

A Magnificent Historic House Museum and Country Estate



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NEWS RELEASE

Stan Hywet Is Now Open for the 2018 Season: Health & Wellness, A Life Well Lived

April 6, 2018– Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is now open for the 2018 season, with the theme of *Health & Wellness, A Life Well-Lived*. Guests will begin every visit in the updated and redesigned Orientation Room. Highlights of the season include a new tour geared for youth, a new garden featuring culinary and medicinal plants, Yoga classes, a second season of the 3-D lightshow, LightNights, and the addition of the Molto Bella Car Show coming in September.

Stan Hywet is located at 714 North Portage Path in Akron, Ohio.

The Seiberlings' appreciation and practices in wellness are readily apparent throughout the estate. Thoughtful planning of the Manor House included ways for the family to be immersed in healthy routines, both inside and outside. The family's early 20th century focus on health and wellness set the standard for *a life well lived* – and for many of the practices we value as a society today.

"We are excited about the 2018 Season and look forward to sharing great experiences with our visitors from our daily programming and tours, to our always fun schedule of special events," notes Sean Joyce, President & Executive Director at Stan Hywet.

After guests purchase tickets in admissions, they will be directed into the new **Orientation Room**, a space redesigned to help familiarize visitors as they begin their tour of the estate. Text and bold graphics illustrate guests' most frequently asked questions such as *Who is Stan Hywet?* and *How much did it cost to build the estate?* A timeline runs along one wall, providing a more detailed history of the Seiberling family's life and accomplishments. A removable wall scrim with an image of the Seiberlings' chauffeur, Arlie Cross standing in the entrance to the garage (now Carriage House Auditorium) highlights the history of the Orientation Room, originally the car wash bay.

In the Manor House, the new Youth Tour begins on June 1, and is geared for elementary school age children. Offered twice daily and given from the point-of-view of F.A. & Gertrude Seiberling's youngest child, Franklin, the tour explains to children the differences between growing up now and

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growing up in the early 20th century. Highlights include 14 rooms with several *Touch-it Stations* which may include telephones, musical instruments, kitchen utensils, sporting equipment, cameras, and vintage games.

On the grounds, the newest garden focuses on all things culinary, including a variety of perennials, annuals and tropical plants used for cooking and medicinal purposes. It is located just beyond the butterfly habitat on the south side of the Corbin Conservatory greenhouse. In the spirit of health and wellness, **Yoga on the West Terrace** is offered one Sunday each month from May to October.

Guests may enjoy once again a beautiful summer evening experience and three-dimensional light show in the historic gardens, as **LightNights** returns on select nights, August 16 – September 16.

Stan Hywet presents **Molto Bella Auto Show**, a second car show with an emphasis on rare classics and high value exotic automobiles on Sunday, September 9th from 10am-4pm. Featured will be more than 400 cars including vintage Ferraris and custom cars. Hosted by Stan Hywet in partnership with The Summit County Kidney Foundation, more details will be available in early summer.

Other public programs and guest favorites are on the calendar of events this season. Founders' Day weekend, June 8-10, commemorates the 83rd anniversary of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous at the Gate Lodge. The 61st annual **Father's Day Car Show** on June 17 features a *British Invasion* of stand-out collector cars from the U.K. The annual Gala, *Beautiful Bounty* is June 22. **Ohio Mart**, the popular annual artisan craft festival is October 4-7. **Deck the Hall** in November and December features a "Winter Wonderland" in the Manor House, Rudolf and Santa in Rudolf's Corral, two animated shop window, more than one million lights illuminating the Estate, including Dazzle and Gingerbread Land, and much more.

More details on all exhibits and events are available at stanhywet.org.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10am-6pm; the last admission is at 4:30pm. The Estate is also open on the following Monday holidays with regular operating hours: Memorial Day, and Labor Day.

Hours of operation for public programs (special events) may be different; please check stanhywet.org for specifics. Daytime hours change in December; please check stanhywet.org for more details.

More information is available at stanhywet.org or by calling 330-836-5533.

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