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PASTEL ARTIST TO SPEAK AT SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with pastel artist Marianne Fyda on Thursday, August 20. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are requested by August 14 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

Fyda, of DuBois, works in a variety of media though lists pastel as her favorite. She is a signature member and president of the Central Pennsylvania Pastel Society, a member of the Degas Pastel Society and a juried associate member of the Pastel Society of America. Her pastel works are exhibited regionally and nationally.

Fyda's work is currently on view at the Museum in the exhibition, *Pastel Expressions*. On view through August 23, the exhibition features 40 pastel works by members of the Central Pennsylvania Pastel Society and Pittsburgh Pastel Artists League.

Prior to the lunch program will be a meeting of the SAMA Auxiliary at 11 a.m. The Auxiliary is always welcoming new members. If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, please attend the meeting or call the Museum for further information.

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 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.