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## **SAMA TO HOST 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PAINT OUT**

Ligonier – The Ligonier Valley has no shortage of breathtaking views, and this September the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley is providing another opportunity to capture that scenery on canvas. The Museum will host its sixth annual Paint Out over the weekend of September 5 through 7. The event welcomes artists from throughout the region and beyond to paint, *en plein air*, the Ligonier countryside. The Ligonier Valley is the perfect destination for plein air painting due to its abundance of beautiful vistas, flowing streams and wooded terrain.

After two days of painting the local landscape, the artists' work will be on view and available for purchase at the Museum during a wet sale and exhibition. The wet sale will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 7 and will provide a one-time-only opportunity to purchase the freshly painted works. The wet sale and exhibition is open to the public free of charge.

“The Paint Out offers a unique opportunity for the public to interact directly with our local artists,” said event organizer and SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator Sommer Toffle. “I look forward to this event every year. The wet sale is one of the best ways to view and purchase inexpensive, original artwork that captures your favorite Ligonier Valley landscapes and landmarks.”

Artists who are interested in participating in the Paint Out should call the Museum at (724) 238-6015. A \$30 non-refundable registration fee is required by August 29.

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 or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).