

Southwestern Pennsylvania  
Council for the Arts, Inc.

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**Dear Art Educational Department,**

The Council initiated its Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition in 1996 in response to the Greensburg Area Cultural Council's discontinuation of its commitment to sponsor an annual exhibition. Following standards of quality exhibitions throughout the nation, the first exhibition was held at the Westmoreland Museum of American Art in Greensburg, PA; other sites have included St. Vincent College Gallery of Art in Latrobe, Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA and Indiana University of Pennsylvania located in Indiana PA, and our current partner in our Annual Exhibition, the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley.

This year the Council celebrates its 16th Anniversary of the Annual Regional Juried Exhibition. The Council also on occasion sponsors a "History through Art" exhibition" featuring historical aspects of the Southwestern Pennsylvania area. Past venues included the Westoverton Museum, Scottdale; Seton Hill University, Greensburg; and the Westmoreland County Courthouse, Greensburg. Our last "History through Art" exhibit was hosted by the Greensburg Art Center July and August of 2011.

The 2011-2012 16th Annual Exhibition at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley features 75 works from 75 local southwestern Pennsylvania artists. Various mediums represented range from traditional oils, water color and acrylic paintings to sculpture to contemporary photography incorporating digital technology. Please find enclosed a brief **PowerPoint Presentation** highlighting some of the extraordinary and varied work selected for this year's exhibition.

**Again this year, the Council will offer up to four mini-grants to cover travel expenses for four local high schools.** Students will receive a docent tour of the exhibition at the **Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley**, located at One Boucher Lane, Ligonier PA between the dates of December 1, 2011 through February 12, 2012. All interested groups must submit a request by completing the accompanying application form in this packet. Return to: Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts, Inc., C/O Bonnie Hoffman, 110 Beech Drive, Ligonier, PA 15658 to schedule a tour. Museum Hours: Tuesday thru Friday, 10am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 pm. SPCARTS will reimburse travel expenses up to \$250.00 for each application. Contact Information/Inquiries: Bonnie Hoffman, 724-238-6369 or email [info@spcarts.org](mailto:info@spcarts.org).

We are looking forward to offering this opportunity to the students in the Southwestern counties of Pennsylvania.

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**Educational PowerPoint Initiative  
Mini-Grant Application**

From December 1, 2011 – February 12, 2012

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Request:      Transportation Costs      Request Docent Present

Number of students and staff planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in date request: \_\_\_\_\_

to visit the Southern Alleghenies Museum at Ligonier

One Boucher Lane and 711 South, Ligonier PA 15658

SAMA Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m, Saturday, Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

When was the last time your art students visited a museum? \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief overview of your art curriculum. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Requirements for Application:**

1. Your group must be affiliated with the High School applying.
2. No other funding is available to your group for trips to area museums.
3. All students must be accompanied by the sponsoring High School staff.

Send application to:

Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts, Inc.  
C/O Bonnie M. Hoffman  
110 Beech Drive  
Ligonier, PA 15658

Questions regarding the Grant Application: Call Bonnie M. Hoffman, 724-238-6369 or email  
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