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REGIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION TO RETURN TO SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will celebrate the work of local artists with the *Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts 19th Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition*. On view from November 21 through February 8, the exhibition features 66 works by 66 artists from the 19 southwestern counties of Pennsylvania. Featured works will span a variety of media, including acrylic, oil, photography, mosaic, wood, fiber arts, and many others.

Since its inception, the exhibition has become known for its freshness and energy in the art of emerging young artists and for the dazzling presentations of established artists who are developing a new direction with their art. This installment marks the eleventh consecutive year the exhibition is hosted by SAMA-Ligonier Valley.

“This exhibition is a must see,” said SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator Sommer Toffle. “The talent in our region is immeasurable. There is something for everyone to enjoy, from paintings to sculpture to photography.”

Serving as exhibition juror was Susan B. Howard. Born in Philadelphia, Howard earned an MFA from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Her oil paintings have been exhibited worldwide in solo and group shows and are featured in the book, *100 Artists of the Mid-Atlantic*. Howard is represented in many private and public collections, including The State Museum of Pennsylvania, PAFA Fellowship and WHYY-TV.

To celebrate the exhibition, SAMA will host an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 22. The reception is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

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.