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SAMA-ALTOONA LUNCH AND LECTURE TO FEATURE BLAIR COUNTY ARTIST

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a Lunch a l’Art program with artist Deb Bunnell on Wednesday, October 11. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 per person or \$14 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by calling (814) 946-4464.

Bunnell’s art is currently on view in the exhibition, *Deb Bunnell: Relatives and Other Stories*. The artist paints memories that she associates with strong emotions. Using family photos for reference, she explores her passion for the subject in the way she paints it. “By the time I’ve touched the moment many times over with paint and love, I hope to draw the viewer in with me,” said Bunnell. Featuring nearly three dozen paintings and drawings in acrylic, watercolor and colored pencil, *Relatives and Other Stories* will remain on view in the Museum’s George A. and Herbert T. Wolf Gallery through January 13.

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 Altoona is located in the Brett Building at 1210 Eleventh Avenue. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. Parking is available in the garage across the street or in metered spots in the lot at the rear of the building. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.