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**PAPER CUTTER, CHAINSAW CARVER TO BE FEATURED
IN SAMA-ALTOONA EXHIBITION**

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is pleased to announce its latest exhibition, *Harriet Rosenberg and Tim Klock: A Cut Above*. Rosenberg and Klock are two non-traditional artists joined by their use of natural objects – paper and wood. Given the proper tools – scissors and chainsaw – these artists transform basic materials into unique works that amaze the viewer for both their simplicity and complexity. The exhibition opens May 13 and will remain on view through September 10.

Originally from Finland and raised on the Canadian border of Minnesota, Rosenberg is one of the foremost paper cutters in the northeastern United States. The land and water, her Finnish ancestry, the Ojibway culture of the Borderland, and an early exposure to Inuit art are major themes in her work, as well as her extensive world travels. In addition to her mastery of the paper cutting medium, Rosenberg is an accomplished photographer, instructor at Penn State Altoona, and teaching artist through SAMA's and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts' Artist-in-Residence Program.

A native of Blair County, Klock is an award-winning wood cutter whose work has been shown across the United States and United Kingdom. He began experimenting with chainsaw carving in 2002, and within a few months was invited to perform his art at the Keystone Country Fair. Shortly thereafter he became a familiar sight at many local fairs and festivals. He has participated in several competitions, including a third-place finish at the Addison National Road Show in Somerset County, which qualified him to be one of eight individuals to compete in the Echo Cup Championships. *A Cut Above* will feature never-before-seen carvings by Klock.

Klock will be donating half of the proceeds of any work sold during the SAMA-Altoona exhibition to homeless and wounded veterans' charities, while SAMA also will donate half of its proceeds.

Both artists will present at a Lunch a l'Art at the Museum on Wednesday, May 18. Cost for the program, which begins at noon, is \$15 per person or \$14 for SAMA members. Please call the Museum at (814) 946-4464 for reservations.

The Museum will further celebrate the exhibition with a *Wicked Wednesday* reception on June 15. The program includes light supper and libations, as well as a musical performance by

Uncle Gino's Cabin. Cost is \$25 per person. Please call the Museum for reservations or additional information.

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. Saturdays. 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.