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### **ART COLLECTION TO BE HIGHLIGHTED IN LORETTO MUSEUM TALK**

Loretto – SAMA Curator Dr. Scott Dimond will speak at a Lunch a l'Art at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto on Thursday, December 7 in support of the Museum's current exhibition, *Selections from the Schilling-Knapton Collection of Art*. The program begins at noon and includes lunch. Cost is \$15 per person or \$14 for members. Reservations are requested by December 1 by calling (814) 472-3920.

Dimond will provide a gallery tour and discuss works featured in the exhibition. On view through January 20, the exhibition provides a wide sampling of contemporary abstract art, Op-Art and Pop-Art through works by Norman Ackroyd, Jim Bird, Sir Peter Blake, Alexander Calder, Aaronel deRoy Gruber, Roy Lichtenstein, Maggie Milono, Yoko Ono, Robert Rauschenberg, Andy Warhol, and many others. Nearly 200 works are included in the exhibition, a grouping that represents only about ten percent of the collection of art collectors Bernie Schilling and Drew Knapton.

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 Loretto is located on the campus of Saint Francis University. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For additional information, please call the Museum or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).