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**LIGONIER MUSEUM TO FEATURE LUNCH AND LECTURE PROGRAM
WITH EXHIBITING SCULPTOR**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with exhibiting artist Jennifer Frudakis on Thursday, September 19. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the speaker. Cost is \$13 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by September 13 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

The program coincides with the Museum's current exhibition, *Frudakis: Two Generations of Sculpture*. For the Greek-American Frudakis family, sculpture is visual poetry aspiring to beauty. A master of American sculpture, EvAngelos Frudakis taught the principles of good craft to hundreds of students, including his brother Zenos and his daughter Jennifer. Together, this talented family has amassed an incredible body of work. SAMA's exhibition, on view through November 10, includes an impressive collection of sculpture by the three Frudakis.

Jennifer Frudakis represents the second generation of Frudakis sculptors. Like her father and uncle, she is inspired by classical Greek sculpture. Her work, however, abounds with her concerns as an environmentalist as well as her personal inclination toward the lyrical and fantastic. Among her public commissions is a life-sized bronze bust of Rev. Sean M. Sullivan, T.O.R., founder and Trustee Emeritus of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, on permanent display at SAMA's Loretto Museum.

Prior to the lunch program will be a meeting of the SAMA Auxiliary at 11 a.m. The Auxiliary is always welcoming new members. If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, please come to the meeting or call the Museum for further information.

Lunch a l'Art programs are offered to encourage a greater understanding of various art forms and movements, as well as foster a deeper appreciation for the exhibitions presented by the Museum.

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.