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### **SAMA CURATOR TO SPEAK AT LUNCH PROGRAM**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l' Art program with SAMA curator Dr. Scott Dimond on Thursday, April 7. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and presentation. Cost is \$15 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are requested by April 1 by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

Dimond's presentation is titled "Likenesses and Loved Ones: Miniature Portraits, Silhouettes and Cased Photographs." Among the most endearing of antiques are those tiny portraits that were meant to be held close to the eye and heart. Painted in watercolor on ivory, cut from paper, or photographed onto plates of silver, glass or tin, these small likenesses were an everyday reminder of loved ones and shared intimacy. Adopting a "show and tell" format, we will discuss the art and social significance of these miniatures as well as tips for collecting and preserving them.

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).