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TEXTILE ARTIST TO SPEAK AT SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY LUNCH PROGRAM

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with textile artist Nan Loncharich at noon on October 18. Cost for the program, which includes lunch and presentation, is \$15 per person or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by contacting the Museum at (724) 238-6015 or ligonier@sama-art.org by October 12.

One of the region's premier rug hookers, Loncharich has had a lifelong interest in textile art. Her experiences with rug hooking led her to explore "proddy" flowers, or leftover scraps of wool fabric that are prodded, or pushed/pulled, through a burlap or linen canvas to create flowers. Loncharich took the traditional old "proddy" flower into a new direction with the addition of leaves, accent flowers and buds. Since then, she has written a do-it-yourself book, *Making Flowers from Wool*, published by Stackpole Books. She also sells hand-dyed strips for flowers, as well as kits with patterns and fabrics included so that people of all ages can make their very own flowers. Loncharich teaches and speaks throughout Western Pennsylvania, and her flowers are sold at art centers and museums throughout the region.

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.