



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Stan Hywet's President & Executive Director Sean M. Joyce Steps Down**

July 29, 2021 – Akron, Ohio – The Board of Directors of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens has announced that Sean M. Joyce, President & Executive Director, has stepped down to pursue other opportunities. Joyce served as President & Executive Director of Stan Hywet since February 2018. Prior to that, he served as CFO & Vice President of Operations for Stan Hywet for seven years. The senior leadership team of Julie Frey, Curator; Tom Hrivnak, Superintendent; Valarie Still, Vice President of Events & Personnel; and Mark Syrone, Vice President of Development & Communication will collectively serve as the executive leadership of Stan Hywet in the interim.

A national search for a President & Executive Director will begin immediately.

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Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is located at 714 N. Portage Path in Akron, Ohio, and is the former home of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company co-founder F.A. Seiberling and his family. Since 1957, it has been a non-profit historic house museum where the public can learn about the cultural, educational, and inspirational riches of one of the most significant achievements in architecture and horticulture to come out of America's Industrial Age. Open April-December, Stan Hywet is the largest historic home in Ohio and the sixth largest in the U.S. Stan Hywet is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. It is Akron, Ohio's oldest National Historic Landmark.

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