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SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY TO HOST OUTDOOR PAINTING EVENT

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art will celebrate its eighth annual *Paint Out* this fall by extending the popular event to four days. Over the course of September 29 through October 1, dozens of artists will visit the Ligonier Valley for the Museum’s popular plein air painting event. For three days, artists will paint a variety of beautiful scenes, from state forests and scenic overlooks to private residences and flowering gardens to scenes along Main Street and the Ligonier Diamond.

After three days of painting, the event concludes with a wet exhibition and art sale at the Museum on Sunday, October 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. Open to the public free of charge, the wet sale offers an opportunity to make purchases on the freshly painted works.

For the second consecutive year, the *Paint Out* will be juried. The artist who claims Best of Show honors will take home a \$500 prize. Serving as juror is Gabrielle Kathleen Nastuck, Director of the Latrobe Art Center. Artists who are interested in participating in the *Paint Out* should stop by the Museum or call (724) 238-6015. A \$30 non-refundable registration fee is required.

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.