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SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY TO HOST BRUNCH WITH FRENCH ARTIST

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a brunch with French artist Cecile Houel on Saturday, May 10. The buffet brunch will start at 10 a.m. and run until noon. Cost is \$20 per person. Reservations are required by May 2 and can be made by calling Sharon at (724) 995-8004.

Houel currently exhibits her work throughout France and the United States. She is a member of the Art du Pastel en France, Pastel Society of America, La Societe des Pastellistesde France, Portrait Society of America and the Iowa Pastel Society. Her work has received numerous accolades and international attention. At the SAMA program, Houel will present “A Study in Portraiture and Landscape Painting,” including a painting demonstration. The completed work will then be auctioned off to support SAMA.

The brunch will kick off the inaugural Ligonier Art Walk. The day-long event features a full slate of activities, demonstrations and receptions at well-appointed art galleries in Ligonier. Joining SAMA in the Ligonier Art Walk are Allegory Gallery, 215 East Main St.; Conte Design-Lifestyle Gallery, 113 East Main St.; Dovecote Ligonier, 136 West Main St.; G Squared Gallery, 138 East Main St.; Gilliland Fine Art, 112 East Main St.; Jaime Cooper Gallery & Studio, 212 West Main St.; and Main Exhibit Gallery, 301 West Main St.

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 at (724) 238-6015 or visit www.sama-art.org.