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LORETTO MUSEUM TO OFFER ALCOHOL INKS CLASS

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art’s series of adult art classes returns in April with an Alcohol Inks Class at the Loretto Museum. Led by Martha Murphy, the class will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 2. Cost is \$60 per person, which includes all materials. The class is designed for beginners and accomplished artists alike. Class size is limited in order to ensure maximum instructor interaction for all participants. Pre-registration and deposits are required by contacting the Museum at (814) 472-3920 or loretto@sama-art.org.

Alcohol ink is an acid-free, highly pigmented and fast-drying medium to be used on non-porous surfaces. Mixing colors can create a vibrant marbled effect. Students will be encouraged to experiment with the inks on paper as well as tile pieces. Basic design elements will be used as well as ideas on custom color mixing. Participants are encouraged to bring images for inspiration.

Murphy has been one of SAMA’s teaching artists since the inception of the Museum’s Arts-in-Education partnership with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts nearly 20 years ago. Her highly requested school residencies feature color studies using warm and cool palettes, exercises in painting upside-down, and large murals that provide every student an opportunity to create. Murphy’s art was on view at SAMA-Loretto last summer in the exhibition, *Fabricating Whimsy*.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is located on the campus of Saint Francis University. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.