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## **SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY LUNCH PROGRAM TO FEATURE WATERCOLOR PAINTER**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with watercolor painter Peg Panasiti on Thursday, March 20. 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 March 14 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

Panasiti, of Latrobe, has been painting with watercolor for the past thirty years. Her work will be featured in the upcoming group exhibit *Thank God It's Wednesday* at the Greensburg Art Center, and was recently on view at SAMA-Ligonier Valley in the *Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition*. Private collectors of her work include Arnold and Kit Palmer, St. Vincent College, and former President Bill Clinton.

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](http://www.sama-art.org).