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### **SAMA-ALTOONA TO HOST ANNUAL ART IN COMMON EXHIBITION**

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is pleased to announce the return of the annual juried exhibition, *Artists in Our Midst*. The exhibition, on view October 20 through February 10, will once again highlight local and regional artists who are members of Art in Common, an arts organization based in Central Pennsylvania.

The exhibition will be displayed in the Museum’s Shirley and Fred A. Pechter Gallery and Paul I. Detwiler Education Center. With 68 works created by 32 artists, *Artists in Our Midst* showcases a wide variety of media, including acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, charcoal, photography, clay, glass, and mixed media, among others.

Serving as exhibition juror was artist Sue Pollins. A native of Detroit, Pollins received a B.S. as a painting major from the University of Michigan. A frequent instructor, juror, lecturer and demonstrator, Pollins has taught in continuing education programs at Seton Hill University, Penn State University and Westmoreland County Community College, as well as classes at SAMA and the Westmoreland Museum of American Art. Pollins is a teaching artist with SAMA and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and has served on the Board of Directors of Touchstone Center for Crafts. Her work has been featured in more than thirty exhibitions, as well as numerous juried shows.

The Museum will celebrate the exhibition at a Wicked Wednesday program on November 15. The event begins at 6 p.m. and features light supper, libations and live music. Cost is \$15 per person. Please call the Museum at (814) 946-4464 for reservations.

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. Saturday. 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](http://www.sama-art.org).