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The 2022 “Year of Education” continues at all SAMA sites

Children enjoyed a full week of hands-on creative activities this summer through SAMA art camps. The week-long camp gave children from ages 5-11 the opportunity to get instruction by teaching artists Amy Roadman or Linda Callaway as they created projects following the theme, “Faces of Art.”

Students took a deep dive into the way we see faces in art throughout the ages in all different styles. Art campers

found out that selfies are not a new thing! Artists from all eras have been fascinated with capturing people and animals in formal poses as well as documenting common activities in their daily life. The children learned many different techniques, art materials, and styles of art to work like real artists documenting their lives and surroundings in funny, fabulous, fashionable, fancy, and formal faces.

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Year of Education *(cont' from front page)*

The resulting pieces were a variety of small clay faces that depicted humans, fanciful creatures, or self-portrait of the students. On the last day of camp, these pieces were exhibited for the student's families to enjoy.

Follow our Meta and Instagram accounts to see more from this year's educational programs and outreach. Share our posts on your profile to support arts in education in your community!

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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



AIE mural can be seen by thousands of people, from the highway, upon entering or leaving Ebensburg, or when enjoying the many activities at Lake Rowena.

The starting point for this large outdoor mural was a unique working relationship between SAMA Teaching Artist Deb Bunnell, Central Cambria High School Art Teacher Brian Dumm, Ebensburg Community Development Director Danae Koss, and, of course, the PA Council on the Arts through SAMA. Deb Bunnell brought teaching artist expertise plus her experience with using polytab which enables people to paint the mural in the comfort of an indoor classroom. Brian Dumm, provided the design, and the core group of five of his classes who painted the mural. The borough provided a building in need of a facelift, funding, and employees that applied a base coat before installation and clear

coat afterward. The PA Council on the Arts provides funding, structure, and accountability. The students made the final design decision. Leaving their mark on the community in such a huge, colorful way inspired them to make their best effort. There were detailed areas and edges for more confident painters, and large areas and masking tape for those less confident. After cutting the panels into 3 parts each for ease of handling, Brian, Deb, and her husband Roger spent a three-day weekend installing the mural. They basically applied it like wallpaper, only more difficult and using a lift. For the dedication, Brian was able to bring his art students by bus to see the final results, along with officials from the borough.

ART SPARKS

SAMA is excited to announce a special residency taking place in the fall of 2022, with Everett Area School District, the Turnpike Commission, and Art Sparks through the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. SAMA's teaching artist, Bob Zabrosky is working with high school art teacher Rebecca Grassi to have students create a special ceramic mural that will be placed outside one of the rest areas located in Bedford County. The mural will represent Bedford County highlighting student creations. The mural will be permanently placed at the front of the rest area building for guests to observe and enjoy. A special celebration will take place upon completion, hosting the school, County Representatives, Turnpike Executives, PCA Representatives, SAMA, and others.

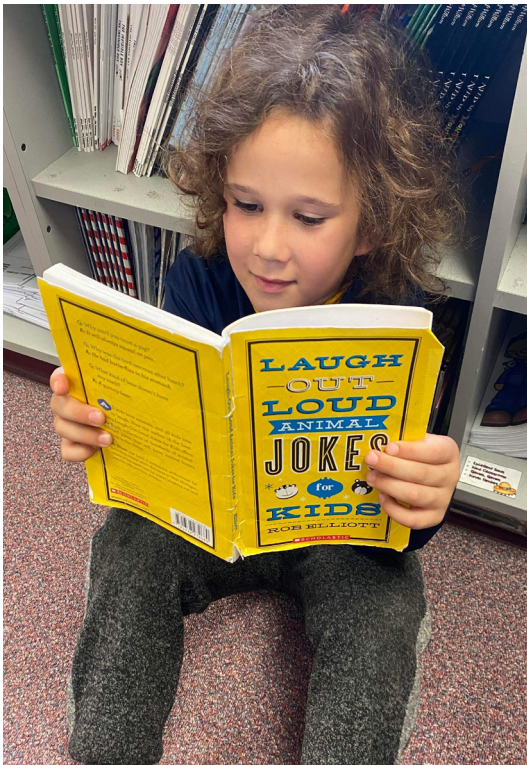
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Children's Discovery Gallery

On October 21, 2022, SAMA Bedford designated a space on the second floor exclusively to art education.

The second floor is up to new things! This gallery is for visitors of all ages to embark on a journey of exploration through art. This hands on, creativity provoking Children's Discovery Gallery will help remake the learning of art. It will allow all guests to interact with the exhibition like never before and get a core understanding of the exhibition experience. Hosting an exhibition of artwork from the permanent collection, "Geometric Abstractions" combines color, shape, and creativity. The concept behind

the selection of this set of works is to display a variety of abstract pieces that illustrate the ability of each artist to express an assortment of emotions from intrigue to calm using just forms and color. With multiple interactive stations poised to support versatile learning styles, guests will really have to see it to believe it! To make a donation towards the Children's Discovery Gallery or to sponsor a small activity, please contact Site Director, Christi Draves at SAMA Bedford at cdraves@sama-art.org.



LENDING LIBRARY

SAMA Altoona seeks to support and uplift visitors with these initiatives which aim to address the needs of our community.

The Altoona Rotary's Grapes for Good program has enabled us to establish two new programs in downtown Altoona. The Lending Library is an art supply rental program boasting over 30 premade kits that visitors can rent for free. The second program is a mini food pantry. Located at the entrance to the Brett Building, the mini food pantry is kept fully

stocked with non-perishable foods. Both have been met with success since the ribbon cutting on September 3, 2022. Many members of the local community have already taken full advantage of these new resources. The food pantry has created a more accessible pick-up point for local citizens in need as part of the fight against food insecurity.

MUSEUM STORE NEWS

Works by local artists are upcoming in the Museum Store and will be available for purchase, including some by artists who are part of the "Artists in Our Midst" exhibition. They will be found on the Museum Store Wall, the contents of which is always changing as new exhibitions come and go. We continue to offer other great souvenirs of a visit to the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art such as tote bags and t-shirts displaying the colorful SAMA logo. Also available in the gift shop is stationary featuring works by local artists, books covering selections of art history, and hand-made jewelry pieces.



EXHIBITION SUCCESSES



Visitors delight in paintings from this exhibit.

COLOR, LIGHT, AND THE OUTDOORS

A collaborative exhibition with Kevin Kutz, Sandra Jackson, Eddie Mitchell, and William Pfahl.

Their spectacular work was on view at SAMA Ligonier from August 19, 2022, through October 30, 2022. While viewing the exhibition, guests enjoyed the beauty and majesty of the great outdoors through the creative vision of these talented artists. The paintings sent visitors on a visual journey, capturing the subtleties of color, light, and texture illustrated in the houses, fields, flowers, and trees within their works.

See a video tour of this exhibition and the sculpture garden on our YouTube channel SAMAartonline. Slow down and enjoy the beauty that is, "Color, Light, and the Outdoors".

SEE IT NEXT IN BEDFORD

See the "Color, Light and the Outdoors" exhibition in a whole new light when it travels to SAMA Bedford in the Fall. These artists are well known across the region and have audiences who will appreciate this exhibition in multiple locations. Kevin Kutz, Sandra Jackson, Eddie Mitchell, and William Pfahl are local artists who are recognized for their talents as well as their efforts and commitments to the community. Whether you know it or not, you have seen their works in both towns. View the exhibition in Bedford from December 2, 2022 until February 5, 2023.



Michael M. Strueber, Tropical Essence Series, 2010.

Twenty-five Year Survey

Bedford's exhibition of paintings by Michael M. Strueber was historic in both design and fundraising.

On his exhibition, Strueber stated, "The seven separate galleries at SAMA Bedford afforded me the first opportunity to display abstract and non-objective pieces alongside my other painting dimensions. At my age, it is humbling to look back at what has and continues to make my life worth living. I would like

to personally thank all those who made the "Twenty-five Year Survey" exhibition of my paintings possible. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the special commitment made by friends, collectors and trustees."

SAMA thanks our founder and Director Emeritus, Michael M. Strueber for his efforts.

THIS SUMMER AT SAMA

The Art of the Poster

An exhibition of work from the Mark Del Costello Poster Collection of the permanent collection hosted at Loretto from June 17, 2022 until October 9, 2022.

This exhibition featured over 140 posters from live events, film, television, and theater from throughout the 20th century and present day. The exhibition was curated by founder and Director Emeritus, Michael M. Strueber. Posters are a visual language of design which captivate the viewer and communicate a message

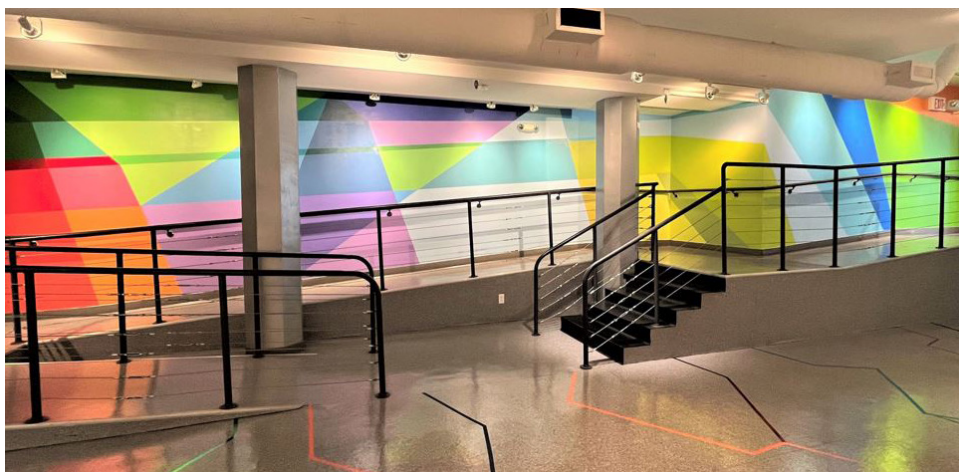
in a compelling way. Some of the iconic designs were easily recognizable, while others are more obscure, yet each of them speak to the art of poster design. Loretto hosted a virtual film screening series, "SAMA Silver Screen Selections," to celebrate the exhibition.



Gallery shot of the 2020 Biennial exhibition at SAMA Loretto.

INTERSECTIONS

"Color is inherently timeless...", according to Patrick Schmidt.



Patrick Schmidt spent two weeks transforming the Altoona museum into a work of art. His wall mural will remain on view in the Detwiler Gallery until the year's end.

SAMA Altoona took a deep dive into the powerfully complex relationship between color, shape, and pattern through a passionate reflection of Patrick Schmidt's vibrant and bold artworks. The "Intersections: Color, Shape and Geometric Abstraction, Patrick Schmidt 2004 - 2022" exhibition covered the walls at Altoona this summer as a brilliant backdrop for young Art Camp artists. His interpretation and understanding of color - empowered by the idea that there really is no right way to interpret or understand color - has enabled him to beautifully convey the relationship between color, shape, and pattern, and conclude that color is truly what we make of it. Color, pattern, and geometric shapes have been a driving force throughout an illustrious career, and Schmidt has developed a unique blending of digital art with stencils to create a powerful balance between chaos and harmony.

BIENNIAL

The Biennial 2022 exhibition at SAMA Loretto will be postponed. Every two years, SAMA hosts a unique opportunity for new and emerging artists to exhibit alongside some of the most talented and experienced artists in the area. While planning for this exhibition progressed forward as usual, SAMA has been working diligently to also address much-needed renovation to the Loretto facility. We have recently been informed of an opportunity that would allow work to begin this Fall. Therefore, the decision has been made to postpone the Biennial until February 2023. Subscribe to our website to receive announcements and updates related to Biennial.



Watch video tours of these beautiful exhibitions on YouTube at channel SAMAartonline.

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Engage with SAMA in an intimate and exclusive way in which only members can experience. Support one of the region's cultural treasures bringing art into public and private schools through our education programs.

Connect with other like-minded individuals who support the arts. Joining the Museum and becoming active with its programs or Auxiliary which will introduce you to a wide variety of individuals who share your passion for supporting the arts.

Strengthen the impact of the arts in YOUR community. Your contribution helps us provide quality exhibitions and programming to our communities. With the generous help of members like you, we also are able to keep our doors open to the public free of charge.

Be the first to know about new events and exhibitions, and enjoy discounted rates on programs such as opening receptions and workshops.

GIVING TUESDAY

Use the QR code above to find the Giving Tuesday donation page on the website to participate!

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. This year, SAMA would like to challenge and encourage the people in our communities to support local art by becoming artists! Check out our social media pages for a list of select locations to stop by a SAMA painting booth to paint in person.

Donate online for a staff member to paint a portion on your behalf or as a gift for a loved one. Online donations are accepted beginning November 1st through November 29th. The names of all donors will appear with the finalized mural on exhibition in the new year.

Each SAMA Museum will have one canvas, a part of the single masterpiece when hung together. All it takes is \$5 to have a two-inch square of the canvas painted on your behalf. Help us reach our goal more quickly by donating a higher amount. For your contribution to art in your community, SAMA's Board of Trustees will match the total amount donated! We aim to complete the entire SAMA mural while reaching a goal of \$4,800 to go toward the 2023 Year of Service. See more details at sama-art.org/givingtuesday.



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SPCArts RETURNS

On view at Ligonier Valley from November 11, 2022, through February 5, 2023.

Celebrate the work of local artists with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts 27th Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition. The exhibition features work by artists from the 19 southwestern counties of Pennsylvania. Featured works will span a variety of media, including acrylic, oil, pastel, photography, watercolor, wood, masonry, 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 nineteenth consecutive year the exhibition is being hosted by SAMA Ligonier Valley.

Serving as juror for this year is, Paula Burleigh. Paula is an art historian and curator specializing in postwar to contemporary art at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania. Burleigh completed her PhD at the CUNY Graduate Center,



John Wood, *Carrie Through the Rust*, Photograph - Digital Ink Jet on Paper.

where she wrote her dissertation on labyrinths and caves in European art and architecture of the 1950's and 60's. She was previously a Joan Tisch Teaching Fellow at the Whitney Museum of American Art, and a frequent lecturer at the Museum of Modern Art.

Mark Your Calendars



Fri-Sat, Nov 11-12 | Bedford Watercolor Workshop
Two-part intro to watercolor painting by Tom McGahuey.

Tom is an accomplished local artist that fluently works in many mediums. No matter your skill level, this class will help you to sharpen your eye to different creative techniques. Class will be limited to 12 participants. Must be 18 or older to participate. Supplies will be provided.



Sat, Nov 12 | Ligonier SPCAarts Reception
Join us for refreshments with the artists.

Bring your friends and family to the opening reception where award winning artists will be announced and awards distributed. Make reservations for you and your guests on our event list page at sama-art.org. We look forward to seeing you there!



HOLIDAY HOURS
All museums will maintain regular hours of operation to be OPEN Wed-Sun from 12pm-4:30pm outside of the following dates:

ALL MUSEUMS CLOSED
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- Advertise your business with a print ad in the evening program to be seen by the crowd of diverse attendants.
- Donate to SAMA's general operating campaign to allow for endless opportunities for your dollars to be put to use!



DUELING PIANOS

The best party of the year returns on November 4, 2022 at The Blairmont Club.

The classic night of dancing returns with SAMA Altoona's annual fundraiser. The highlight of this year's event is a live musical performance by the Flying Ivories, dueling piano group. Specializing in an all-request, sing-along, interactive dueling piano shows, the Flying Ivories tackle music from any genre. The audience gets involved in the pianist's antics in this combination musical performance and comedy act.

Guests can also purchase incredible artworks as well as unique experiences and gifts



in the silent auction. Enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres throughout the club.

Altoona's 20th annual fundraiser is hosted by chairs, Tiffany & Matt Stuckey and Ehrin & Bill Ward Jr. See what new and exciting plans they have for this traditional event. Register at sama-art.org.

Crystal Soirée

It's back and better than ever! Join us January 28, 2023 at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort for the Roaring 20's!

The Bedford County Humane Society and Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Bedford have come together to create a meaningful night of entertainment, dinner, and dancing. Crystal Soirée is the hallmark as one of the regions most important charity events raising funds for two significant community organizations.

Dust off your bow ties, and those dancing shoes! This year's event will be the bees knees with a Roaring 20's theme. It's a party like the prohibition days but with complimentary bottles of wine instead. Reservations also include the live music from the band Uptown Jazz and a delicious menu from the acclaimed chef at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort.

Donations, sponsorships, and event attendance will help to maintain the Museum and the Humane Society's regular operations and sustain programs for both organizations. Register, sponsor or advertise at sama-art.org.



GALA & GARDEN PARTY

Recordbreaking success at this year's Belmont Stakes Gala.

The Belmont Stakes Gala was a grand, sophisticated, and entertaining evening sponsored by the Bruno and Lena DeGol Family Foundation.

Once again, our Gala committee and SAMA staff planned a fabulous evening to include outdoor vistas as

well as indoor fun. Guests wore horse racing attire and uniquely decorated hats to this last of the horse-race-themed Gala series. The evening was filled with music, laughter, amazing hors d'oeuvres, delicious sweets, an open bar, and the Belmont Stakes race shown live on the big screen. The auctions boasted art and sculpture, unique garden features, dream vacations, excursions, and overnight stays such as a Fallingwater private tour and nearby cabin retreat, and more. The Casino was open all evening and players can use their winnings to buy beautiful, bountiful gift baskets; the silent auction offered unique shopping fun.

Thanks to the significant contributions of individuals that evening, SAMA is able to sustain programming through the end of the year.



Under The Stars

Guests enjoyed the "British Invasion" of sounds from the Beatles, Elton John, the Rolling Stones and more at this year's outdoor concert at the Ligonier Country Club. This collaboration was the second annual event for these two organizations. We, once again, enjoyed a beautiful September evening on the lawn of the golf course with the Westmoreland Symphony.

Garden Party was also a meaning evening for the current exhibiting artists, Rita Haldeman and Nicole Ryan as well as for the guests who enjoyed live music, great food, and fun!

The storm clouds cleared to allow us to appreciate the night with the sounds of jazz from the Pittsburgh group, RML Jazz. Guests also could get painted with gems to glam up the night! Everyone wore something silver to celebrate this amazing evening sponsored by Somerset Trust Company.

We thank all of our fundraiser guests, donors, advertisers, sponsors, staff, and more!



Bedford Site Director, Christi Draves, painted faces and bodies of guests at Garden Party adding flair to the event.

