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SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY APPOINTS 2012 GARDEN PARTY CHAIRS

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley has announced that Bonnie Hoffman and Carolyn Turner will serve as co-chairs for the Museum’s eleventh annual Garden Party. SAMA’s Garden Party will be held on Saturday, June 2.

Hoffman, of Ligonier, is a board member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts and has been involved with the Garden Party since its inception. She is a free-lance typesetter, having worked in the printing industry for fourteen years prior to retirement. She does volunteer work for many non-profits in Western Pennsylvania, lending her talents in typesetting and web administration.

Turner, an avid art lover, recently returned to Ligonier after spending more than twenty-five years in the metropolitan New York City area. She has extensive involvement with many charitable organizations and is a member of SAMA’s Auxiliary.

“I am excited to be working with co-chairs Bonnie Hoffman and Carolyn Turner,” said SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator Sommer Toffle. “They are both very creative individuals and bring a great energy to the Garden Party.”

The theme for this year’s Garden Party is “Some Enchanted Evening.” The event begins at 4 p.m. with a reception with exhibiting artist, William DeBernardi. Throughout the evening, guests will be treated to cocktails, gourmet cuisine catered by Ernie Vallozzi, and a silent auction featuring a variety of antiques, artwork, jewelry, gift baskets, garden accessories, and gift certificates.

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 at (724) 238-6015 or visit www.sama-art.org.