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SAMA-JOHNSTOWN TO HOST RECEPTION FOR ALLIED ARTISTS EXHIBITION

Johnstown – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown will host a reception in celebration of its current exhibition, *Allied Artists of Johnstown 80th Annual Juried Art Exhibition*, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 8. The event is open to the public free of charge.

On view through January 5, *Allied Artists of Johnstown 80th Annual Juried Art Exhibition* features seventy works created by thirty-two artists in a variety of media, including photography, watercolor, oil, acrylic, pencil, jewelry, glass, and mixed media, among others. The exhibition annually presents compelling and inspiring works created by many of the area's most talented artists. Serving as exhibition juror was Maura Koehler Keeney, an award-winning artist and fine arts professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Westmoreland County Community College.

SAMA-Johnstown also will host a Lunch a l'Art program with Allied Artists members on November 29. The program begins at noon, and includes lunch and a gallery tour by the exhibiting artists. Cost is \$9 per person. Please call the Museum by November 26 for reservations.

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.

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