

**Stan Hywet is now open for the 2017 Season**

*Theme for the season is Community – Not for Us Alone*

April 7, 2017– Akron, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is now open for the 2017 season, with the theme of "Community – Not For Us Alone." *The Seiberling Legacy*, a new permanent exhibit about the Seiberling family on display in the lower level of the Manor House, and a revamped behind-the-scenes tour are some of the new experiences that guests may look forward to. The new Pollinator Garden opens near the Corbin Conservatory in May to educate guests about the importance of pollinator insects. Raising the bar for summer experiences, Stan Hywet introduces an exciting new event, **LightNights**, an outdoor three-dimensional projection show on select August and September evenings.

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

Featured prominently above the Front Door of the Manor House is the phrase "Non Nobis Solum." Latin for *Not For Us Alone*, this expression is emblematic of how the Seiberlings lived, inspired to make their community a better place for all. F.A. and Gertrude Seiberling helped to shape the fabric of Akron as gracious hosts, patrons of the arts, philanthopists and entrepreneurs.

"We invite guests to visit for a tour to learn more about the many ways the Seiberlings' legacy still influences our community today," notes Linda Conrad, President & Executive Director of Stan Hywet.

Now open on the lower level of the Manor House is **The Seiberling Legacy**, a permanent exhibit that presents a complete picture of the Seiberlings' civic generosity. A visual story told in eight "chapters," the display presents the many ways the family used its fortune and influence for the betterment of others. Each chapter -- Community Spirit, Business & Innovation, Transportation, Health & Wellness, the Environment, Culture, Military Service and Housing -- addresses another aspect of this family's altruism.

"**Nooks & Crannies**," the behind-the-scenes Manor House specialty tour, has been retooled with a new tour route and augmented with more details incorporated from additional research on the domestic staff who lived and worked on the estate. New exhibit panels and *Walk the Hall* guides are part of the refreshed tour.

The lifecycle and impact of bees and other pollinator insects are part of the new **Pollinator Garden**. Located between the Butterfly Habitat and the Corbin Conservatory, guests will learn about the need for pollination plants and the challenges facing these important insects. The garden features host

plants (where insects lay eggs and larvae) and pollinator plants, the food source (nectar) in the flowers. Plants such as milkweed, Joe-pye weed and blueberries in the garden will attract bees, moths, and butterflies — insects that use flowers as a nectar source. An educational replica beehive will be on display in the Pollinator Garden to explain how a beehive and its hierarchy works. Two classes on bees and beekeeping are being offered as part of this summer's adult education program. *See attached list.*

As part of the yearlong theme of "Community," the horticulture staff will be featuring local community groups that focus on environment, plants or insects. Displays and information for guests will be available throughout the summer in the Corbin Conservatory.

Opening in August for a limited run, **LightNights** is a three-dimensional projection show on sixteen summer evenings beginning August 17. "LightNights will be a new and unforgettable way to enjoy the estate and the historic gardens on warm summer evenings," according to Linda Conrad. Guests may also enjoy the lighted gardens, music and refreshments during the evening.

Special events --guest favorites -- are back. Founders' Day weekend, June 9-11, commemorates the 82nd anniversary of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous at the Gate Lodge. The 60th Annual **Father's Day Car Show** on June 18 features cars from 1957 (the same year that Stan Hywet opened as a historic house museum). The annual Gala, *Starry, Starry Night* is June 23. **Ohio Mart**, the popular annual artisan craft festival is October 5-8. **Deck the Hall** in November and December features "Postcards from the Past" in the Manor House, Rudolf in his corral, two animated shop windows, and more than 900,000 lights illuminating the Estate, including Dazzle and Gingerbread Land.

More details on all exhibits and events are available at [stanhywet.org](http://stanhywet.org)

#### **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

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 for self-guided tours (only) and regular operating hours. For the first time, Stan Hywet will be open Labor Day evening —a separate admission —for LightNights.

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 check [stanhywet.org](http://stanhywet.org) for more details.

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

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## **ATTACHMENT 1: ADULT EDUCATION: CONSERVATION, PHOTOGRAPHY, GARDENING**

Stan Hywet offers workshops for adults in conservation, photography, and gardening this season. For the most up-to-date information on adult education, visit [stanhywet.org](http://stanhywet.org)

### **Photography and Conservation**

#### **Photography Walk with Ian Adams**

Saturday, April 29 2-4 pm | \$25 Stan Hywet members, \$34, non-members. Register by April 22

Join Ohio landscape photographer, writer and educator Ian Adams for a photography walk in the gardens at Stan Hywet during early spring. Bring your iPhone, Android phone or digital camera. Mr. Adams will provide tips on garden photography as well as coaching for each participant.

#### **The Past Renewed"—ICA Conservation Talks**

Thursday, May 25, 6-7 pm | \$8. Free to ICA and Stan Hywet members. Register by May 18

In 2015, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens began a \$1M restoration of 15 spaces in the Manor House, a project that encompasses everything from custom-made reproduction fabrics and trims to working with professional conservators to repair and preserve the museum's collection. Join Candace Marang of Stan Hywet's Needlework Guild and ICA-Art Conservation's Jane Hammond for a presentation about a few of the restoration projects completed to date.

### **Gardening Gurus**

These workshops are intended for adults who would like to learn more about garden cultivation and management. Grounds admission is included in the workshop fee. Registration closes one week prior to each class. More details on each class is available at [stanhywet.org](http://stanhywet.org)

#### **Do It Yourself Landscaping**

Saturday, May 6, 1-2:30pm | \$10 Stan Hywet member, \$13 non-member. Register by April 29

Using basic tools and materials, learn about the entire decision-making process from door frame to annuals.

#### **Floral Container Design**

Saturday, May 20, 1:00-2:00pm | \$10 Stan Hywet member, \$13 non-member. Register by May 13

Shop for spring plants at Stan Hywet's annual plant sale, and learn how to create containerized plantings for your own space.

#### **Introduction to the New Stan Hywet Apiary**

Saturday June 3, 11am-12 noon | \$10 Stan Hywet member, \$13 non-member. Register by May 27

This class is a good introduction for anyone interesting in beekeeping. Meet the local beekeepers from Urban Honey Bee, whose bees are in an apiary at Stan Hywet. Learn why honey bees are important to our food system, and how to encourage and attract them to your garden.

#### **Is Beekeeping For You?**

Saturday, August 5, 11am-1pm | \$35, Stan Hywet member; \$38, non-members. Register by July 29

Beekeeping has become very popular, but it's not for everyone, as there is a commitment of time, money and dedication to keep bees. Learn about and be exposed to actual beehives to determine if beekeeping is for you.

#### **Winterizing Your Tropical Plants**

Saturday, September 16, 1-2pm | \$10, Stan Hywet member; \$13, non-member. Register by September 9.

Learn the best tips and techniques to keep your tropical and cactus plants alive through our long Ohio winters.