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LIGONIER VALLEY MUSEUM TO HOST *PAINT OUT* AND WET SALE

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host its seventh annual *Paint Out* this September. Over the weekend of September 18-20, dozens of artists will flock to Ligonier to paint the area's many breathtaking views, before offering those freshly painted works at a wet sale.

Artists will paint, *en plein air*, throughout the Ligonier Valley on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19. State parks, the Ligonier Diamond, private residences and other picturesque locations will be available for artists. 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, open to the public free of charge. Held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, the wet sale provides a one-time-only opportunity to purchase the artwork. This year's wet sale and exhibition offers a new wrinkle as, for the first time, the works will be juried. The artist who claims Best of Show honors will take home a \$500 prize.

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 by September 5.

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.