

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Stan Hywet's Holiday Event, *Deck the Hall*, Features One Million Lights**

*Local Florists Designing "Postcards from the Past" in the Manor House*

October 20, 2017 – Akron, Ohio – One million lights illuminate Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens this holiday season during its annual holiday event, **DECK THE HALL**, which takes place from 5-8pm on November 24-26, November 30 and December 1-3, 7-10, 14-23, and 26-30. 2017. The Manor House interiors will be decorated to reflect the theme of *Postcards from the Past*, and every evening of **DECK THE HALL** also includes a Christmas tree lighting in the Courtyard at 5:30pm with Santa. Stan Hywet is located at 714 North Portage Path, in Akron Ohio.

“The Estate will be illuminated in holiday lights, a total of *one million* lights across the property. The Great Garden and Birch Tree Allée will be fully illuminated, completely transforming the look of the outdoor landscape. The whole garden behind Dazzle will be awash in lights that will transition slowly and subtly, changing color as guests stroll through the gardens,” notes Linda Conrad, President & Executive Director.

Rooms in the Manor House will be enhanced with Christmas decorations inspired by vintage postcards with local florists designing the holiday decorations in each room.

**Participating Florists**, in alphabetical order include: Countryside Florist, Designs by Morrison, Designs by Robison, Dietz Falls Florist, Every Blooming Thing, Hudson Garden Club, Katherine Collectibles, Kern's Florist & Greenhouse, Pam's Posies, Savoir Faire, Stan Hywet Flower Arrangers, and Stems Fleur.

A variety of musical performers will “serenade” guests in the Manor House each night, but from a new performance space — the Minstrel's Balcony overlooking the Great Hall — so that the sounds of the season resonate throughout the house.

**The Deck the Hall tour begins in the Courtyard**, with two captivating animated shop windows outside Molly's: the Gingerbread Bakeshop window features bakers in perpetual motion; and an animated window depicting downtown Akron at dusk during the holidays, circa 1920. Nearby, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Santa greet guests in Rudolph's Corral. An animatronic, Rudolph moves and neighs, with a red nose that lights up. **DAZZLE**, the outdoor light show spectacular animated to music, features three popular Christmas songs with a

25-foot Christmas tree as its centerpiece. The tree is lit with a full spectrum of color, a layer of lighted ornaments, and an overlay of sparkle lights; surrounded by dozens of flowers, a caterpillar and globes also shimmering with lights.

Nearby Dazzle is Gingerbread Land —Playgarden all gussied up for the holidays with oversized candy canes, gingerbread and more holiday lights. The Corbin Conservatory features *Garden Under Glass*, an indoor tropical garden decorated with lights and holiday color and a 20 foot poinsettia tree —a photo op that has become a holiday tradition for many.

Back in the Courtyard, the warming fire is the place to relax and enjoy refreshments from the Gingerbread Bakeshop and the Salty Reindeer: hot gingerbread cookies, cocoa, popcorn, beer, wine, Bavarian pretzels and more. Molly's Shop is fully stocked for holiday shopping and the café is a place to enjoy more substantial fare and holiday treats.

#### **Ticket Information**

Tickets to **DECK THE HALL** may be purchased in advance at [stanhywet.org](http://stanhywet.org) or 330-315-3287, or upon arrival. Tickets include a self-guided tour of the Manor House and grounds, including DAZZLE and Gingerbread Land. Value ticket nights are Sunday – Thursday when ticket prices are lower.

On Fridays and Saturdays of Deck the Hall, adult tickets are \$22 and youth (6-17) are \$9. Sunday – Thursday ticket prices are \$18 adults and \$7, youth (6-17). On all nights, children 5 and under are free, and college students with valid ID qualify for the youth price. Stan Hywet member discounts are available. Discounts are also available for groups of 10 or more that purchase tickets in advance. More information is available at [stanhywet.org](http://stanhywet.org)

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