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SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY TO HOST LUNCH PROGRAM WITH ASSEMBLAGE ARTIST

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with exhibiting artist Ronald Nigro on Thursday, June 12. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by June 6 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

Nigro's work is featured in the exhibition, *Scrap Redefined: Works by Mei Greer and Ronald Nigro*. What one person considers trash – like crushed soda bottles or a broken computer – is treasure to artists Greer and Nigro. Both artists explore non-traditional subject matter to create evocative, visually interesting works. The exhibition, on view through August 10, features more than twenty of Nigro's sculptural assemblage works.

Nigro is a retired art educator and adjunct instructor at Seton Hill University. His work has appeared in juried, solo, group and invitational exhibitions throughout the region at locations including The Andy Warhol Museum, Carnegie Museum of Art, the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, the State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Westmoreland Museum of American Art. He is a member of Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Society of Artists and Society of Sculptors.

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.

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 attend the meeting or call the Museum for further information.

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.