ABOUT THE AB

The Women’s Volunteer Administration Committee, organized in 1956, was the forerunner of the Women’s Auxiliary Board (WAB). This dedicated group of women volunteers, worked very hard to prepare Stan Hywet for the opening of the Estate on June 15, 1957 —making it possible for the public to tour the Manor House and 70 acres of gardens and grounds. It was also an opportunity to honor the Seiberlings and their motto of Non Nobis Solum (Not for Us Alone).

Reorganized in 1964 as the Women’s Auxiliary Board, the WAB has raised over $5 million for the continued restoration and upkeep of the Estate. The padded chairs in the Manor House Auditorium, the furniture in the Wolle Building Board Room, and the appraisal of the historic collection are but a few of the projects that this important volunteer group has funded.

In addition to fundraising, the AB members have contributed hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours to Stan Hywet.

In 2013, a new chapter began when the WAB was renamed the Auxiliary Board (AB) of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. The AB continues in the tradition of its forebears as a vital support organization of the Estate.

OUR MISSION

The purpose of the AB is to support the management of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Inc. by interpreting Stan Hywet as a cultural and educational center, by raising funds to provide all possible financial support, and promoting volunteer services.
AB Membership
Requirements

Candidate Eligibility
Shall be open to all those interested.
Must not be an employee of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens.
Must be willing to serve the AB and Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens by supporting their activities, events and programs.

Provisional Requirements
1. Must be registered through the Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Human Resources department. The registration application form will be mailed or emailed to you after you have completed the AB application.
2. Attend a volunteer orientation presented by Stan Hywet’s Human Resources Department (Spring or Fall).
3. Attend AB general meetings from May to December.
4. Contribute at least eight (8) hours to Ohio Mart and attend at least one (1) Ohio Mart committee meeting.
5. Contribute at least six (6) hours of other volunteer work to Stan Hywet.
6. Be a member in good standing of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens.
7. Pay AB dues of $20 annually.
8. Provisional term shall be from May to December.

Auxiliary Board’s Ohio Mart

Ohio Mart is the cornerstone and signature fundraising event of the Auxiliary Board of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. Since 1966, this event was featured distinguished artisans and retailers with the proceeds going to support the estate. First known as Manor Mart, Ohio Mart is now a four-day juried invitational show of fine arts and crafts taking place annually during the first full weekend in October. In its first 50 years, Ohio Mart has raised over $5 million for the preservation Stan Hywet.

Auxiliary Board members form the Ohio Mart Steering Committee and carry out the many organizational tasks to ensure a successful event. As such, Ohio Mart is the primary volunteer focus of the Auxiliary Board.