

NEWS RELEASE

Stan Hywet Announces Chairs for Annual Gala

“Starry, Starry Night” will be held on Friday, June 23, 2017

February 1, 2017 – Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is pleased to announce the 2017 Gala chairs, Pam and Patrick O’Neill. The O’Neills host the 22nd annual celebration, *Starry, Starry Night*, on Friday, June 23, 2017 at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, 714 North Portage Path in Akron, Ohio.

Pam is an associate member of Akron Children’s Hospital Women’s Board, a Mobile Meals volunteer and a longtime volunteer at St. Bernard’s Sandwich Program. Patrick is President and CEO of The O’Neill Group, a member of the Summa Foundation Board and President of St. Sebastian Parish Foundation.

Inspired by the 2017 theme for the Estate, *Community—Not For Us Alone*, Gala 2017 will be an elegant evening under the stars, reminding us that we are all a part of a larger community, world and galaxy. The celebration is set to take place at the close of a midsummer’s day, as shadows dance on the hills and a palette painted in blues gives way to the first glimpses of twinkling stars. The black-tie affair will bring together over 500 guests from the community to enjoy cocktails, gourmet fare and dancing under the night sky on the historic grounds of the 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*, an exquisite formal dinner party staged in the elegantly adorned 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.

“It’s truly an honor to chair this year’s Gala,” stated Pam. “Our grandchildren are the fifth generation of my family growing up in Akron. I remember my grandfather telling stories of playing at Stan Hywet with Irene Seiberling, and it is exciting to know our grandchildren will be able to enjoy this magnificent estate as well. Knowing that we are helping to preserve Stan Hywet for future generations is very rewarding.”

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.

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