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Stan Hywet Presents its Annual Gala Friday, June 24

20th Annual Midsummer Night's Celebration is "Gracious Gathering"

May 27, 2016 – Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens hosts its annual black-tie Gala at the historic estate on Friday, June 24, 2016, beginning at 6pm. This year's theme, *Gracious Gathering*, is generously presented by The Lehner Family Foundation and The J.M. Smucker Company. The celebratory occasion is chaired by James and Julie Pulk. Stan Hywet is located at 714 North Portage Path in Akron, Ohio.

Guests are invited to enjoy the expansive gardens and grounds in and around the West Terrace of the historic country Manor House. To honor the season theme of *Family, Sharing Our Stories*, the grand event will reflect the style of a very special occasion that might have been planned and hosted for extended family and friends. Guests will experience Stan Hywet as it was originally envisioned, a family gathering place, while enjoying all the elegance and splendor this signature fundraising event has come to represent. The evening will include stylish designer comfort food, intimate table settings that are a reminder of family social gatherings of yesteryear, complete with grandmother's silver candlesticks and lace linens, dancing and abundant opportunities to socialize with friends, family and colleagues.

A highlight of the evening will be an opportunity for guests to bid on a one-of-a-kind Stan Hywet experience, the exclusive Dinner in the Dining Room, an exquisite formal dinner party staged in the elegantly appointed Dining Room of the Manor House.

Proceeds from this annual celebration help ensure the continued preservation of this national historic treasure.

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