

## NEWS RELEASE



### **Stan Hywet Opens for the 2018 Season on April 2**

*Theme for the season is Lasting Impressions*

March 4, 2019— Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens opens for the season on April 2, 2019 with a yearlong theme of **LASTING IMPRESSIONS**. It is a celebration of Stan Hywet matriarch Gertrude Seiberling’s lifelong passion for painting and art. One of Akron’s most visible, influential and cultural champions in the early 20th century, Gertrude left a beautiful and very personal legacy in the works of art she created. The 2019 season includes enhanced tours, new exhibits, and new public programs.

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

In the Manor House, a selection of Gertrude Seiberling’s original paintings will be on display. Many are owned by Stan Hywet, but other paintings are on loan from Seiberling family members, and have rarely or ever been on public display. From June - September, enlarged versions of Gertrude’s most enduring canvases will be reproduced on weatherproof material and showcased in the gardens in **FUSED: Garden Gallery of Art & Metal**, alongside one-of-a-kind sculptures created by local artists inspired by these paintings. *The Art of Gertrude Seiberling*, the fifth book in a series on the estate and the Seiberling family, is being published as a companion piece to both exhibits.

**OFF THE VINE: AN EVENING PAIRING OF FOOD & WINE** is a new event on July 19th designed to showcase the estate on a beautiful summer night. The Manor House will be open for self-guided tours, and guests will be able to sample from more than 60 varieties of wine paired with “small bites,” while enjoying music in the historic gardens. The **MOLTO BELLA AUTO SHOW** returns for a second year on September 8, (rain date, September 15), and features a new array of rare classics — as well as high-value and exotic automobiles.

Manor House tours are being enhanced to include more information and details about the house interiors through new *reader rails* in 10 rooms of the mansion to be installed this spring. These linear information panels feature additional facts to enrich all tours. The Visitors Guide is being refined to share more insights about the Seiberling family and tours will be more inclusive: guests who use wheelchairs or those who cannot negotiate the stairs will now be able to “tour” the Manor House second floor by viewing the rooms on an iPad.

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Other public programs and events —Akron traditions — are returning. **FOUNDERS' DAY** weekend, June 7-9, commemorates the 84th anniversary of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous at the Gate Lodge. The 62nd annual **FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW** on June 16 features the Inner Circle of Full Classics® with vehicles from 1930-1934 in front of the Manor House. New for 2019 is the preservation class for unrestored vehicles, 1970 and older. The annual **GALA, A Chef's Canvas** is June 21. **OHIO MART** the popular annual artisan craft festival is October 3-6. The 2019 season concludes with **DECK THE HALL** in November and December featuring a "Classic Comic Hero Christmas" in the Manor House, Rudolf and Santa in Rudolf's Corral, two animated shop windows, 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](http://stanhywet.org).

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Beginning April 2, 2019, 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 Memorial Day and Labor Day with regular operating hours.

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

More information is available at [www.stanhywet.org](http://www.stanhywet.org) or by calling 330-836-5533.

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