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ARTIST & TEACHER WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT ALTOONA MUSEUM

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a professional development workshop for artists, teachers, and school administrators on Friday, April 27. The Museum’s workshops are designed to address the importance of art in education.

The workshop is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program’s morning session will include presentations by three area teachers: Eric Hoover of Blacklick Valley School District, Melissa Poole of Glendale School District, and Holly Stanek of Cambria Heights School District. The teachers will share some of their favorite lesson plans, as well as conduct some hands-on activities. In the afternoon, ceramic artist Terry Johnson will share her tips and tricks for small-scale mosaics. Participants will complete a personal mosaic mirror frame, discuss resources for free and inexpensive materials, and come away with a new enthusiasm for an old art form.

“SAMA offers these workshops as a way to integrate new ideas into the classroom, as well as to provide the opportunity to network with other teachers and artists,” said SAMA Education Coordinator, Jessica Campbell. “Topics are based upon ideas from teachers as a way to ensure we are focusing on the needs of the teacher in the classroom.”

Cost for the workshop is \$35 per person. Reservations are requested by April 25, and can be made by calling Jessica Campbell at (814) 472-3920. Six hours of ACT 48 credit are available with participation.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is located in the Brett Building at 1210 Eleventh Avenue. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. Parking is available in the garage across the street or in metered spots in the lot at the rear of the building. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.

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