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## **LIGONIER VALLEY MUSEUM SET TO HOST REGIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION**

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 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition*. On view from November 22 through February 9, the exhibition features 71 works by 71 individual artists from the 19 southwestern counties of Pennsylvania. Featured work will span a variety of media, including acrylic, oil, photography, 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 tenth consecutive year the exhibition is hosted by SAMA-Ligonier Valley.

“We are honored to host the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts’ 18<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition,” said SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator Sommer Toffle. “I look forward to this exhibition every year. There are a great number of talented artists in our midst producing work in a variety of media, and this is a tremendous opportunity to see what they’ve been creating. It’s also a great exhibition for children, as there will be interactive material provided to help guide them through the exhibition.”

Serving as exhibition juror is Fred Danziger. A long-time faculty member at The Art Institute of Philadelphia, Danziger has been represented by galleries in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and New York City. His work has been featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions and is included in the collections of the Philadelphia Museum of Art; The State Museum, Harrisburg, PA; Wichita Art Museum in Wichita, KS; Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia; The Consol Energy Center in Pittsburgh; and Allegheny General Hospital, among others.

To celebrate the exhibition, SAMA will host an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 23. 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).