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**ART EXHIBIT WILL OPEN AT THOMAS T. TABER MUSEUM ON FIRST FRIDAY**

WILLIAMSPORT, PA – The Dr. June E. Baskin Visual Arts Fund Committee has announced that artwork created by students at its summer camp will be on display at the Thomas T. Taber Museum, 858 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, from September 1 through September 30, 2007. The exhibit will officially open with a reception on First Friday, September 7, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and a presentation will take place at 7 p.m. The exhibit will feature individual pencil drawings by students, as well as the display of pieces created through collaboration by the students.

For their community project, students used graphite and colored pencils to reproduce a Severin Roesen still-life painting that is on display in the museum. Students were each assigned a section of the painting, and used drawing techniques demonstrated at the camp to depict their sections. The individual pieces were combined into one framed piece. Following display at the museum during the month of September, the community pieces will travel to participating Lycoming County school districts during the 2007-2008 academic year.

C. Robert Schulz, a retired art teacher from the Williamsport Area High School, and Hughesville Area High School art teacher Steve Buggy collaborated to provide the instruction during the week. David McGarvey, of B&S Picture Frames, taught students how to mat and frame their artwork on the final day of the art camp.

The Dr. June E. Baskin Visual Arts Fund at the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation provided funding for the art camp. The camp was co-sponsored by B&S Picture Frames, the City of Williamsport, the Lycoming County Historical Society and Thomas T. Taber Museum, and the Williamsport-Lycoming Arts Council. 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: Amy Coffman, Mary Farr, Linda Holland, David McGarvey, Deb Parsons, Kristina Snook-Kohr 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 nearly \$43 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](http://www.fcfpa.org).

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