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## **SAMA AUXILIARY TO SPONSOR HOLIDAY HOME TOUR**

Ligonier – The Auxiliary of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley is pleased to announce the Museum's eighth annual Holiday Home Tour. The self-guided tour features four of Ligonier's most beautiful and unique homes, all festively decorated for the holiday season. The Holiday Home Tour will be held on Saturday, December 10.

The tour begins at the Museum with check-in at 10 a.m. At the Museum, guests will be given tour tickets and further tour information. Holiday cookies, pastries and beverages also will be provided at the Museum. Additionally, visitors will have an opportunity to purchase the SAMA-Ligonier Valley Auxiliary's "Cookie and Craft" cookbooks, filled with delicious recipes and hand-made craft ideas for the holidays, for just \$5. Beginning in late October, the Museum will be selling tickets for a raffle featuring a number of holiday-themed items. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 per ticket or \$5 for ten tickets and are available at the front desk. The raffle drawing will be held the day of the Holiday Home Tour.

Tickets for the Holiday Home Tour are \$25. Sales are limited to 500, so be sure to reserve your tickets early. For reservations or more information, please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

After stopping at the Museum, visitors may visit the Tour's four beautiful homes. At Bill and Glenda Dickson's rustic traditional home, guests will be greeted upon entering the home by a decorated Christmas tree. The two-story foyer, filled with fresh greenery, will surely put you in the holiday spirit. Impressive architectural details, soaring wood ceilings and stunning interior design make this a home to remember. The stunning trees in the living and dining rooms are creatively decorated to match the home's décor and will certainly make you feel at home.

Tom and Kristen Mizikar's quaint cottage is a unique three-bedroom vacation cottage in historic Laurel Mountain Borough. Constructed in the late 1940s and furnished with a blend of new and antique furniture, the home welcomes visitors with a spacious great room, three fireplaces, decoupage and hand-painted floors and woodwork. A Christmas tree will be decorated in vintage flair with colored 1940s lights, family ornaments from the 1930s through 1950s, and a wonderful pre-WWII Lionel train circling the bottom. A 1930s cathedral radio playing Christmas music will transform you back to a time long past.

The Reintgens' charming period home and antique store is a delight for the holiday season. The smell of fresh greenery will tickle your nose as you enter this vintage-inspired abode. Newly renovated, the Reintgens restored many of the

original features. The home is the oldest home in the Ligonier Valley, built in 1780 with an attached cobbler's shop built in 1799. Their extensive German nutcracker collection and tree decorated "au natural" with dried flowers are sure to kindle holiday imaginations.

Allen and Beth Wallish welcome you to their beautiful home neatly tucked into a wooded backdrop. A festive, statuesque nutcracker will greet you as you enter their gorgeous home, which offers a warm mixture of modern décor and antiques. With more than ten lovingly decorated trees, this home is a must-see. Festively decorated for the holidays, the toasty warm fireplace and holiday grace will brighten any mood.

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, please call the Museum or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).

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