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CHAIRS PREPARE FOR SAMA GALA

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto will celebrate its thirty-fifth annual Gala this summer, and it has tabbed four individuals to make the event a resounding success. Jim Cayce, Nancy Sheetz and Michael Strueber, each of Hollidaysburg, and Marian Morgan of Johnstown will serve as co-chairs of the 2013 Gala. Cayce, Sheetz and Strueber were co-chairs of last year’s Gala that set an attendance record.

The 2013 Gala, “Asian Fusion,” is scheduled for Saturday, July 20 on the campus of Saint Francis University. Guests will be greeted by colorful entrance banners, as well as large hanging paper lights and 30-foot-long hand-painted silk kites. The event will feature more gourmet cuisine, live music, and silent and live auctions featuring an assortment of artwork, decoupage, garden ornaments, original sculptures, and more. Tickets are \$175 per person. Please R.S.V.P. to (814) 472-3920 by July 16.

Cayce has been actively involved with SAMA for the past ten years, having also served as chair or co-chair of SAMA-Altoona’s *The Art of Wine and Fashion* fundraiser five times. Morgan, a former Public Relations/Membership Coordinator with SAMA, has previously co-chaired two Galas. Sheetz is a talented artist skilled in weaving, oil painting, decoupage and furniture design whose creations can be found throughout the Gala auctions. Strueber was the founding director of SAMA and was instrumental in the development of the Gala. Each of the co-chairs is also active on the Museum’s Board of Trustees.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is located on the campus of Saint Francis University. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.