



## NEWS RELEASE

### **Steve and Cherie Shechter to Chair Stan Hywet's Annual Gala**

*"Shakespearean Ball" presented by the Lehner Family Foundation and PNC Bank, to be held on Friday, June 19, 2015*

February 24, 2015— Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens announces that Steve and Cherie Shechter will be the chair-couple of the 20th annual Gala, *Shakespearean Ball* on Friday, June 19, 2015 at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, 714 North Portage, Path in Akron, Ohio. This grand midsummer night tradition is graciously presented by the Lehner Family Foundation and PNC Bank.

Steve Shechter, a third generation Akronite, is Vice President of Dawson Insurance and has long been involved in a leadership capacity on the Board of Directors of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, most recently serving on the Executive and 100th Anniversary Committees. He is also chair of the Properties & Collections Committee. Cherie Shechter taught art history at the University of Akron's Honors College. She has served on the board of the Aladdin Foundation of Akron since 1993 and with Witan, a local non-profit women's service organization since 2000. Cherie generously shares her talent for creating a successful benefit, experience gained from her work on the Gala committee of Stewart's Caring Place.

To celebrate the estate's 100th anniversary, this year's Gala will be reminiscent of the Shakespeare-themed housewarming reception hosted by the Seiberlings as they christened their new country estate, Stan Hywet Hall. Guests are guaranteed to enjoy all the hospitality and splendor this signature fundraising event has come to represent. *Shakespearean Ball* will be the highlight of our season, with guests enjoying the dramatic elegance of this magnificent Estate under a star-lit sky.

A highlight of the evening will be an opportunity for guests 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. "Cherie and I are delighted to be the hosts of Shakespearean Ball and feel especially honored to be the chair-couple of this annual fundraiser during the 100th anniversary celebration, a milestone year for Stan Hywet," said Steve.

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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