events than the happenings of the past four months. As many already know my personal Elkhart roots along the north bank of the St. Joseph River run deep, but nothing could prepare me for the discoverythatmyveryowngrandfather, Arthur Kistner, was at one time owner and resident of the Havilah Beardsley House! This trivial nugget had fallen between the cracks of my family history, but the home's previous owner Darlene Adkins gladly helped me retrace my rootsbysharingherknowledgeofhouse history, such as Kistner's installation of the Austrian crystal chandelier that hangs in the family sitting room.

Far beyond my personal connections, much attention was given to the Havilah Beardsley House this summer. A new main entrance on the north side as well as an attractive outdoor plaza was installed in preparation for a kick-off preview event held on August 19th. Staff gave it their all getting the house ready, including scraping and painting the north side exterior–20 feet high no

less! We were delighted that nearly 100 attended to honor the Founders of this historic project–Robert B. Beardsley, Joan Beardsley Norris, Rex and Alice Martin, Robert and Mary Pat Deputy, and Arthur and the late Pat Decio. A highlight of the night was the presentation by Edward Beardsley (representing his brother Jeff Beardsley) of the gift of an original 1838 land patent documenting Havilah Beardsley's purchase of land in Elkhart County. (see page 1)

To further illustrate the Havilah BeardsleyHouseProject,Ruthmerehad Emmy award-winning Jeremy Pinckert of Explore Media produce a video which gives a glimpse into the vision of this project. What better storyteller to communicate the entrepreneurial story of Havilah Beardsley than a modernday Elkhart entrepreneur? This high definition video is viewable on Ruthmere'shomepageatwww.ruthmere.org. Watch it and be inspired.

Public programs took center stage with the annual Children's Summer Garden Party, and our monthly Free Family Sundays. At the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 1, the single-day attendance record was broken as 486 guests toured Ruthmere. In late August, the i-Spy Elkhart Free Cell Phone Tour was launched to the public, and in the first six weeks, more than 150 new visitors from 8 different states called this innovative tour where visitors experienceaudiomessages, still pictures, video clips, receive text message coupons, and can even leave their lives uggestions and comments. Look for great expansions of the i-Spy Elkhart Tour in the near future. (see page 8)

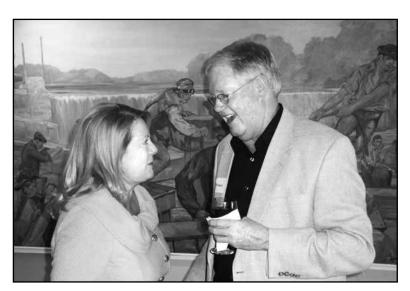
What's next? Here's a hint–with the re-opening of the 2011 Ruthmereseason on April 1, 2011 next year's visitors will be treated to an expanded tour of Ruthmerethattells the whole story. Planyour visit now.

The goal in all of this activity remains clear–transform the Ruthmere campus into an engaging experience in history, art and architecture, which in turn helps to create a better Elkhart for us all.





 $Connie\, and\, Craig\, Fulmer\, at\, the\, Havilah\, Beardsley\, House\, preview\, event.$



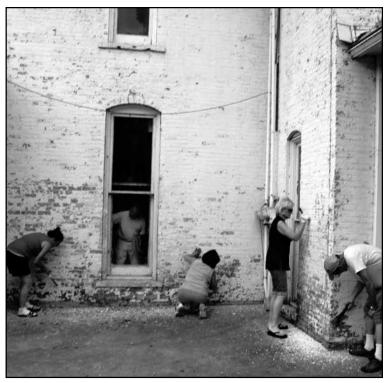
Havilah Beardsley House Project Founders Alice Martin and Bob Deputy discuss Elkhart's future.

BY ROBERT EDEL

The largest special project completed this summer was the installation of a new entry and construction of the plaza area at Havilah Beardsley House. In the area where the plaza was constructed, a large diseased tree was removed, the staff painted the exterior of the house, collected over 4,000 paving bricks to be used as the plaza floor and helped prepare the site for the construction. Re-purposing of these authentics treet pavers saved the Foundation \$4200 in materials costs and resulted in an aesthetically superior effect for this space. The project was completed in time for the Havilah Beardsley House preview event which was held August 19.

Inside maintenance work at Creek House has also accelerated. The goal is to repaint the entire interior of the house with the intentofusing the property as a meeting facility, retreat center, and overnight accommodations pertaining to Ruthmere business.

Several projects related to the Museumare being investigated at this time. These projects include roof repairs, replacement of the greenhouse roof structure, and limest one repairs to the foundation of the house. Ongoing preventative maintenance is critical to keep Ruthmere, Havilah Beardsley House, and Creek House in good repair.



Hard work at Havilah Beardsley House. Paul Yoder (inside) of LP's Custom Painting restores interior window frame while Ruthmere staff Carla Riley, Pam McIntire, Joy Olsen and Bob Edel work on exterior.



New entrance at left and new north plaza with street pavers.

FALL CONCERT SERIES & HOLIDAY EVENTS

Join us this Fall for music at Ruthmere. The Fall Concert Series this year is packed with a variety of music for your listening pleasure. We will be starting the series on Thursday, November 18th with chamber music featuring Goshen College Professors Matthew Hill and Solomia Soroka. The concert will include the Brahms Piano Quartet in G minor and selections by GC student musicians. Our secondandthirdconcertsintheseriesare scheduledaspartof'CelebratetheSeason' at Ruthmere. On December 2nd we will feature harpists Ramona Kim & Elizabeth Carpenter. The Elkhart Symphony Wind Quintet will perform on December 9th. The Final concert in the series held on December 16th will feature tenor Michael Snyder singing works by Samuel Barber, Ralph Vaughn Williams and area composer Jorge Muniz. He will be joined by musicians Elisabed Imerlishvili of the Toradze Piano Studio and Jorge Muniz. Series tickets will be available starting on November 1st by calling Ruthmere at 574-264-0330. Ticket prices are \$35 for the series ticket or \$10 per concert, member price \$25 for the entire series. Seating is limited. Light refreshments served at all concerts.

Celebrate the Holiday Season at Ruthmere with special events. Ruthmere will be decorated for the holiday season. We hope you are able to join us for a tour and some special events.

- Dec. 2 Harp Concert 7pm
- Dec. 3 Holiday Sing-a-long
 6pm No admission charged.
- Dec. 4 Holiday Jazz Noon 4pm Sit in the Game Room, listen to live & enjoy refreshments. \$10 at the door (tour included).



Robert Recalls... "Winter Crossing" continued from page 3

late October, 1936, after a heart attack and taken to Doctors' Hospital. The family flew down from Chicago to New York on a DC-3, just then entering service, and was with him when he died.

The United States was withdrawn from service in November, 1969, not quite seventeen years after her maiden voyage, and retired to mothballs in Newport News, Virginia. The ship still exists, sort of, in Philadelphia, a rotting monument to the fastest ship ever to cross the Atlantic.

I traveled by myself on the United States that winter crossing, perhaps the most dramatic of my transatlantic voyages because of the sea conditions.

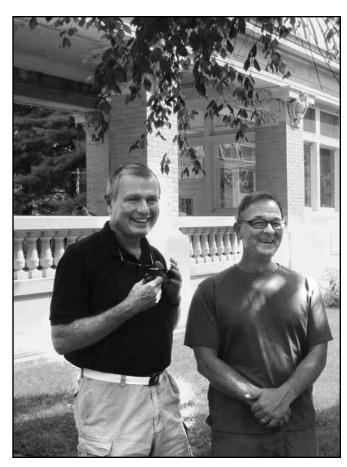


James Turnock Visits Ruthmere

A surprise visitor to Ruthmere in August was James Turnock, the greatgrandson of Enoch Hill Turnock, the architect who designed Ruthmere as well as many other Elkhart houses and buildings. Touring the United States, James and his wife Alison stopped in Elkhart to visit the place where his greatgrandfatherhadlivedandcontributedso richlytothedomesticarchitectureandto seesomeofthehouseshehaddesigned. Although he was pleased and proud to seetheaccomplishments of his ancestor, Turnock confided that, while his father and grandfather had both borne the family name Enoch, his parents had spared him that burden.

CoincidentallyRobert Beardsley, who Albert Beardsley's greatgrandnephew and was instrumental in restoring the house his greatgranduncle had built, was in town and arrived at Ruthmere just in time to meet James, the greatgrandson of the architect. Both men enjoyed the meeting and swapped family stories for about an hour.





Robert Beards ley with special visitor James Turnock

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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

3: Free Family Sunday 1-4pm

16: Confluence Writers Group 1:30pm

November

7: Free Family Sunday 1-4pm

18: Matthew Hill & Solomia Soroka Concert 7pm

25-26: Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

2: Ramona Kim & Elizabeth Carpenter Concert 7pm

3: Holiday Sing-a-Long 6pm

4: Holiday Jazz at Ruthmere Noon - 4pm

9: Elkhart Symphony Wind Quintet Concert 7pm

16: Michael Snyder Concert 7pm

24-26: Closed for Christmas Holiday

31: Closed for Season January - March

Ruthmere re-opens April 1, 2011 Check the website for up to date event details. www.Ruthmere.org

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I-SPY ELKHART CELL PHONE TOUR

Ruthmere is pleased to launch a new program initiative, the i-Spy Elkhart Cell Phone Tour. The first 'leg' of the tour, the Beardsley Historic District contains nine tour stops including Ruthmere, the Havilah Beardsley House, the Beardsley Monument and more. Visitors access the tour simply by dialing 574-584-7007 and following the prompts to learn about history 'whereithappened.' The tour is offered free of charge, however, a caller's normal usage planapplies. The smarter the phone, then the more sophisticated the

message. Internet capable phones can receive photos, maps, and video clips. Take the i-Spy tour and receive a text message couponworth \$2 offyour next tour of Ruthmere. Coming soon – the i-Spy E. Hill Turnock architectural tour!

THE MAN WITH THE BROKEN NOSE

Ruthmerewelcomesthereturnofthe Man with the Broken Nose on loan to usfrom Robert B. Beardsley, president of our Board of Directors

Considered the first major work by Auguste Rodin (1840-1917), this sculpture was done in 1864. At that time an old man known as Bibi often swept the studiosofartists. His curly beard and brokennose reminded Rodin of the slaves in Greek statuary; and heasked Bibit opose for a head which was completed in a cold workshop. Unfortunately frost caused the clay to crack, and the back of the head fell off. Rodin decided not to repair it but to present it to the Paris Salon of 1864 as The Mask of the Man with the Broken Nose. It was the first of many works pre-

sented to the Salon that were rejected.

Several years later the sculptor Jules Deshois noticed the head in Rodin's studioand brought it to the attention of others culptors who admired it and thought it was an antique. Thus began the respect for Rodin that was so richly deserved.

Ruthmere is proud to be able to display this treasure again.