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SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY TO HOST OUTDOOR PAINTING EVENT

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will celebrate its ninth annual *Paint Out* this fall. Over the course of September 28 through 30, dozens of artists will visit the Ligonier Valley for the Museum’s popular plein air painting event. For three days, artists will paint a variety of beautiful scenes, from state forests and scenic overlooks to private residences and flowering gardens to scenes along Main Street and the Ligonier Diamond. This year, artists also are invited to paint at Fort Ligonier.

After three days of painting, the event concludes with a wet exhibition and art sale at the Museum on Sunday, October 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. Open to the public free of charge, the wet sale offers an opportunity to make purchases on the freshly painted works.

The *Paint Out* will offer \$500 in cash prizes. The artist with the Best of Show painting will receive a \$300 award, and a \$200 Award of Excellence also will be presented. Serving as juror is Linda O’Sullivan, art teacher at Ligonier Valley High School.

Artists who are interested in participating in the *Paint Out* should stop by the Museum or call (724) 238-6015. A \$30 non-refundable registration fee is required.

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.