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**MUSEUM NAMES CHAIRS FOR 2013 GARDEN PARTY**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley has announced that Joyce Collins and Peggy Shepler will serve as co-chairs for the Museum's twelfth annual Garden Party. SAMA's Garden Party will be held on Saturday, June 1.

Collins, of Ligonier, is marking her first time chairing the Garden Party. She is active in the Museum's Auxiliary, currently serving as Secretary. She performs volunteer work with the Valley Senior Center of Ligonier and also serves as a volunteer usher for the Valley Players of Ligonier. Collins is a native of Montana and was active with a number of boards and organizations in her home state.

Shepler, also from Ligonier, is serving her second term as Garden Party chair, previously holding the position for the 2010 event. She is active in the Museum's Auxiliary and has been involved with the Fort Ligonier Days Parade for ten years. Shepler formerly served as Secretary of the Ligonier Borough Planning Commission for several years and is active in numerous organizations. Currently she is Vice President of the Chestnut Ridge Historical Society, also serving on its Board of Directors as Vice Chairman.

"I am looking forward to working with co-chairs Joyce Collins and Peggy Shepler," said SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator Sommer Toffle. "They are very creative individuals and bring a high level of experience and energy to the Garden Party."

The theme for this year's Garden Party is "Art...and All That Jazz." The event begins at 5 p.m. and will feature live jazz music by the Rick Struzzi Guitar Duo. Tarot card readings and other entertainment also will be on hand. Throughout the evening, guests will be treated to cocktails and hors d'oeuvres provided by Vallozzi's Restaurant, and a silent auction featuring a variety of artwork, jewelry, gift baskets, garden accessories, and gift certificates. Tickets for the Garden Party are \$75 per person and may be purchased by calling 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](http://www.sama-art.org).