



## Kappa Kappa Gamma FOUNDATION

### THE STEWART HOUSE MUSEUM NEWS FROM THE FOUNDER'S HOME

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What a treasure we have in The Stewart House Museum and our incredible Monmouth-based staff and volunteers! Michelle Merritt-Juszczuk, *Monmouth*, served as Chairman of The Stewart House Museum from 2015–18. Though still an active volunteer at The Stewart House, Michelle passed the proverbial key to current chairman Gena Alcorn, *Monmouth*, last October. Both Gena and Michelle work at Monmouth College and bring a wonderful perspective from the college, our closest neighbor and partner. They also work hard to support Dr. Mary Osborne, Stewart House Museum Specialist. Mary (better known as Dr. Oz) hit the ground running as the Stewart House Museum Specialist in November 2016 and she's been going at full steam ever since! She was appointed Kappa Kappa Gamma's scholar in residence in 2018 and is now an adjunct professor at Monmouth College. Her educational programs and community outreach have made The Stewart House Museum a destination for intrigue, fun and learning. We couldn't be more thrilled with our dedicated team in Monmouth!

Kylie Smith  
Archivist/Museum Director

### **From the Desk of the Museum Specialist**

The view from my desk has transformed from brown to vivid green in a matter of weeks. Spring is here, and The Stewart House's programming is in full swing! This year, I am trying something new by taking programming on the road. The Stewart House is making an effort to connect with our local collegians and alumnae. On April 28, I visited Knox College to show members of Eta Kappa Chapter how to make their own lip scrubs and nail polish. We also learned a little about 19th-century beauty rituals. Did you know that women once applied cosmetics laced with arsenic and mercury to lighten their skin?



On May 10, Cherry Simmons led an outdoor painting class on The Stewart House's patio. As we move into summer, I look forward to welcoming Monmouth College alumni during an open house as well as the Warren County YMCA Summer Day Camp for a lawn games program.



### **New Podcast Series**

The kickoff for Kappa's Sesquicentennial is quickly approaching. To commemorate this milestone, I have been producing a podcast about Kappa history. "Voyage of Discovery" will be a series of 12 episodes dedicated to Kappa's origins, notable women, and more. The first episode will debut in October 2019. Watch for it on Stitcher and iTunes.

### **Upcoming Events at The Stewart House**

June 8: Open house for Golden Scots Reunion

July 16: Lawn games for Warren County YMCA Summer Day Camp



July 19: Herbal tea workshop with Carey Thacker

### **Book Your Next Event at The Stewart House**

Did you know that The Stewart House is available to rent for special events, such as wedding receptions and showers? Call 309-734-5154 or email [info@stewarhouse.org](mailto:info@stewarhouse.org) for more information.

## **Visit The Stewart House!**

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