

## NEWS RELEASE

### Stan Hywet Announces Chairs for Annual Gala

*“Beautiful Bounty” will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018*



February 6, 2018 – Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is pleased to announce the 2018 Gala chairs, Colleen and Mark Wernig. The Wernigs will host the 23rd annual celebration, *Beautiful Bounty* on Friday, June 22, 2018. Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is located at 714 North Portage, Path in Akron, Ohio.

Colleen is a life-long community volunteer highlighted by her leadership roles with the Akron Garden Club, Stan Hywet Flower Arrangers, Summa Circle of Women’s Health Philanthropists, and a sustaining member of The Junior League of Akron. Mark is Senior Vice President and Financial Advisor with The Heritage Group at Morgan Stanley; vice chairman of the board of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, board member of The David S. and Mary C. Corbin Foundation; Summa Foundation; and The American Red Cross of Summit, Portage, and Medina Counties. The Wernig family has a long legacy of support and involvement at Stan Hywet and were instrumental in taking the Estate from the original transfer of ownership to the community icon it has become.

Inspired by the 2018 theme for the Estate, *Health & Wellness, A Life Well Lived*, Gala 2018 will take guests from the garden gate to the dinner plate, in an elegantly designed farm-to-table style black tie affair. The midsummer’s night celebration will feature local culinary delights, including heirloom herbs from the lush gardens of Stan Hywet, served amid charmingly rustic décor. Over 500 guests and community leaders will dine and dance the night away at the historic estate.

A highlight of the evening will be an opportunity to bid on a one-of-a-kind Stan Hywet experience, the exclusive *Dinner in the Dining Room*, a formal dinner party staged in the exquisitely appointed Dining Room of the Manor House. This prestigious offering will afford a rare moment to revel in the geniality and beautiful surroundings that are a cherished part of the family collection.

“Mark and I consider it a privilege to chair the *Beautiful Bounty* Gala benefitting Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. It is a remarkable place to visit and walk throughout the year!” professes Colleen. “The legacy of Stan Hywet runs through the veins of all Akronites, and we are honored to follow our family’s tradition of volunteering at Stan Hywet,” adds Mark.

Individual tickets starting at \$300, and corporate tables of 10 starting at \$3,500, are now available. For more information, to request an invitation, or to make a reservation, please contact Valarie Still, at 330-315-3248, or by email at [vstill@stanhywet.org](mailto:vstill@stanhywet.org).

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