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AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED FOR ART IN COMMON EXHIBITION

Altoona – Eleven artists from Art in Common’s annual juried exhibition, *Artists in Our Midst*, were recognized with juror’s awards and mentions. The exhibition is on view in the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona’s Shirley and Fred A. Pechter Gallery and Paul I. Detwiler Education Center through December 6.

First place was awarded to Helen Gorsuch of Altoona for her Raku-fired clay sculpture, *The Max Truck*. Sharon Wall of Altoona received the second place award, while Anni Matsick of State College took third place. Juror’s mentions were awarded to Alice Balest, Andrew Dierks, Billie Hollen and John Skrabalak, each of Altoona; Daniel Albright of Hollidaysburg; Linda Hale of Port Matilda; Dave Hammaker of East Freedom; and Peg Panasiti of Latrobe.

Artists in Our Midst is an annual juried exhibition that showcases the work of Art in Common members. The group is dedicated to establishing a forum for amateur and professional visual artists to display and discuss their work, as well as to foster a wider appreciation of the visual arts throughout the community. There are currently about 100 Art in Common members, many residing in Blair County and the surrounding area. This year’s exhibition features eighty-four works created by thirty-four artists in a variety of media, including photography, watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, clay and mixed media, among others. Serving as juror was Sommer Toffle, Site Coordinator of SAMA’s Ligonier Valley Museum and a visual artist.

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 at (814) 946-4464 or visit www.sama-art.org.