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CURATORIAL LECTURE SERIES TO CONTINUE IN JUNE

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto’s new curatorial lecture series, *Conversations with the Curator: A Lecture-and-Lunch Series for Art Lovers and Collectors*, will continue on Thursday, June 13. 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 “American Illustration: A Hands-On History.” Whether it is Maxfield Parrish or Peter Max, almost everybody can think of a favorite illustrator. Beginning with the anonymous woodcuts of the eighteenth century, we will discuss more than 200 years of American illustration, including the masterful works of such well-known artists as Howard Pyle, J.C. Leyendecker, and Norman Rockwell. Rare books, magazines, newspapers, and other ephemera will afford an opportunity to see how the illustration’s art appeared in its original context.

“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 the *Conversations with the Curator* program is \$25 per lecture, which includes lunch. Please R.S.V.P. to (814) 472-3920 by June 10. Following programs will be held on September 12 and December 5.

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.