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### **ART IN COMMON WORKS TO BE EXHIBITED AT SAMA-ALTOONA**

ALTOONA – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is pleased to announce the return of the annual juried exhibition, *Artists in Our Midst*. This exhibition will open August 23 and will be on display until December 7 in the Museum's Shirley and Fred A. Pechter Gallery and Paul I. Detwiler Education Center.

This exhibition highlights local and regional artists who are members of Art in Common, an arts organization based in Central Pennsylvania. Featuring a wide variety of media, this year's exhibition will highlight works in acrylic, pastel, pencil, oil, watercolor, photography, clay bronze, mixed media, and much more.

Serving as exhibition juror is Stuart Thompson, Professor of Art Emeritus at Seton Hill University. Thompson has a Bachelor of Science degree from Edinboro University, as well as Master of Science and PhD degrees from The Pennsylvania State University in Art Education. He has taught at high school and university levels for 37 years. Thompson is also a retired Captain of the US Navy, having spent 21 years in the Naval Reserve.

The Museum will celebrate the exhibition at our Wicked Wednesday program on September 18. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and features light supper, libations and live music by the Raining Blue. Cost is \$15 per person. Please contact the Museum at (814) 946-4464 or [altoona@sama-art.org](mailto:altoona@sama-art.org) for reservations.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is located in the Brett Building at 1210 Eleventh Avenue. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. Parking is available in the garage across the street. For more information, please visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).