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ART IN COMMON ANNUAL 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 25 through January 9, 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 and Paul I. Detwiler Education Center. With 63 works created by 30 artists, *Artists in Our Midst* showcases a wide variety of media, including photography, watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, fiber art, clay, and mixed media, among others.

Serving as exhibition juror was artist Bill Perry. A native of Johnstown now residing in Harmony, Butler County, Perry is a former teacher with Pittsburgh public schools, Slippery Rock High School and Carnegie Mellon University. Now retired, he teaches workshops and focuses on his art, which has won awards locally and nationally. Perry is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society.

The Museum will celebrate the exhibition at a *Wicked Wednesday* program on October 14. The event begins at 6 p.m. and features a light dinner, libations and live bluegrass music by Mountain City Grass. Cost is \$25 per person or \$15 for Art in Common members. For reservations, call the Museum at (814) 946-4464.

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.