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ABSTRACT: Barb Vargo began volunteering at Stan Hywet in 1998 with the Horticultural department. Roberta Searle began volunteering at Stan Hywet in 1988 as an interpretative guide. After they both started volunteering with Winter Cleaning during the off season in the Manor House, the two became quick friends and now volunteer regularly with the Museum Services team. Roberta and Barb were interviewed on September 1, 2026 by Assistant Archivist Katrina Neff. The oral history discusses Barb & Roberta's involvement with Winter Cleaning, Deck the Hall preparations, Ohio Mart, and many other collections projects. Throughout the video, Barb & Roberta talk about some of the many projects they have helped with over the last 25 plus years of service with Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, providing valuable insight into the Museum Service side of the organization.

BOX 1

Loose Thumb drive with copy of the oral history interview, September 1, 2026