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

WILLIAMSPORT, PA – The Dr. June E. Baskin Visual Arts Fund Committee has announced that it will provide a summer arts camp for promising art students this summer. The camp will be held June 19 through June 23, 2006 at Curtain Middle School, and is co-sponsored by the City of Williamsport and the Williamsport Area School District.

Art teachers from schools in Lycoming County have nominated students selected to participate in this summer's camp. Sixteen 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:

Jeremy Berger (Hughesville Junior/Senior High School)
Zachary Bergman (Montgomery Middle School)
Julia English (Lycoming Valley Middle School)
Matthew Fink (Loyalsock Township Senior High School)
Alicia Finney (Williamsport Area High School)
Jessica Grentz (Curtin Middle School)
Abigail Hess (Hughesville Junior/Senior High School)
Jolene Hiller (Bishop Neumann Junior/Senior High School)
Emily Jones (Montoursville Area Senior High School)
Lauren Kerwell (Montgomery Senior High School)
Marquelle R. La Barre (South Williamsport Area Junior/Senior High School)
Ariel Lyons (Muncy Junior/Senior High School)
Jaela Myers (South Williamsport Area Junior/Senior High School)
Madison Oeler (C. E. McCall Middle School)
Curtis Welteroth (Roosevelt Middle School)
Olivia Youngman (Muncy Junior/Senior High School)

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Kristina Snook-Kohr, of Muncy, has been selected to serve as the instructor for the week, and will focus on acrylic painting. Snook-Kohr holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Ithaca College. She is currently completing work on a master's degree in art education at Mansfield University. Prior to that, she worked at Chester Springs Ceramic Studio as a ceramics technician and a teacher.

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 community project will focus on the theme of the City of Williamsport's Bicentennial. The project will be exhibited at the Thomas T. Taber Museum during the month of September, and will be displayed at City Hall until the new children's wing at the James V. Brown Library is completed. The artwork will eventually be permanently housed in the children's wing at the library.

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 \$42.4 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, trustee banks and investment managers, 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.

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