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## **CAMBRIA COUNTY ARTIST'S DRAWINGS ON VIEW AT SAMA-LORETTO**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibitions, *Kathleen Kase Burk: Drawings, 1996-2016*. Opening April 15, the exhibition offers a selection of nearly 40 drawings – realistic and abstract – created over the past two decades by the Cambria County artist. The exhibition will remain on view through June 11.

Burk's drawings range from realistic still life to geometric abstraction, and some works even incorporate both styles. An admirer of traditional still life, Burk believes art needs to be "of its time," and not merely a reiteration of the past. She looks for objects that belong to the contemporary world and arranges them in ways that don't resemble the usual tabletop tableau. She primarily works in pencil, although some works employ colored pencils and other media in order to add color and texture to her drawings.

"Drawing is meditative and calming – like yoga and being in nature, two other activities I love," said Burk. "I want the viewer to feel this sense of peace and calm contemplation. It's an antidote to the stress and busyness of modern life."

Burk, of Ebensburg, has exhibited her work regionally and nationally for 35 years. Her drawings are included in numerous collections including the Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, Westmoreland Museum of American Art, University of North Dakota, and Pittsburgh Public Schools. A graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Burk has taught art in a wide variety of settings, including 18 years at Bishop Carroll High School also through the Arts-in-Education program of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. She is a member of Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, Allied Artists of Johnstown, Art in Common, and The Art Association of Harrisburg.

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, please call (814) 472-3920 or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).