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SAMA-JOHNSTOWN TO HOST ALLIED ARTISTS EXHIBITION

Johnstown – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibition, *Allied Artists of Johnstown 83rd Annual Juried Art Exhibition*. The exhibition opens August 21 and will remain on view through December 11. The Allied Artists exhibition annually presents compelling and inspiring artwork created by many of the area's most talented artists.

Serving as juror is Vicky A. Clark, an independent curator based in Pittsburgh. Clark earned a Ph.D. in late medieval art from the University of Michigan before becoming a specialist in contemporary art. She has organized more than 50 exhibitions as curator at the Carnegie Museum of Art and the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Clark has taught at most area universities and has written books about the Carnegie International, the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, and Robert Qualters. Her latest project, with co-curator Melissa Hiller, is a Jane Haskell retrospective that opens at the American Jewish Museum in Pittsburgh in October.

SAMA-Johnstown will celebrate the exhibition's opening with a reception on Friday, September 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is open to the public free of charge.

Begun in the mid-1920s when Margery Coleman Harris and seven of her friends formed an art group to share their interest in painting, the Allied Artists of Johnstown was formally incorporated in 1932. The organization has grown from its original membership of eight to more than 100 artists. The group produces an average of four exhibitions annually, sponsors scholarships for graduating high school seniors pursuing careers in the arts, and, through its Friends of Art Fund, donates art work to local public institutions.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown is located in the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the Museum at (814) 269-7234 or visit www.sama-art.org.