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**SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY LUNCH PROGRAM TO FEATURE
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Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with art conservator Jeffrey Rouse on Thursday, April 17. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the speaker. Cost is \$15 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by April 11 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

Rouse, of New Alexandria, has been restoring art for over thirty years. In 2004, he did a figure and mural restoration for St. Patrick's Church in Erie. He has restored several hundred paintings on different materials such as canvas, wood panel and even tin. He currently owns the New Growth Gallery in New Alexandria. Rouse will be showing some of his paintings at the lunch program.

Prior to the lunch program will be a meeting of the SAMA Auxiliary at 11 a.m. The Auxiliary is always welcoming new members. If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, please come to the meeting or call the Museum for further information.

Lunch a l'Art programs are offered to encourage a greater understanding of various art forms and movements, as well as foster a deeper appreciation for the exhibitions presented by the Museum.

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.