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### **SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY TO HOST LUNCH PROGRAM**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with Kelly M. Coursey-Gray at noon on Thursday, February 23. Cost for program, which includes lunch and presentation, is \$15 per person or \$12 for SAMA members. Please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015 for reservations.

Coursey-Gray will present “The Art of Photography/Photography as Art.” The talk will explore how photography is utilized as a fine art and will incorporate ideas for bringing your own vision to your photographic pursuits. She will explain how to make your own pictures more artistic through the elements and principles of design as well as crafting your own personal style.

A graduate of Ligonier Valley High School (1988), Coursey-Gray was formerly a professor of art history at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. Presently, she combines her love of travel, culture, history and art in her present role as location guide/travel guide with Holland America Cruise Lines.

Prior to the lunch program will be a meeting of the SAMA Auxiliary at 11 a.m. 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](http://www.sama-art.org).