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SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY TO HOST *PAINT OUT* AND WET SALE

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will celebrate its tenth annual *Paint Out* this fall. Over the course of September 27 through 29, 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 flowering gardens and scenes along Main Street. Artists also are invited to paint two of Ligonier’s most iconic locations: Idlewild Park and Fort Ligonier.

Following the three days of painting, the Museum will hold a wet sale on Sunday, September 30 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. Serving as juror is nationally renowned artist, Jaime Cooper. The cash prizes are sponsored by Sandy and Chip Hughes.

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. *Paint Out* is sponsored in part by Ligonier Giant Eagle, Ann Macdonald, Somerset Trust Co., Carolyn and Chris Turner and the SAMA-Ligonier Valley Auxiliary.

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.