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SAMA GARDEN PARTY SILENT AUCTION TO FEATURE SEVERAL INTRIGUING ITEMS

Ligonier – When the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley hosts its twelfth annual Garden Party, “Art...and All That Jazz,” on Saturday, June 1, there will be no shortage of amazing items available in the silent auction. Original artwork, a progressive dinner, and a “Brewer for a Day” package are just a few of the items to be included at this year’s event.

“Our silent auction will feature a variety of gift baskets, jewelry, golf packages, and collectibles, as well as original artwork from local and regional artists such as Lauren Adams, Ron Donoughe, Duncan Everhart, Brian Ferrell, Bud Gibbons, Rita Haldeman, and George Wazenegger, among others,” said SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator Sommer Toffle. “We’ll also have garden accessories, sports memorabilia, event tickets, luxury items, gift certificates, and other wonderful items. The Garden Party committee has taken every measure to create a memorable evening with high quality auction items.”

One lucky bidder will win an opportunity to be a “Brewer for a Day” at Full Pint Brewing Company in North Huntingdon. This package allows the winner to brew beer with a brewmaster or bottle a batch of beer, as well as receive two cases of beer or a five gallon keg. Also being auctioned is a progressive dinner, where eight guests travel to three beautiful Ligonier area homes for hors d’oeuvres, dinner, and dessert.

Other special items available in the auction include an assortment of original, hand-painted and signed collectible linoleum rugs. The Museum’s Auxiliary is sponsoring a children’s party for ten to twenty children at the Museum, as well as a private wine reception, also at the Museum, for twenty guests.

The Garden Party begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 1. The event features live jazz music by the Rick Struzzi Guitar Duo and cocktails and heavy hors d’oeuvres provided by Vallozzi’s Restaurant in Greensburg. Tarot card readings and other entertainment also will be offered. Serving as co-chairs for the Garden Party are Joyce Collins and Peggy Shepler.

The Garden Party is open to the public, though reservations are required. Cost is \$75 per person. For tickets or additional information, please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley is located at One Boucher Lane and Route 711 South in Ligonier. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is a handicapped accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.