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SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY TO HOST LUNCH A L'ART PROGRAM

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with wildlife photographer Tim Flanigan on Thursday, September 15. 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 September 9 by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

A resident of Bedford, Flanigan specializes in photographing North American wildlife species, wildflowers and landscapes. He leads photographic and naturalist tours in Bedford County that include camera usage and techniques, as well as plant identification, medicinal uses and Indian lore. Flanigan is a full-time freelance contributing photographer and writer to *Upland Almanac*, *The Ruffed Grouse Society*, *Buckmasters*, and *Buckmasters On-Line*.

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.