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NewsNight Akron Presents Special Christmas Edition

PBS 45 & 49 NewsMaker program visits Stan Hywet, takes train ride

KENT, Ohio — Dec. 18, 2007 — PBS 45 & 49 presents a special **NewsMaker** edition of **NewsNight Akron**, which airs on Friday, Dec. 21 at 9 p.m. and repeats on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 5 a.m. Host Jody Miller takes viewers on a tour of the Christmas exhibit at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. Then she boards a Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad train for a trip to Peninsula in search of the perfect Christmas tree.

Stan Hywet's holiday event, Deck the Hall, is held Dec. 7-9, Dec. 14-23 and Dec. 26-30 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Miller visits 16 rooms of the Manor House that are transformed to portray the popular story *Babes in Toyland*. The event is a collaboration between Stan Hywet staff and volunteers.

Then our host takes a Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad train trip, Christmas Tree Adventure. The 4½-hour excursion includes a stop at Heritage Farms in Peninsula, where participants can cut down their own tree or pick out a pre-cut one. The staff bags and tags the trees and loads them onto the train. There's plenty of time afterward for lunch at one of the local restaurants before the train heads back to Rockside Station.

Just in time for Christmas, join **NewsNight Akron** panelist Jody Miller for this holiday special.

About NewsNight Akron

NewsNight Akron airs every Friday night at 9 p.m. on PBS 45 & 49 and offers spontaneous, lively, in-depth discussions about issues that affect the lives of people in greater Akron. Hosted by Eric Mansfield, Akron-Canton news anchor for WKYC-TV3, **NewsNight Akron** features a roundtable discussion with a panel of local journalists that covers both breaking news stories on topics such as education, the community and local business, as well as ongoing subjects including elections and major news stories. Serving as regular panelists on the show are Steve Hoffman, political writer at the *Akron Beacon Journal*; Jody Miller, editor and publisher of *Bath Country Journal*; and Ed Esposito, Joe Jasztremski and Larry States, all of whom are members of the Rubber City Radio Group news staff.

About PBS 45 & 49

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