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AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED IN ART IN COMMON EXHIBITION

Altoona – Eleven artists from Art in Common’s annual *Artists in Our Midst* exhibition 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 through January 11.

First place was awarded to Sharon Wall of Altoona for her mixed-media, fiber-art work, *History Girl Codex*. Allen Capriotti of Altoona received the second place award, while Helen Gorsuch of Altoona took third place. Honorable mentions were awarded to Mary Ann Belin of Houtzdale; Marianne Fyda of Troutville; Steve Gilbert of Altoona; Robert Hale of Port Matilda; Dave Hammaker of East Freedom; Kevin Kutz of Bedford; David McCoy of Hollidaysburg; and John Skrabalak of Altoona. Barbara Hollander, SAMA-Altoona Coordinator, served as exhibition juror.

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 nearly eighty works created by thirty-six artists in a variety of media, including photography, watercolor, wood, acrylic, oil, pastel, clay, fiber arts, and mixed media.

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.