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### **SAMA TO OFFER TRIP TO LISBON AND MADRID**

Loretto – This fall, the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art will embark on its sixth annual *Monuments & Masterpieces* tour. The Museum is pleased to announce that its 2014 tour, scheduled for October 18 through October 26, will visit Lisbon, Portugal, and Madrid, Spain.

Through the *Monuments & Masterpieces* tour, guests will spend a week touring the most popular destinations in two of Europe's oldest capitals. The tour begins in Lisbon, where guests will have an opportunity to visit sites such as the Cathedral of Lisbon, Belem Tower, Museo de Fado, Lisbon Aqueduct and Water Museum and Sintra National Palace. On the way to Madrid, the tour will make a stop at Fatima, site of the famous religious visions that occurred in 1917 when an apparition of Mary appeared to three peasant children. While there, guests will visit the beautiful Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary before crossing the Serra de Estrela, the highest mountain range in continental Portugal, en route to Salamanca and Segovia.

While in Madrid, guests will take a trip along the Gran Via through the Opera District and Plaza de Colon, as well as visit the Royal Palace of Madrid, the only place in the world where visitors can see a complete Stradivarius string quartet. The trip also includes a visit to Spain's main national art museum, Museo del Prado, which boasts works by Francisco de Goya, Diego Velazquez and Peter Paul Rubens in its collection. On the final day of the trip, guests will have an opportunity to visit the historic palace and monastery at San Lorenzo de El Escorial. For a complete list of all the 2014 *Monuments & Masterpieces* destinations, please call the Museum at (814) 472-3920.

*Monuments & Masterpieces* is arranged in conjunction with Vacation Station Travel in Greensburg. Cost is \$3,995, with a \$500 deposit due by May 1. The trip is limited to the first thirty reservations. Tickets include round trip air travel, motor coach transportation; seven nights of accommodations, all sight-seeing fees (per itinerary); fifteen meals (seven breakfasts, six dinners and one lunch); services of an English-speaking tour manager throughout the trip; and group travel insurance. For reservations or additional information, call Michael Philopena of Vacation Station Travel at (724) 832-7117.