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LIGONIER VALLEY MUSEUM WELCOMES PRINTMAKER FOR LUNCH A L'ART PROGRAM

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with printmaker Zarah Blair on Thursday, April 16. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are requested by April 10 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

Blair, of Sarver, Butler County, is a writer, collage artist, and printmaker. Her presentation will center on finding and developing one's creative spirit. Patrons also will have an opportunity to create their own unique trace monotypes and try their hand at a small printing press. Additionally, the lunch program will include the Auxiliary's presentation of its annual *21st Century Artist Award for Outstanding Student Art* to four young artists in the region.

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 attend 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.