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SAMA NAMES 2015 GARDEN PARTY CHAIRS

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley has announced that Josita Karolyi, Molly Miesse Miller and David Miller will serve as co-chairs for the Museum’s fourteenth annual Garden Party, “Hooked on Art.”

A recent addition to the SAMA family, Josita Karolyi shuttles between her home on Pittsburgh’s Southside and an 18th-century log cabin in Ligonier. She was born in Brazil, spent her youth in the United States and Belgium, and studied in the U.K. before attending Lake Forest College in Illinois, where she majored in art, history and French. Karolyi has worked for the Metropolitan Museum of Art (Costume Institute) and The Walker Art Center in Minneapolis and currently works for Eastman Tribe in Pittsburgh, where she has a new line of clothing for sale.

Molly Miesse Miller is originally from Columbus, Ohio, but grew up in Beaver County. She is a graduate of Chatham College (now University) in Pittsburgh, where she earned a B.A. in French. Miller’s professional experience includes working as a French teacher in Pittsburgh public schools for nearly 30 years. She is involved with Daughters of the American Revolution, Kuskushkee Trail Chapter, serves as a DAR state representative and is involved with the annual fundraiser at Powdermill Nature Reserve. A member of SAMA-Ligonier Valley’s Auxiliary, Miller co-chaired last summer’s *Lotus and Lilies Salon* program.

“I am excited to be working with Josita, Molly and David on this year’s Garden Party,” said SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator Sommer Toffle. “They have infectious energy, great ideas and bring such expertise to the table. This year’s event is sure to be fun for everyone involved.”

Scheduled for Saturday, May 30, the “Hooked on Art” Garden Party will feature a fly-fishing theme. The Museum is partnering with the Forbes Trail Chapter of Trout Unlimited on the event, which will include casting and fly-tying demonstrations and many other activities and surprises. The Garden Party also will feature live and silent auctions, live music, games of chance and gourmet cuisine. Tickets are \$125 per person. For more information, please call (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.