



NEWS RELEASE

Historic Breakfast Room Fountain Returns to Stan Hywet

April 29, 2016 – Akron, Ohio – The Breakfast Room Fountain has been fully restored and was recently returned to its rightful place as the centerpiece of the Breakfast Room Garden, thanks to funding from the Lehner Family Foundation. Trustees of the Foundation were present in mid-April when the fountain was dedicated and the water turned on for the first time. Stan Hywet is located at 714 North Portage Path in Akron, Ohio.

Now permanently re-installed in the garden, the Breakfast Room Fountain is a copy of *Boy and Dolphin*, originally created in Florence Italy by Andrea del Verrocchio in 1470. It is the focal point of the Breakfast Room Garden, designed by landscape architect Warren Manning. The garden's geometric beds were originally planted with blue and yellow violas as well as a mixture of iris, ferns and native flame azaleas –reflecting the color palette of the Breakfast Room interior. Today, the color scheme still reflects these same colors.

The view of the fountain from inside the Breakfast Room is framed by the colorful flowers. Guest room suites on the upper story of the north wing overlook the garden; guests of the Seiberlings would comment on the pleasure derived from listening to the Fountain while looking down on the garden –where intimacy, color and scale defined the space.

In the 1940s, some of the Seiberling grandchildren toppled the fountain after some rough play, breaking the spindle supporting the bowl. The structure was restacked to a lower version seen in more recent historic and documentation photographs. The fountain was restored to its original height in 2002, using a painting by Gertrude Seiberling as a reference. Two years later, the fragile spindle was accidentally broken again.

With support from the Lehner Family Foundation (part of the successful *Century Campaign for Stan Hywet*), the Breakfast Room Fountain has been repaired with a new reinforced spindle and restored, so that the fountain may be enjoyed by guests for many years to come.

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