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TO ALL OUR BHS MEMBERS

In response to the newest public health recommendations from Missouri government, the Board of Directors of the International Rose O'Neill Club has made the difficult decision to cancel Kewpiesta. As a result of our BHS priority to our members, visitors, volunteers, and loyal supporters, our BHS Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel our Banquet (April 22) and Open House (April 25.)

In addition, we are monitoring the Missouri public health recommendations that will delay our scheduled opening until May 1st or later. Many of the Branson and Springfield area museums including Springfield Art Museum and Branson Regional Arts Council are currently hopeful that they can open May 11 and May 1st respectively. For the safety of our visitors, we plan to increase cleaning and disinfecting of all public areas in the Visitor Center and if planning to visit Bonniebrook, please call ahead (417-561-1509) or check the information area on our website, www.roseoneill.org or send an email to our email address www.oneillmuseum@aol.com to make sure that we will be safely open for the public on the day of your visit.

Our cancellations of events and delay in opening to the public is an attempt to meet Missouri recommendations that are efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 in our community. The current recommendations include canceling or postponing all events with attendance over 10 people for the next month and possibly into May. Therefore, our planned Missouri Master Gardener's "Bohemian Garden Rhapsody Tour" for June 13th remains on our schedule until further notice.

We appreciate all our loyal members and ask for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate quickly changing public service operating guidelines during this unprecedented public health crisis.

With All Our Best Wishes, Susan K. Scott, President