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LORETTO TO DISPLAY ARTWORK BY JENNIFER BAKER

LORETTO – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Loretto is pleased to announce its next exhibition, *Third Street: Paintings and Monoprints by Jennifer Baker* on display in museum's Sullivan Gallery. The exhibition will open Friday, July 19, 2019 and run through Saturday, October 5, 2019.

A reception will be held Saturday, August 3, 2019 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. There will also be a *Lunch a L'Art*, with the artist, on Monday, September 12, 2019 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. To make reservations for either the reception or *Lunch a L'Art*, or any other programming opportunities, please call (814) 472-3920 or email loretto@sama-art.org.

Baker describes her series of paintings and monoprints in the exhibition as “a visual diary of drawn out, convulsive change” coming to a city neighborhood from the 1970s to the present day. She documents the abandonment and destruction of the landscape and people of Northern Liberties, Philadelphia, from the 80s and 90s and the subsequent redevelopment of the area over the past 15 years. What it amounts to, she says, is a collective portrait of “a neighborhood going to nowhere and back.” What is lost when a neighborhood is bulldozed and burned and rebuilt with expensive townhouses? Baker asks us to reflect on the nature of worth and excess, on the human value of the built environment and the function of memory in the enrichment of daily life.

Baker works in the Northern Liberties neighborhood of Philadelphia. She studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, the University of the Arts, and the Art Students League of NYC. Baker has exhibited at numerous galleries throughout her career including Art 101, Nexus Gallery, F.A.N. Gallery, and Fleisher Art Memorial. She has received grants and awards from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the Leeway Foundation, among other organizations.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is located on the campus of Saint Francis University. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, visit www.sama-art.org or call (814) 472-3920.