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LOCAL ARTIST TO SPEAK AT SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY LUNCH PROGRAM

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with exhibiting artist William M. Hoffman, Jr. on Thursday, September 18. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by September 12 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

Currently on view at the Museum is *Retrospective: William M. Hoffman, Jr.*, an exhibition of nearly sixty works spanning the artist's sixty-two year career. Featured in the exhibition is a selection of Hoffman's most noted figure compositions, portraits and landscapes, including a number of scenes from Latrobe and Ligonier. He is renowned for bringing his subjects to life with an impressionistic style that seems to capture movement and energy with every brushstroke.

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.

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.

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.