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SAMA AUXILIARY TO HOST *LOTUS AND LILIES SALON*

Ligonier – The Auxiliary of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a *Lotus and Lilies Salon* on Saturday, August 9. During the event, guests will have an opportunity to spend a day at a private farm in Ligonier with thirty-seven ponds teeming with lotuses and water lilies. Guests will have an opportunity to paint, sketch, photograph and write while on the property.

Lotus and Lilies Salon will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on August 9. Cost is \$50 per person. Reservations are required by June 25 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015. A rain date has been set for August 16.

Participants will begin their day at the Museum, where they will receive tickets and maps to the property. At the property, there will be an informative talk designed to introduce participants to the lotuses and lilies. Stations will be arranged for participants to paint, photograph, sketch and write. Local artists William Hoffman, Jr., Gene Kravits and Helen Thorne will be on-site to advise individuals interested in painting or drawing. Instruction also will be available regarding the writing of haikus and odes.

Participants are encouraged to bring easels, canvases, blankets, stools, brushes, paints and any other materials they may need. The event is open to artists as well as anyone who wishes to simply relax and enjoy the scenery. Lunch will be provided and is included in the cost.

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, please call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.