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Premier of Independent Film Chronicling Life of John Seiberling

Showing of independent film hosted in park Congressman helped create


Brecksville, Ohio – Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park are teaming up to present the premiere of *A Tree Grows in Washington: The John Seiberling Story*, on Friday, April 12, 2013. This premiere will be shown at Happy Days Lodge, as part of this season's Lyceum Lecture Series. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; film starts at 7 p.m. General seating. Admission is \$6 adults and \$3 children ages 3 - 12. *A dessert reception will follow.*

Advanced sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. On lecture day, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellation.

A Tree Grows in Washington: The John Seiberling Story is the vision and work of documentary filmmaker and Emmy Award winner Paul R. Jacoway. Jacoway is best known locally for his film *Final Edition: Journalism according to Jack and Jim Knight*, which tells the story of the Knight family, the *Akron Beacon Journal*, and the rise and fall of the Knight-Ridder newspaper chain.

A Tree Grows in Washington: The John Seiberling Story explores Congressman Seiberling's life, character, and success in wildlife preservation. Jacoway's research for the documentary started with the discovery of a narrative audio interview with Seiberling from the 1990s, by longtime Seiberling aide Loretta Neumann. Much of the documentary is told in Seiberling's own words and displays his passion for both the environment and his career in Washington. Michael Douglas, *Akron Beacon Journal* editorial editor, acts as narrator and tour guide throughout the journey. The addition of interviews with former aids, associates, family, and friends reinforce the strength and philosophy of a man whose contributions to the nation, state, and Cuyahoga Valley will live on forever. Tonight's premier will include comments from Jacoby.

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Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula 44264, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals, call CVNPA at 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its membership program, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909.

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, the nation's 6th largest historic home open to the public, is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, a distinction that is held by only 776 of the estimated 17,500 museums in the United States. Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens is also Summit County's oldest National Historic Landmark and a National Trust for Historic Preservation Partner Place. For more information visit www.stanhywet.org or call 330-836-5533.

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