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SAMA APPOINTS FOUR NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art has expanded its Board of Trustees to include four new members. SAMA Executive Director Gary Moyer searched for a diverse group who could bring to the Museum a wide range of experience and expertise. Joining the Board of Trustees is James M. Cayce of Hollidaysburg, Marian Morgan of Johnstown, Nancy Sheetz of Hollidaysburg, and Michael M. Strueber of Hollidaysburg. Cayce, Sheetz and Strueber are Chairs for SAMA-Loretto’s upcoming Gala, scheduled for Saturday, July 21. Morgan is a member of the Gala committee.

“I congratulate and welcome our new Board members to SAMA,” said Moyer. “My colleagues and I are pleased that they will be joining our leadership team, and we look forward to working with Jim, Marian, Nancy and Michael to address the challenges we face and to capitalize on the opportunities that are ahead. They join a Board of Trustees that is competent in what they do, committed to the Museum’s success, and passionate about the arts. SAMA is fortunate to have these talented individuals leading the Museum and helping us to establish a cultural legacy for the people of central and southwestern Pennsylvania.”

Cayce has been actively involved in SAMA since moving to Hollidaysburg in 2003. A sustaining member of the Museum, Cayce’s initial involvement came through SAMA-Altoona’s The Art of Wine and Fashion fundraiser, an event he chaired in 2005 and 2006 and co-chaired in 2010 and 2011. Additionally, he has been a member of the Gala committee since 2004. Cayce also serves on the Board of Directors of the Blairmont Club, and was its President from 2008 to 2011.

Morgan has a long history with the Museum, including having formerly served as SAMA’s Public Relations/Membership Coordinator. She has been a member of the Gala committee, twice served as Gala Co-Chair, and was a past president of the Museum’s auxiliary. In addition to her work with SAMA, Morgan has served on the American Cancer Society’s Pink Ribbon Ball committee and has been Publicity and Mental Health Chairperson for the Blair County Medical Society Auxiliary and President of the Auxiliary to the American College of Neuropsychiatrists.

Sheetz is a life-long artist skilled in weaving, oil painting, decoupage, and furniture design, among other disciplines. A world traveler and avid art collector, Sheetz also is known as a master gardener and an accomplished pianist. She has been actively involved with SAMA and the Gala, and has also been a strong supporter of the Altoona Symphony Orchestra.

Strueber was the founding director of SAMA and served in that capacity for twenty-four years. He is the managing director of the Colcom Foundation and an advisory board member of Fallingwater. He has been active as a trustee of several charitable, cultural, and educational organizations, including the Cordelia S. May Trust, Juniata College, and the Phipps Conservatory of Pittsburgh. He is the owner and operator of Allegheny Art Gallery in Hollidaysburg, and was the founder and past chairman of the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance and Chair of the Department of Fine Arts at Saint Francis University. Additionally, he is a highly respected and collected artist who is represented in more than 400 private art collections.