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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 return of the Museum’s Holiday Home Tour. The self-guided tour features four of the region’s most beautiful and unique homes, all festively decorated for the holiday season. The Holiday Home Tour will be held on Saturday, December 13.

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.

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. Guests will certainly be wonderstruck when they arrive at Diane and Chris Fives’ Wonderview. Situated on a plateau 4 miles from Ligonier, the home affords a view of the adjacent valley that extends for miles. Located alongside the historic Catawba Trail, Wonderview was likely a stop for Native Americans, as the Fives have found numerous chiseled stones on the property. Originally built on Mellon land as a hunting lodge, the Fives renovated and added on, preserving its original rustic charm.

Josita Karolyi welcomes you to her charming period log home neatly tucked into the wooded hillside. Built in 1790 with an addition in 1792, this home is full of architectural details and is lovingly decorated with one-of-a-kind eclectic antiques and modern art seamlessly combining the old with the new. Be sure to take a peek in the barn and the original spring house. This home is a delight for the holiday season.

Maggie and PJ Neid’s “Foxley Farm” is an exceptional 60-acre estate located in the middle of fox hunting country in the Laurel Highlands. Nestled in the rolling hills and open farmland of Ligonier Valley, “Foxley” is a unique 18<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse, beautifully decorated for the holidays. The home features an elegant two-story library complete with a catwalk gallery and six exterior pillars originally from Bedford Springs Hotel.

Edward and Kathy Sobota's lovely brick home, peppered with white trim, is nestled deep in the hills of Latrobe. As one walks into the home, the eye is drawn to the stunning open floor plan and wonderful stone fireplace. The 18-foot tree boasts stunning feathers and ornaments that match the home's decorations. Browns and coppers add to the warm and welcoming atmosphere. The Sobotas bought their home only four years ago, yet one feels the comfort and warmth of many years within their walls.

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).