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SAMA LUNCH PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON FISHING CONSERVATION

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l' Art program with Monty Murty of the Forbes Trail Chapter of Trout Unlimited on February 26. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the speaker. Cost is \$15 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by February 20 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

Murty will be discussing the connection between art and conservation of the cold water resources and trout streams of the Southern Alleghenies. One topic of discussion will be the important role the region's landscape and trout streams played in the important art movement, the Scalp Level School. SAMA is partnering with the Forbes Trail Chapter of Trout Unlimited for its upcoming Garden Party, "Hooked on Art," scheduled for May 30.

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 of 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.