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STORYTELLER TO SPEAK AT SAMA LUNCH PROGRAM

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with Jan Kinney at noon on Thursday, October 19. Cost for the program, which includes lunch and presentation, is \$15 per person or \$12 for SAMA members. Please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015 for reservations.

Kinney, of Altoona, tells tales out of school...and in school, in caves and malls, on riverboats and tour buses. She says she has told her tales “just about everywhere there are people with ears to hear or eyes to see interpreters.” Kinney is a purveyor of the age-old art of traditional storytelling. Using only her voice, vocal and facial expressions and body language, she invites her audiences to join her “on a magic carpet ride into the lands of their imaginations.”

With a Master's degree in education, storytelling is Kinney's second profession; she was a high school librarian for more than thirty years. She retired from the Pennsylvania Public School System in 1990 to pursue her storytelling and writing careers full-time. Her easy going, front-porch style of storytelling has made her a natural at schools, festivals, conferences and workshops. She has been a featured teller at the Halloween Harvest of Horror Tales and Corn Island Storytelling Festival in Kentucky, Terrifying Tale Weekend of Dayton, Ohio, and many Pennsylvania festivals. She is currently a teaching artist with SAMA and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

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.