

October 20, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:

Kristin Miller, SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator
(724) 238-6015

Travis Mearns, Public Relations Coordinator
(724) 238-6015

**REGIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION RETURNS TO
SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will celebrate the work of local artists with the *Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts 22nd Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition*. On view November 17 through February 4, the exhibition features 63 works by 48 artists from the 19 southwestern counties of Pennsylvania. Featured works will span a variety of media, including acrylic, oil, pastel, photography, watercolor, batik, wood, glass, and many others.

Since its inception, the exhibition has become known for its freshness and energy in the art of emerging young artists and for the dazzling presentations of established artists who are developing a new direction with their art. This installment marks the fourteenth consecutive year the exhibition is hosted by SAMA-Ligonier Valley.

Serving as juror was Alison Helm, director of the School of Art & Design at West Virginia University. A professor and sculptor, Helm has a B.F.A from the Cleveland Institute of Art and M.F.A from Syracuse University. Her work has been exhibited at galleries, museums and sculpture parks throughout the United States, Japan, Taiwan and Mexico.

To celebrate the exhibition, SAMA will host an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 18. The reception is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

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.