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**VISUAL ARTS FUND TO BRING ART CAMP TO LOCAL STUDENTS THIS SUMMER;
COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS**

WILLIAMSPORT, PA – The Dr. June E. Baskin Visual Arts Fund Committee will provide a summer arts camp for promising art students this summer. The camp will be held June 18 through June 22, 2007 at the Lycoming County Historical Society's Thomas T. Taber Museum.

Art teachers from schools in Lycoming County have nominated students selected to participate in this summer's camp. Twenty students from area middle schools and high schools were invited to take part in this year's camp. The summer camp is offered at no cost to the student. Individuals chosen for the program include:

Brittany Ayrton (Hughesville Senior High School)
Britney Bartlett (Montgomery Senior High School)
Catherine Cipolla (Montoursville Area High School)
Brandon Confair (South Williamsport Area High School)
Jillia English (Lycoming Valley Middle School)
Celina Foran (South Williamsport Area High School)
Asia Greenawalt (Hughesville Junior High School)
Christine Heimbach (Hughesville Junior High School)
Kyrstin Hubbard (South Williamsport Area High School)
Nuria Hunter (Roosevelt Middle School)
Lianna Kaiser (Curtain Middle School)
Jourdan E. Labate (St. John Neumann Regional Academy)
Rachel Lehman-Merrick (C.E. McCall Middle School)
Nadia Mulhern (Loyalsock Township Senior High School)
Theresa Shoff (Williamsport Area High School)
Karissa Stone (St. John Neumann Regional Academy)
Amber Tschantz (Hughesville Senior High School)
Emily Vilella (Curtain Middle School)
Nicholas Ward (St. John Neumann Regional Academy)
Cornelia Wier (South Williamsport Area High School)

C. Robert Schulz, a retired art teacher from the Williamsport Area High School, and Hughesville Area High School art teacher Steve Buggy are collaborating to provide the instruction during the week.

Students at the camp will have the opportunity to create individual projects, and will also work together to produce a piece of artwork that will be presented to the community. The project will be exhibited at the Thomas T. Taber Museum during the month of September, and will travel to every participating school district for display throughout the 2007/2008 school year. The artwork will be permanently displayed at the Hughesville Area High School.

Funding for the art camp is provided by the Dr. June E. Baskin Visual Arts Fund at the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation. In addition, the committee has received in-kind donations from local individuals and businesses to help cover the cost of supplies.

The Dr. June E. Baskin Visual Arts Fund was established at the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation in 2004, for the benefit of visual arts in Lycoming County. The fund is advised by a committee of local artists, including: Mary Farr, Linda Holland, David McGarvey, Deb Parsons and Jackie Thomas.

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation is one of the oldest community foundations in the country. The Foundation has been making grants to community organizations since 1932, and has distributed over \$42 million in charitable funding to the region.

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation is also the founding affiliate of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania. The First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania maximizes the power of people and their donated assets to build vibrant communities within Central and Northcentral Pennsylvania now and in the future. The Foundation focuses on sincerity and integrity in all of its relationships - including those with donors, estate and financial planning professionals, investment partners, current and potential grant recipients, government and business leaders, and the many individuals and families living in its service area.

For more information on the programs and services offered by the Foundation, or to learn more about ways to make a difference in the community, contact the Foundation office at (570) 321-1500, or visit the Foundation's website at www.fcfpa.org.

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