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TICKETS REMAIN FOR SAMA'S "ART OF GOLF" GARDEN PARTY

Ligonier – Tickets remain for “The Art of Golf,” the 15th annual Garden Party at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley. Scheduled for Saturday, May 21, “The Art of Golf” features an evening of fine dining, live music, dancing, entertainment, silent and live auctions, and a variety of golfing activities. Proceeds from the event benefit SAMA and help keep its doors open to the public free of charge.

As part of the evening’s festivities, SAMA will offer its guests a unique opportunity to try their hand at a pitch-and-putt course around the gardens. A golf ball-drop game also will be offered, with the winner going home with a basket of fine wines.

In the gallery, guests will have an opportunity to meet the exhibiting artist, Linda Arnold, and to view the exhibition, *Visions of the Natural World*. The evening also includes cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and dinner by Vallozzi’s, live music by the Rick Purcell Band featuring Shari Richards, and a silent auction boasting a wide selection of original artwork, golf packages and accessories, gift baskets, and more.

Another highlight of the evening will be the live auction. Three fascinating items will be available, including an oil-on-canvas painting titled *Indian Summer* by exhibiting artist Linda Arnold. A jewelry box by Pennsylvania artist Jim Shott will also entice patrons. Shott works with red oak, sycamore, ambrosia maple and ghost maple to create colorful cabinets that explore the complex structures found in nature, such as honeycombs, acorns, or in this case, the pattern of petals in a sunflower. Rounding out the auction will be an Ireland golf adventure, including a 6-night stay for two with golfing in Dublin, Killarney and Ennis.

“We have some really great items in our live auction this year,” said SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator Emma Noonan. “We have two amazing works of art and another item is the golf trip for two to Ireland – it’s the golfer’s ultimate dream vacation! You get to golf in three beautiful areas in Ireland, plus an exclusive tour of the Guinness Storehouse. I think all of the items we offer this year will be very popular with the public.”

Garden Party tickets are \$125 per person. The event is open to the public, though reservations are requested. For reservations or additional information, please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015 or visit www.sama-art.org.