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**TICKETS REMAIN FOR SAMA'S "HOOKED ON ART" GARDEN PARTY**

Ligonier – Tickets remain for "Hooked on Art," the 14th annual Garden Party at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley. Scheduled for Saturday, May 30, "Hooked on Art" features an evening of fine dining, live music, dancing, entertainment, silent and live auctions, and a variety of fly fishing-themed activities. Proceeds raised from the Garden Party will benefit SAMA and the Forbes Trail Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

As part of the evening's entertainment, members of the Forbes Trail Chapter of Trout Unlimited will offer presentations featuring the art of fly casting and a display of beautifully made fly fishing artifacts including hand-tied fishing flies and antique and modern bamboo fly rods. Guests may watch a demonstration of fly casting by a nationally known fly casting instructor, as well as have opportunities to try their hand at casting a fly rod and participate in a fly casting tournament. A master fly tier will be on-hand to create beautiful fishing flies from natural and man-made materials. Additionally, the Chapter will offer a display of fly rods that shows the history and heritage of split-cane fly rod-making in America. The evening also will include a special *Trout in the Classroom* student art exhibition by students of Valley School of Ligonier.

The silent and live auctions will feature a variety of items including original artwork, golf and vacation packages, antiques, gift baskets and much more. Paintings by nationally renowned artists Chas Fagan and Rita Haldeman will be featured in the live auction, along with a specially crafted brooch by Clark Jewelers and a vacation package to Colorado Springs. Other highlights include guided fly fishing adventures, a log cabin weekend get-away in the Laurel Highlands, and private receptions at the Museum.

The Garden Party begins at 5 p.m. on May 30. Cost is $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. Serving as Garden Party chairs are Josita Karolyi, David Miller and Molly Miesse Miller.