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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 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition*. On view from November 20 through February 7, the exhibition features 64 works by 64 artists from the 19 southwestern counties of Pennsylvania. Featured works will span a variety of media, including acrylic, oil, pastel, photography, watercolor, wood, metal, 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 twelfth consecutive year the exhibition is hosted by SAMA-Ligonier Valley. To help celebrate the exhibition's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts has produced a color catalogue featuring images of every work on view.

“This year's exhibition hosts such a wide variety of styles and media,” said SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator Emma Noonan. “There will be something for everyone's personal tastes, and it is a perfect show to celebrate the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts' 20<sup>th</sup> annual show.”

Serving as selections juror was Paul Dusold. An acclaimed artist from Philadelphia, Dusold paints still lifes, figures, landscape and portraits and is heavily influenced by sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Italian and Spanish painters. Dusold has taught at museums and art centers throughout the Philadelphia area. Awards jurying was by Pittsburgh artist Ron Donoughe. The artist is best known for his spirited, realistic landscape paintings of Western Pennsylvania. Donoughe's work can be found in many private, corporate and museum collections and has garnered a number of awards.

To celebrate the exhibition, SAMA will host an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 21. 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](http://www.sama-art.org).