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BEDFORD MUSEUM TO DISPLAY SOUTHWESTERN ART

Bedford – Lovers of Southwestern art will be in for a treat this fall at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Bedford. Opening September 27 in the Museum's Titelman Galleries is *Artistic Expressions of the Southwest Spirit*. Culled from two private collections as well as the Museum's own permanent collection, the exhibition highlights some of the finest works from the Southwestern United States. The show will be on display through December 2.

Artistic Expressions of the Southwest Spirit examines Anglo, Indian and Mexican cultures through 54 two- and three-dimensional works. From contemporary pueblo artist Roxanne Swentzell's bronze and ceramic sculptures to Lawrence Lee's acrylic paintings to works in wood by Leroy Archuleta and Charles Stewart, the Southwestern spirit is celebrated through artwork that focuses on natural light and the rich, vibrant colors of the land. Also on view will be a variety of pottery, some dating back to the 19th century, from pueblos located around Santa Fe, New Mexico. From the Museum's permanent collection comes vintage photographs by Edward S. Curtis, bronze sculpture by Allan Houser, pastels by Peter S. Adams, Arny Karl and Rick Olson, and much more.

The Museum will celebrate the exhibition with an Oktoberfest from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 5. Complimentary beer samplings will be provided courtesy of Olde Bedford Brewing Company and seasonal hors d'oeuvres will be available. Cost is \$10 per person. For tickets or more information, please contact the Museum at (814) 589-3020 or bedford@sama-art.org.

For those looking to learn more about the exhibition, the Museum will host a Brown Bag Lunch Lecture with exhibition curator Beverlie Hartnett from noon to 1 p.m. on October 26. Hartnett will give a tour of the exhibition and discuss many of the works on view. Guests can bring their own lunch, while dessert and beverages will be provided. Cost is \$10 per person. Please contact the Museum for reservations or additional information.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Bedford is located in the historic Anderson House at 137 E. Pitt St. The Museum is open daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Museum is closed Tuesdays. Cost of admission is \$10 per person or free admission for SAMA members, ages 21 & under and 65 & older. The Museum offers free admission for Bedford residents on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Parking is available on the street or in the lot at the rear of the building. For more information, please visit www.sama-art.org.