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**PERMANENT COLLECTION EXHIBITION EXPLORES NOTION OF  
'COMFORT ZONES'**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is pleased to announce its latest exhibition, *Comfort Zones: Pennsylvania and the 'Foreign' Landscape*. The exhibition opens October 25 with approximately sixty paintings, prints, and photographs from the Museum's permanent collection. *Comfort Zones* will remain on view through January 25.

Contrasting familiar scenes of Pennsylvania with images drawn from other lands, the exhibition prompts the viewer to identify not only what is "foreign," but also what remains the same, no matter where it might be on this planet. We may easily recognize what is "different" about African shepherd boys or a French village, yet we may be startled to discover parallels between these subjects and those closer to home. Despite our many differences, humankind and the landscape it occupies have much in common.

*Comfort Zones* originates from SAMA's permanent collection and features a mix of both old favorites and works that are rarely on view. Among the artists represented are well-known contemporary regional painters including Ron Donoughe, Steven Gilbert, Kevin Kutz, Joe Servello, and Michael Strueber. Classic paintings and prints by Colleen Browning, Adolf Dehn, George Hetzel, and others appear alongside compelling photographs by Mario Castillo, Larry Fink, and Donald M. Robinson. As a group, the works in this exhibition offer an insightful survey of the familiar and the "foreign," from Altoona to Afghanistan and all points in between.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is located on the campus of Saint Francis University. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the Museum at (814) 472-3920 or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).