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**ALLIED ARTISTS OF JOHNSTOWN JURIED EXHIBITION AWARD
WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Johnstown – Thirteen artists from *Allied Artists of Johnstown 82nd Annual Juried Art Exhibition* were recognized with merit awards. The exhibition is on view at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown through December 12.

Sherrill J. Begres of Blairsville won the Josephine Paul Memorial Award for her photograph, *Boulder Basin*. Kira Hovanec of Johnstown won the Rose Mary Hagadus Award for *Sugar Coated Core: Closed to Public*, while Kenneth Cotlar of Ebensburg received the Evelyn Picking Trust/Community Foundation for the Alleghenies Award for *466cv14*. Other award winners include Kathleen Kase Burk and Brian Dumm, both of Ebensburg; Ann Dougherty, Mark Eash, Lori Perrine-Miglioretti, Jim Richey and Andrew Thomas, each of Johnstown; Joy Fairbanks of Blairsville; Lance Marks of Holsopple; and Mary Wiley-Lewis of Central City.

The Allied Artists of Johnstown exhibition annually presents compelling and inspiring artwork created by many of the area's most talented artists. This year's installment features forty-seven works by twenty-eight artists. Serving as juror was Mary Weidner, recently retired art professor at Carnegie Mellon University.

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.