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CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CURATOR TO CONTINUE IN SEPTEMBER

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, September 12. The program will begin at 12:15 p.m. and includes a 45-minute talk by SAMA Curator for Visual Arts, Dr. V. Scott Dimond, as well as a box lunch. An informal Q&A period will follow.

The September program is titled “A World of Wealth and Well-Being: Symbol and Story in Chinese Folk Art.” With their bright colors and strong emphasis on design, *buduihua* textiles may at first seem to be only mere decoration. Yet the symbolism woven into this expression of Chinese folk art has been well articulated for centuries. In this special lecture, given in conjunction with the exhibition, *Stories Joyfully Embroidered: Shaanxi Folk Textiles from Northern China*, Dimond will give an overview of this unique art form. Dimond will discuss selected textiles in the exhibition, touching on the meaning of their subjects as well as the symbolic language inherent in their many incidental details.

“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 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 September 9. The final program for 2013 will be held on 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.