



NEWS RELEASE

Stan Hywet Hosts Community Day on August 16

A Festive Day on the Estate to Celebrate 100 years

July 1, 2015 – Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet hosts its official 100th anniversary celebration, **Community Day**, on Sunday, August 16 from 10am-5:00pm (last admission is at 4pm). The day highlights the history of the Estate, showcases Stan Hywet’s many seasonal events and activities, and celebrates the volunteers of Stan Hywet. Guests may enjoy vintage “base ball,” vintage cars, games, music, geocaching and a commemorative program. Complimentary self-guided tours of the Manor House — re-staged according to a 1930s inventory — feature *History First Hand* historic characters. Admission to Community Day is free, but guests must pre-register before August 16 at stanhywet.org. Stan Hywet is located at 714 North Portage Path, Akron, Ohio.

Community Day is inspired by a picnic on September 7, 1928 hosted by F.A and Gertrude Seiberling on the grounds of Stan Hywet for members of the Fifty Year Club of Akron, an organization founded earlier that year. F.A. and Gertrude were charter members; the only requirement to join was that one had been a Summit County resident for at least 50 years. The party in 1928 included speeches, music, food and dancing. “Merrily We Roll Along” was the song that closed the event.

The 100th anniversary celebration on August 16 includes a commemorative program with local dignitaries. Two musical groups closely associated with the history of Stan Hywet perform: Gertrude Seiberling was an early member of the Tuesday Musical Club when it was founded in 1887, and Stan Hywet Hall became a favorite performance venue after it was completed in 1915. Now the Tuesday Musical Association, this group will provide music throughout Community Day in the Courtyard. More music by the Stan Hywet Goodyear Band (founded in 1919) takes place from 3-4 pm in the Elliptical Garden.

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Vintage cars will be on display, presented by the Ohio Region Classic Car Club of America (ORCCCA), who present the annual Father's Day Car Show. There is a commemorative craft activity for children, presented by Pat Catan's Arts and Crafts Stores. *En plein air* painting ("in the open air"), demonstrations take place throughout the gardens, reminiscent of one of Gertrude Seiberling's favorite pastimes. Self-guided Manor House tours feature historic interpretations by the *History First Hand* acting troupe portraying friends, business associates and staff members of the Seiberlings from the 1920s for Living History Day.

"Legacy Lane" features and celebrates the many volunteers who have supported and reinvigorated the Estate over the years. Artist Craig Mitchell Smith, will give tours of **Bloom!** and the winner of the *Bloom!ing* zinnia seed packets (distributed area-wide in May) will be announced. On the Great Meadow, the Akron Black Stockings play vintage base ball and a variety of family games will be presented by YMCA Camp Y-Noah. The Goodyear Concert Band performs on the Ellipse. Fare from Swenson's, Popsmith, Taste of Excellence (barbeque), and Molly's Café; as well as kettlecorn, beverages, including beer and wine will be available for purchase. Tours of the Manor House are self-guided all day.

There is no cost to attend Community Day but guests must be pre-registered at stanhywet.org.

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