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SAMA TO HOST CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR VISUAL ARTISTS

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a career development workshop for visual artists with Marcene Glover on Saturday, May 17. The workshop will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At the workshop, Glover will discuss ways artists can successfully market themselves in the art world while also providing tips on building a portfolio, pricing your work and writing artist statements. She will help budding artists learn the types of galleries they should be targeting and will also provide information designed to help artists talk about their work to collectors. Other topics to be discussed include grant writing and accepting commissions. Workshop participants are invited to bring one to three original works of art for an informal critique. Framed works are preferred but unframed will be accepted, as well. Artists are still welcome to attend if they do not have any work to bring to the workshop.

Glover, of Johnstown, is a professional artist whose work is regularly commissioned by members of the U.S. Congress. Her paintings hang in museums, university collections, federal courtrooms and congressional libraries. She studied fine arts at Seton Hill University before embarking on a career as an art educator. She is currently a consultant for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts' Traditional Arts Infrastructure Initiative and Bottle Works/Arts on 3rd Avenue, where her studio is located. She has worked as a courtroom artist for television and newspapers and continues to paint passionately about social justice and tolerance and rhythms in nature.

Cost for the workshop is \$25 per person, which includes coffee, pastries and lunch. Reservations are required by May 15 and can be made by calling the Museum at (814) 472-3920.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley is located at One Boucher Lane and Route 711 South in Ligonier. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum at (724) 238-6015 or visit www.sama-art.org.

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