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**SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY LUNCH PROGRAM TO FEATURE
WATERCOLOR ARTIST**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with watercolorist Jeannie McGuire on Thursday, March 19. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by March 13 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

A Pittsburgh-based artist, McGuire strives to invoke individual interpretation through her artwork, which utilizes a free application of paint and stylistic forms of expression. Her work has been described as a brilliant combination of emotion, movement, natural design and sheer artistry that has been expanded upon from her days as a commercial graphic designer and photographer. McGuire's art has been exhibited internationally and represented in numerous art magazines.

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 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.