

August 17, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:

Barbara Hollander, SAMA-Altoona Coordinator  
(814) 946-4464

Travis Mearns, Public Relations Coordinator  
(724) 238-6015

## **ANNUAL ART IN COMMON EXHIBITION RETURNS TO 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*. The exhibition, on view September 13 through January 11, will once again highlight local and regional artists who are members of Art in Common, an arts organization based in Central Pennsylvania.

The exhibition will be in the Museum’s Shirley and Fred A. Pechter Gallery. With nearly eighty works created by thirty-six artists, *Artists in Our Midst* showcases a wide variety of media, including photography, watercolor, wood, acrylic, oil, pastel, clay, fiber arts, and mixed media, among others. Serving as exhibition juror was SAMA-Altoona Coordinator and visual artist Barbara Hollander.

“Each year I look forward to the Art in Common exhibition,” said SAMA-Altoona Coordinator, Barbara Hollander. “The workmanship and artistry are superior, and this is truly a show the artists and our Museum can be proud of. For anyone looking for exciting new works of art to purchase, this exhibition is for you. It features a great selection of eclectic works, and the very best in local and regional art.”

The Museum will celebrate the exhibition at a *Blue Monday* program on September 16. The event begins at 6 p.m. and features a light dinner and libations set to the music of Bodacious B. Cost is \$20 per person or \$10 for Art in Common members. For reservations, call the Museum at (814) 946-4464. The Museum also will host a Lunch a l’ Art program on November 13. Speaking will be *Artists in Our Midst* juror, Barbara Hollander. Cost is \$13 or \$12 for SAMA members. Please call the Museum 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 or in metered spots in the lot at the rear of the building. For more information, call the Museum or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art receives state arts funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency

funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.