

**2018 -- A WONDERFUL SUMMER!**

It's been a wonderful summer! It's been a wonderful, busy summer!! Its been a wonderful, busy, unbelievable summer at the Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum!!! And it won't end until after the 2018 Bailey Conference in September. AND who knows what the fall and winter will bring to the Museum.

**GROWING UP BAILEY**

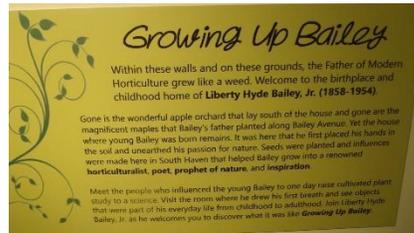
Summer really began in March when the Museum Board contracted consultants,

Brittany Williams and April Bryant, to create a new permanent exhibit that illustrated the influences of South Haven upon Liberty Hyde Bailey. Williams, curator at The Gilmore Car Museum, and Bryan, curator at The Kalamazoo Air Zoo, created an exhibit that did more than illustrate this concept.

The Museum proudly offers guests an opportunity to immerse themselves in, *Growing Up Bailey*. The two museum professionals

incorporated stunning panels that highlight key words for those who don't have the time to read every word, a concurrent timeline of significant events in U.S. history to add perspective, and audio clips that enhance the experience. Visitors can experience hearing Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey speak! Being museum professionals, they changed traffic flow, placed signage at appropriate height and added benches for guests to sit and appreciate the different areas of the exhibit.

Many items that were previously stored away have returned for the public to enjoy. In particular, the arrowhead collection is on display and in a new format. If you have not had the chance to experience *Growing Up Bailey* the Museum hours are Wednesday-Saturday from 10-4.



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**2018 BAILEY CONFERENCE**

The first Bailey Conference is Friday and Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Conference begins Friday with an Agri-Farm tour and Photo Scavenger Hunt beginning at 12:00 noon at the Museum. The day will end with a party at the Museum which will include music, refreshments, the Hanka *Interspecies Art Exhibit*, and the raffle results. The cost for this fun-filled day is \$20.

Saturday is the day-long Conference which will celebrate Bailey's life, work, philosophy and legacy. Keynote Speaker Douglas Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home*, will kick-off the day. The rest of the day includes 13 speakers, well-known in the environmental field, from which you can choose. The cost is \$30 and includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks. It's not too late to register. Check the Museum's website [www.libertyhydebailey.org](http://www.libertyhydebailey.org) for more information.

## EIGHTY YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG



On July 18<sup>th</sup> the Museum celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Guests were treated to the opening of the new permanent exhibit, *Growing Up Bailey*, with professional consultants, Brittany Williams and April Bryan, opening the red velvet ropes. The guests' response was overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic.

After viewing the exhibit, guests returned to the outside for a program featuring Mayor Scott Smith as Master of Ceremonies. Mayor Smith spoke of the importance of Dr. Liberty Hyde Bailey and the significance of the City of South Haven owning the Bailey Museum. The Bailey home was gifted to the City in 1938 by Mrs. Clifford Charles of Bangor to be a lasting tribute to Dr. Bailey and the friendship shared by Bailey and Mr. Charles. Later, Smith introduced Beth Griffin, who spoke not only for herself, but for Senator Schuitmaker, Lt. Governor Calley, Governor Snyder and U.S. Senator Stabenow, and addressed importance of the Museum's cultural impact upon the area and presented to the Museum a proclamation. Peter Ross Dickow,

representing U.S. Senator Peters, presented to the Museum a proclamation concurring that the Bailey Museum is a significant asset to the City of South Haven and the State of Michigan.



The evening ended with a special tribute honoring Dr. David Fenske. Dr. Fenske has long dedicated his gardening skills to create educational and visual appeal to the Museum's living collections. He is a Master Gardener who spends hours adding and caring for specimens that delight and amaze Museum visitors. He introduced areas of crop cover this year, exemplifying Bailey's writings of the



importance of this practice. The gardens hold a variety of heirloom vegetables, herbs, as well as annual and perennial flowers. Four years ago, he took on the challenge of creating the lovely gardens that encourage people stop and visit.

## LADISLAV HANKA INTERSPECIES ART EXHIBIT



Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> was a lovely evening at the Museum. It was the opening for Artist and Honeybee Keeper, Ladislav Hanka's *Interspecies* Art Exhibit. The Museum's McNeil Room was the perfect setting for Hanka's works. Perhaps the best part of the evening was being able to talk with Hanka, understanding why he had chooses to mix his lithographs with bee hives. Also, people were able to talk with both his wife and mother, who also enjoy visiting.

Words do not begin to describe Hanka's work. One must see them to appreciate them.

Take the time; visit the Museum; and enjoy Hanka's work and the new *Growing Up Bailey* Exhibit. The Museum is open Wednesday – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



## *BAILEY'S BUDDING NATURALISTS*

In 2017 the Bailey Budding Naturalists was a one-week program, and 30 children participated. This year the program was seven weeks in length. This was accomplished for three reasons: (1) the generosity of the people, organizations, and businesses in the South Haven Community who donated over \$13,000; (2) working with the South Haven Public schools and its summer programs; and (3) working with the Youth Development Company. Because of the community's generosity, the Museum was able to hire an Education Coordinator and two Nature Guides. And by working with the schools and the YDC and their staff, almost 400 children participated.



The children studied plants, made leaf rubbings; painted t-shirts and backpacks with nature designs; learned about herbs; walked the woods listening for birds; made bird feeders; broke open rocks to discover treasures; and of course, had a daily snack. The biggest complaint was, "Why can't we stay longer?". Another child did not like Thursday (they studied plants), but really liked Friday (they studied and broke open rocks). And lastly, there was the child who thought the bread

was too sweet.

The evaluation asked one question: "Was this a good week or a best week?" Over 80% thought it was a best week. Everyone else indicated it was a good week.



➤ Weeks one and two were at the Museum from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.



➤ Weeks three and four were morning at Maple Grove School and afternoons with UDC.



➤ Week five was spent with the Migrant children. They came to the Museum via the trolley, participated in the program and stayed for lunch.



➤ Week six was mornings at Maple Grove School and afternoons at the Museum



➤ Week seven was with Books and Songs by the Beach and installing the BBN summer sculpture

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"A fruit-tree in full load is one of the marvelous objects in nature. We cannot understand how the work is done,—how such abundance is produced and how such color and substance and flavor and faultless form are derived of the crude elements of soil and sunshine and air."



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