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SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY TO PARTICIPATE IN *FREE MUSEUM DAY*

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will participate in *Free Museum Day* on Sunday, May 3. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy the featured exhibition, *Pastel Expressions*, while interacting with some of the exhibiting artists as they paint *en plein air*, provide demonstrations, and discuss their work. Visitors also may stroll through the Museum's flower gardens, participate in family-friendly educational programs like scavenger hunts and puzzles, and enjoy hand-made grilled pizzas prepared by Sharon Detar of Connections Café. The event is open to the public free of charge.

Other Ligonier-area museums participating in the day-long event include Antiochian Heritage Museum, Compass Inn Museum, Fort Ligonier, Ligonier Valley Railroad Museum, and Lincoln Highway Experience.

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, please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015 or visit www.sama-art.org.