

May, 2010



Dear Members,

We would like to invite you to our next event:

Guided tour of the Hanna House Stanford Sunday, June 6, 11:15am

The Hanna House was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1936 for Stanford Professor Paul Hanna and his wife, Jean, specialists in childhood education. Wright had become interested in designing elegant and affordable homes for the American middle class to create a more harmonious, enlightened society.

The long-term collaboration between the Hannas and Wright resulted in an unprecedented design: a house based on hexagonal geometry, with no right angles in the floor plan. This radical experimentation allowed Wright to explore open spatial planning. The Hanna House was a turning point in his career, leading to ideas later evidenced in the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

The Hannas lived in the house until giving it to Stanford in 1975. It housed four university provosts until suffering severe damage in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. It underwent complex restoration, made complicated by its unique design, and reopened to the public in 1999.

Where: 737 Frenchman's Road, Stanford, CA 94305

Cost: \$10 per person plus \$5 for a parking permit per car, pay Inge the day of the event.

When: Sunday, June 6, 11:15am

Sign-up: Spots are limited, so sign-up early, priority will be given to members. Email Inge@bcnc.com to sign-up or call Inge at 650 704 6532 for more information. Inge will send you a confirmation by email and a parking permit by mail, if you need one.

Children: Children under age 12 are not allowed on the guided tour.

Duration: The guided tour will last approximately 1 hour.

Future events:

The BCNC is planning to organize a Belgian Dinner event mid-November to honor the Belgian King's Day, this event will be in place of the Belgian National Holiday Picnic in July. We may organize a Summer Picnic. Please check our website or our next newsletter for more information. Also, your help or ideas for these big events is always appreciated.

Announcements:

-Saturday, May 29, 11:00am – 5:00pm: Belgica Stanford will broadcast the last day of the finals of the Queen Elisabeth piano competition, using live streaming from the VRT and RTBF websites. Venue is the classroom on the 2nd floor of The Knoll, 660 Lomita Dr, Stanford. Belgian snacks and beers will be provided during the breaks at reasonable prices.

Free parking on campus is possible on "A" and "C" parking lots. We recommend to park on the Tresidder parking lot on Mayfield Avenue, from there it's a short walk uphill to the Knoll.

For more information, contact jga@stanford.edu .

-Daphne Van Dyck, a last year student at the Plantijn University in Antwerp, is working on a research file for the VRT (Belgian Television) about Belgian people in the U.S.A. and how they survived or are surviving the economical crises. She's looking for Belgians who are willing to collaborate with the VRT for this purpose. Daphne can be contacted at +32479381960 or at daphne.van.dyck@skynet.be.

Lost and Found:

One pair of blue rubberboots with a flower pattern, size 1, were left behind after the Easter Egg Hunt. Please call Sofie at 650 529 0689 or email Sofie at Sofie_vandeputte@yahoo.com to claim your boots.

Thank you to:

-Sofie Vandeputte for organizing a most succesful beer/ friet and fundraiser event.

-Nancy Campbell and Roberto Bruckstein for co-organizing a wonderful event at the Picchetti Winery.

-Picchetti Winery in Cupertino, especially our host Tom, for making us feel very welcome and providing a wonderful setting and atmosphere.

The board.