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ALTOONA ARTIST TO SPEAK AT LUNCH PROGRAM

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a Lunch a l'Art program with exhibiting artist Rachel DiAndrea on Wednesday, June 18. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 per person or \$14 for SAMA members. Please call the Museum for reservations.

DiAndrea is an award-winning local artist who is renowned for her ability to capture the unique personality of her furry, four-legged subjects. Her work is currently on view at the Museum in the exhibition *Dog and Pony Show*. DiAndrea is established as a premier national canine illustrator whose love for animals is evident throughout her work. Her subjects immediately engage the viewer with the enthusiastic and colorful interpretations for which her work has become nationally and internationally recognized. *Dog and Pony Show* will remain on view through August 2.

Lunch a l'Art programs are offered to encourage a greater understanding of various art forms and movements, as well as foster a deeper appreciation for the exhibitions presented by the Museum.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is located in the Brett Building at 1210 Eleventh Avenue. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. Parking is available in the garage across the street or in metered spots in the lot at the rear of the building. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.