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SAMA TO HOST ORNAMENT PAINTING WORKSHOP AS PART OF LIGONIER ART WALK

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a buffet brunch and workshop with artist Jean Coursey Beaufort on Saturday, November 1. The buffet brunch will start at 10 a.m. and run until noon. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are required by October 24 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

During the program, Beaufort will demonstrate marbling techniques for painting inside glass ball ornaments. Following the demonstration, participants will have an opportunity to create up to a dozen of their own ornaments. Individuals may bring with them fabric samples in order to make themed, colored ornaments that match their home décor or favorite sports team.

After the event, the Museum will be offering custom-painted glass ball ornaments for \$20 per dozen. Please call the Museum for orders or for additional information.

Beaufort recently retired from her position as art teacher with the Penn Trafford School District. She has a BFA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is a member of Associated Artists of Pittsburgh and Laurel Highlands Artisans. Her work has been exhibited in numerous regional juried exhibitions.

The program will kick off the second Ligonier Art Walk. The event, featuring the theme “The Affordable Art Stroll,” is designed to offer competitively priced art for the gift-giving season. After the SAMA event, six other Ligonier galleries will offer a full day of workshops, receptions, and other special events. Joining SAMA in the Ligonier Art Walk is 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.; 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 or visit www.sama-art.org.