



NEWS RELEASE

Stan Hywet's Holiday Event, *Deck the Hall*, Returns with One Million Lights

Theme is "Winter Wonderland"

October 12, 2018 – Akron, Ohio – One million lights illuminate Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens during **DECK THE HALL**, the estate's annual holiday event taking place from 5-8pm on November 23-25, November 29-30 and December 1-2, 6-9, 13-23, and 26-30, 2018. The Manor House interiors will be decorated to reflect the theme of a ***Winter Wonderland***, and every evening of **DECK THE HALL** also includes a Christmas tree lighting in the Courtyard at 5:30pm with Santa. Stan Hywet is located at 714 North Portage Path, in Akron Ohio.

Twenty rooms in the Manor House will be decorated for Deck the Hall. The Reception Room will be transformed into the Seiberlings' northern Michigan property, Cedar Lodge, in winter, with a model train circling the perimeter. Décor in the Music Room is inspired by the popular Disney movie, *Frozen*. In the Great Hall, guests will weave in and out of a forest (with an ice queen) on a winding path decorated with white, blue and green lights. Snowmen of all sizes fill the first floor hallways, with a snowman collection on display in the Round Room. Other winter elements —igloos, sleighs, snowflakes, ice skating and icicles augment and complete each display. And for variety, Santa and palm trees set the scene set for a "Caribbean Christmas" in the second floor North Hallway. Musicians performing on the Minstrel's Balcony overlooking the Great Hall provide guests touring the Manor House a melodic backdrop of holiday music.

Fifteen thousand lights in the Manor House decorate the trees and historic rooms, part of the *one million holiday lights* illuminating the entire estate.

"The Estate will sparkle with holiday lights in the Manor House, Corbin Conservatory, historic gardens, including Dazzle and Gingerbread Land," notes Sean Joyce, President & Executive Director.

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The Deck the Hall tour begins in the Courtyard, with two captivating animated shop windows outside Molly's: the Gingerbread Bakeshop features bakers in perpetual motion; as well as a scene reminiscent of downtown Akron at dusk during the holidays, circa 1920. Nearby, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Santa greet guests in Rudolph's Corral. An animatronic, Rudolph moves and neighs, with a red nose that lights up. **DAZZLE**, the outdoor light show spectacular animated to music, has been re-imagined with new elements choreographed to three popular Christmas songs and the 25-foot Christmas tree as its centerpiece. The tree is lit with a full spectrum of color, a layer of lighted ornaments, and an overlay of sparkle lights.

Nearby Dazzle is Gingerbread Land —Playgarden all transformed with oversized candy canes, gingerbread men and more holiday lights. The Corbin Conservatory features *Garden Under Glass*, an indoor tropical garden decorated with lights and holiday color and a 20-foot poinsettia tree —a photo op (with props) that has become a holiday tradition for many.

Back in the Courtyard, guests may take photos in front of the lighted Christmas tree. The fire pit is the place to relax and warm up with refreshments from the Gingerbread Bakeshop and the Salty Reindeer: hot gingerbread cookies, cocoa, popcorn, beer, wine, Bavarian pretzels and more. Molly's Shop is fully stocked for holiday shopping and the café is a place to enjoy more substantial fare and holiday treats.

TICKETS

Tickets to **DECK THE HALL** are now for sale and may be purchased in advance at stanhywet.org or 330-315-3287, or upon arrival. Tickets include a self-guided tour of the Manor House and grounds, including DAZZLE and Gingerbread Land.

Sunday – Thursday Ticket Prices: \$18 adults (18+), \$7 youth (6-17)

Friday – Saturday Ticket Prices: \$22 adults (18+), \$9 youth (6-17)

All nights: children 5 & under, free. College students with valid ID qualify for youth price.

Groups of 10 or more who interested in attending Deck the Hall may email groupsales@stanhywet.org at least two weeks in advance for information and discounts.

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