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**SAMA-LORETTO TO HOST *CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CURATOR* IN
JUNE**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto’s curatorial lecture series, *Conversations with the Curator: A Lecture-and-Lunch Series for Art Lovers and Collectors*, will resume on Thursday, June 12. The program will begin at 12:15 p.m. and includes a 45-minute talk by SAMA Curator for Visual Arts, Dr. Scott Dimond, as well as a box lunch. An informal Q&A period will follow.

The June program is titled “The Fabric of Society: American Textiles, 1750-1900.” Whether homespun or machine-made, textiles have played an important part in American culture since the beginning. Clothes, quilts, table linens, upholstery and many other everyday fabric objects were not only necessities of life, but also vehicles for great imagination and creativity. Working from original antiques, participants will examine the intriguing history and artistic richness of textile culture from Colonial times to the turn of the twentieth century.

“These lectures are intended to be informative, yet informal and fun,” said Dimond. “There will be plenty of things to look at, as well as some ‘show-and-tell’ and opportunities for conversation. As I envision it, they will be a pleasant way to get a little art history under your belt, whether you are an artist, a collector, a teacher, or anyone who has an appreciation for American visual culture.”

Cost for *Conversations with the Curator* is \$25 per program, which includes lunch. Please R.S.V.P. to (814) 472-3920 by June 9. Following programs will be held September 18 and December 4.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is located on the campus of Saint Francis University. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.