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### **LIGONIER MUSEUM TO HOST LUNCH A L'ART**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with Dr. Scott Dimond, SAMA Curator for Visual Arts, on Thursday, July 18. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the speaker. Cost is \$13 or \$12 for members. Reservations are required by July 15 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

Dimond will give a gallery tour and discussion on the Museum's current exhibition, *Highlights from the Permanent Collection: Celebration of the Wolf Family Donations*. The exhibition features some of the SAMA Permanent Collection's benchmark works, each donated or funded by one of the Museum's most benevolent family patrons. On view through August 4, the exhibition includes more than sixty works encompassing paintings, prints, drawings, and photographs. Featured artists include Will Barnet, Thomas Hart Benton, Alexander Calder, Mary Cassatt, Rockwell Kent, Reginald Marsh, Thomas Moran, Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol, and Grant Wood, among others.

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 come to 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).