

NEWS RELEASE



Stan Hywet Opens for the 2018 Season on April 3

Theme for the season is Health & Wellness, A Life Well-Lived

March 1, 2018– Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens opens for the 2018 season on April 3, with the theme of *Health & Wellness, A Life Well-Lived*. Guests will begin a 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, a second season of the 3-D lightshow **LightNights**, and the addition of the Molto Bella Car Show coming in September to the roster of public programs.

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

The Seiberlings' appreciation and practices in wellness are readily apparent throughout the Stan Hywet 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.

Just off the admission area, the newly redesigned Orientation Room welcomes visitors with colorful graphics and historic images, while the panels and timeline familiarize guests as they begin their visit on the Estate. Text and bold graphics illustrate the most frequently asked questions, and readies guests for their tours.

In the Manor House, the new Youth Tour begins on June 1 and is geared for children in elementary school. 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 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.

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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. On September 9, Stan Hywet presents **Molto Bella**, a second car show with an emphasis on rare classics and high value exotic automobiles.

Other public programs and events are returning. 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

Beginning April 3, 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 www.stanhywet.org or by calling 330-836-5533.

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