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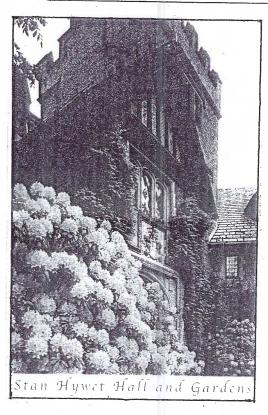
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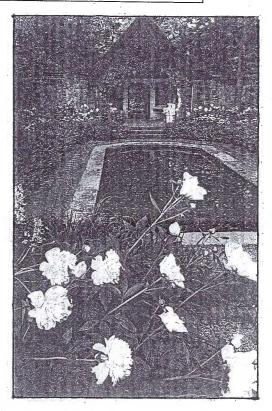
Next Meeting: Mon. September 17, 2007. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell, Trade 5:30pm, Meeting 7:00pm

Yearly membership is \$10 (\$5 for each additional member at the same address.)

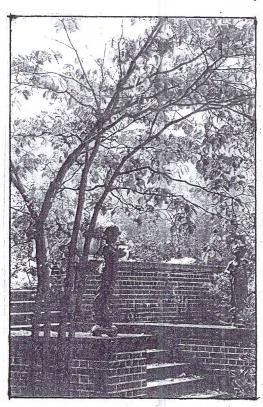
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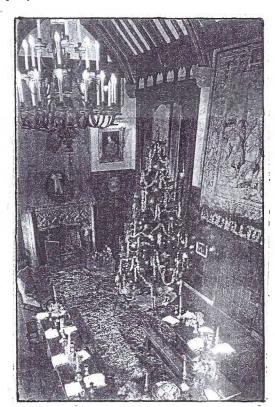
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Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens Home of Frank Seiberling co-founder of Goodyear Tire Company





# Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens Akron, Ohio

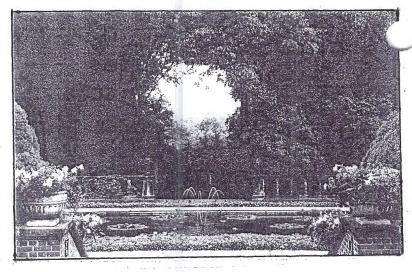
(from their Visitor Information Guide)

About Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is the former home of Franklin "F.A." Seiberling and his family, who lived here from 1915 to 1955. "Stan Hywet," Old English for "stone quarry," was named for a prominent feature of the property – a sandstone quarry that is now the site of the Lagoon. Today, Stan Hywet is considered one of the finest examples of Tudor Revival architecture.

In 1898, F.A. and his brother Charles Willard ("C.W.") cofounded The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The company had numerous inventions and patents for the rubber industry, and far exceeded the sales and overall success of other big tire companies. By 1916, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company had become the world's largest tire manufacturer with offices, production facilities, and rubber plantations scattered all over the globe.

The rubber industry transformed Akron, Ohio. By the turn of the 20th century, Akron was booming and was known as "the rubber capital of the world." In the midst of the great social and economic change, the Seiberlings decided to move away from the urban, industrial city and build an estate in the country. The Seiberlings' goal in creating Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens was to provide a gracious and versatile environment for their large family and many guests, as well as a place that would be a getaway from Mr. Seiberling's business endeavors.



The West Terrace Overlook

The Seiberlings chose architect Charles S. Schneider to design their home. Schneider and the Seiberlings travelled to England and visited well-known homes including Ockwell's Manor in Berkshire, Compton Wynyates in Warwickshire, and Haddon Hall in Derbyshire, all influences in the design of Stan Hywet.

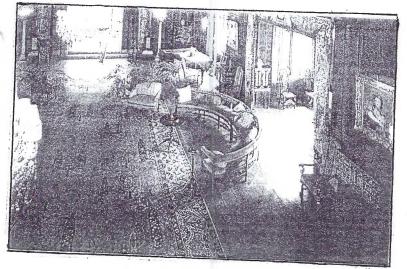
The groundbreaking of the Manor House took place in early 1912; the home was completed in 1915. An enormous amount of detail went into its construction— there were 3,000 separate blueprints and architectural drawings for its design. To facilitate the delivery of massive quantities of building supplies, a railroad spur was created for transport onto the property. When finished, Stan Hywet's 64,500 square feet included more than 65 rooms, 25 bathrooms and 23 fireplaces.

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens was the center of domestic life for F.A. and Gertrude Seiberling and their six children. Stan Hywet Hall was a gathering place for Akron's community leaders and the nation's distinguished political, industrial, and cultural figures of the era.



The Kitchen

View of the West (back) Side of the Mansion.



The Music Room

F.A. Seiberling died in 1955 and in 1957, the Seiberling family donated Stan Hywet to a non-profit organization so that the public could enjoy and experience a noteworthy chapter in American history. Above the Manor House entryway, the crest bearing the motto *Non Nobis Solum* (Not for Us Alone) welcome's guests as warmly today as it did almost a century ago. Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is an Akron National Historic Landmark and *Save America's Treasures* project. It is accredited by the American Association of Museums.

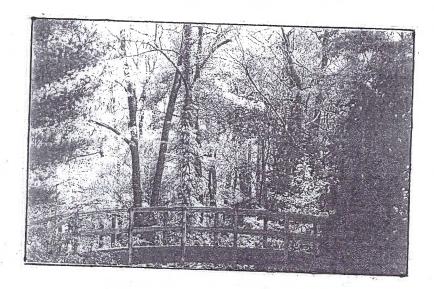
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**Top left:** Showing the tower and main entrance in spring time.

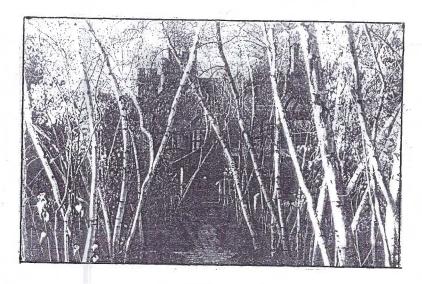
Top right: English Garden designed by Ellen Biddle Shipman.

Bottom left: Statues and gardens from the south porch of the mansion.

Bottom right: The Great Hall at Christmas showing the Yule log and Christmas tree.



Bridge over the Lagoon in autumn.



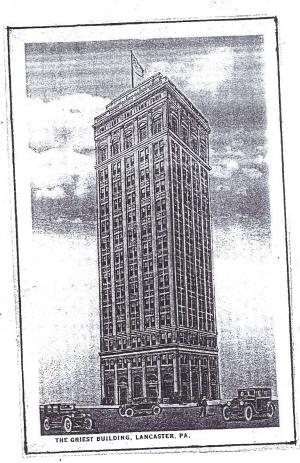
The Birch Allee

# Penn Square Construction By Bryan Benner

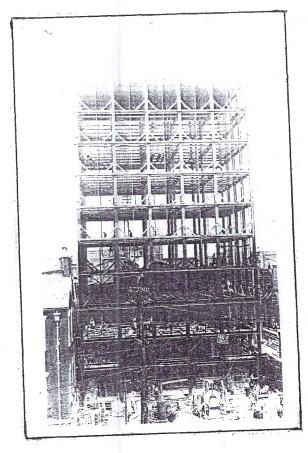
Currently Penn Square in Lancaster, PA is dominated by a large crane and a structure to hold up the façade of the former Watt and Shand Building until the new hotel and convention center is integrated behind it. This new construction will leave Lancaster's only 'skyscraper' the Griest Building as no longer the tallest building in town.

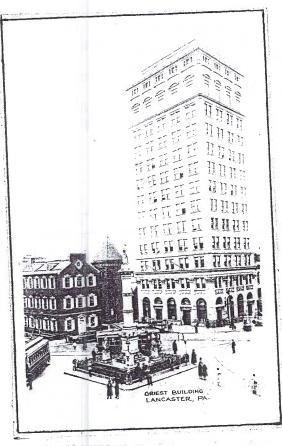
Recently I purchased a photo of the Griest Building under construction. It is unfortunately not a postcard but is interesting in that it shows the steel structure being erected in 1924. It shows the square in transition much like it is today.

The Griest Building was designed by Cassius Emlen Urban who was Lancaster's most distinguished architect. It is named for William Griest an educator and long time congressman from Lancaster. Many postcards of the square feature directly or indirectly the Griest Building over the years.



Above: Marked 'The Griest Building, Lancaster, Pa.,' published by Ike Steinfeldt, C.T. American Art Card, divided back. This card, an artist's rendering, with no neighboring buildings showing added an extra floor which the actual building doesn't have.

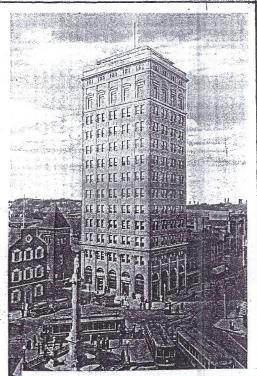




Above top: Photograph (not a postcard) of the 1924 construction of the Griest Building.

Above bottom: Real photo card, marked 'Griest Building, Lancaster, Pa.,' divided back, Kodak Paper stamp box.





Above top: William Walton Griest for whom the building is named, divided back card, given out as election propaganda. Back has printed on it 'Win with Griest. He is best by test. Put him over on November 7<sup>th</sup>.'

Above bottom: Marked 'Griest Building and Penn Square, Lancaster, Pa.,' divided back card, published by Ike Steinfeldt, C.T. American Art Card, postmarked 1929. Prominently showing trolley cars on the square.

# Postcard Club Show Board Winners

#### **Holidays**

1<sup>st</sup> – A Postcard Year – Jim Ward 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dimensions of Easter – Donald R. Brown

3<sup>rd</sup> – Carver's Groundhogs – Bob Kramer

#### Honorable Mention

Thanksgiving White Turkeys - Barb Heim

Velvet Suited Santas - Walter Mowrer

The Red, White & Blue - Harold Moyer

Valentines Day -Ruth Moyer

The Animal Easter Celebration - Dolores Rowe

#### Humor

1st -Huber's Humor -Jim Ward

2<sup>nd</sup> -The Vagaries Of Life - Dolores Rowe

3<sup>rd</sup> – You Sure are Funny – Ruth Moyer

# Honorable Mention

Pot Shots 1960 Humor Witty Satire - Donald R.

Brown

A Tale of Tails - Bud Heim

Bottoms Up – Bob Kramer

Leap Year - Walter Mowrer

Humorous Interiors - Harold Moyer

#### Local Views

1<sup>st</sup> – The Great Lancaster Fair – Jim Ward 2<sup>nd</sup> – Marietta Old Home Week – Walter Mowrer

3<sup>rd</sup> – Pequea on the Susquehanna – Bud Heim

Honorable Mention

Strasburg Township Album- Donald R. Brown

Mountville – Barb Heim

Mount Gretna – Harold Moyer

Mountain Springs Summer Resort, Ephrata -

Ruth Moyer

Scenes Around Lancaster County - Dolores

Rowe

#### Artist Signed

1<sup>st</sup> - Fritz Baumgartner, Little Known Artist -

Dolores Rowe

2<sup>nd</sup>- Molly Brett – Barb Heim

3<sup>rd</sup> – The Cats of Louis Wain – Jim Ward

Honorable Mention

Lawson Wood Calendar Set 1940- Donald R.

Bathing Realities By H. King - Bob Kramer

Ellen H. Clapsaddle - Harold Moyer

H. King – Ruth Moyer

Scenes from the Black Forest – Gisela Withers

#### Best of Show

The Great Lancaster Fair - Jim Ward

People's Choice

A Post Card Year - Jim Ward

# Club Page by Al Schaub

## August meeting

On behalf of our Club I want to express appreciation to Don Tribit and Joe Myers for their excellent presentations on Shippensburg State University (Don) and the Susquehanna River (Joe). Especially enjoyable were the messages on Don's cards and the way in which Joe took us on a north to south river voyage.

The competition category was titled "The most interesting message related to the postcard image." The winners were:

1st placeWalter MowrerMeat Wagon2nd placeGisela WithersNew Year Greeting3rd placeBryan BennerChicago Stock Yards

Honorable mention went to: Tom Beck, Dick Pendergrast, Don Tribit, Jim Ward, and Al Schaub.

The door prizes were won by: Dick Bishop (\$3.00), Don Tribit (\$2.00), Sandy Shaub (\$1.00), and Glenn Morrison (NPW postcards). The 50/50 prize of \$20.00 was won by Tim Mundy.

A very warm Club welcome is extended to our new members. They are:

- Carrie Anderson (#769), P.O. Box 2316, Lancaster, PA 17608. Carie is a new collector with a special interest in embossed cards and scenes of places she has visited and scenes from the past.
- Donald Smart (#770), 748 Pine Blvd., New Providence, PA 17560.
- James Tanis (#771), 11302 Shannondill Drive, Audubon, PA 19403. Jim collects churches, "Dutch Kids," and various cities and towns.
- Karl Hellman (#772), P.O. Box 155, Denver, PA 17517.
- Tim Mundy (#773), 133 S. Duke St., Lancaster, PA 17602.

### September meeting:

The program will be a single card, member participation program titled: "My Favorite Postcard." You are encouraged to face-up to the challenging task of identifying your one favorite card and then sharing it with us in September. For many, this task is pure Mission Impossible!!!

The theme for our September, single card competition is: The most interesting fair, carnival, or expo.

In conclusion, some future activities to be looked forward to are:

- Bud Heim's "Building the Holtwood Dam" presentation at our October 15, 2007, meeting.
- The meeting of club officers and directors at Al Schaub's home on October 21, 2007, at 1:00 P.M.
- Our club auction on November 19, 2007. If you have cards you want to enter please get them to Jere Greider at our September meeting.

Look forward to seeing you on September 17th!

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