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ALTOONA ARTIST TO BE FEATURED IN SAMA-ALTOONA EXHIBITION

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibition, *Life's Abstractions: Lynn Marchetti Heverly*. On view May 1 through August 8, the exhibition features 56 works in a variety of media by the Altoona artist.

A self-taught artist, Heverly began her artistic career as a photographer before branching out into oil painting. Since that time, she has worked with various media yet is currently focused on digital art. Some of her compositions she describes as “cat abstractions,” which begin with photographs of cats and then are reimagined on her computer, a process she also employs with flowers. Heverly’s other computer-based works begin as a blank canvas on her laptop and are painted from scratch, rather than beginning as a photo. *Life's Abstractions* will include examples of the artist’s oil paintings, watercolor, photography, digitally generated prints, and one collage that depicts her father’s journey as a prisoner of war of the Japanese during World War II, an ordeal that included the 60-mile Bataan Death March.

Heverly is an award-winning artist whose work has been displayed in more than 80 exhibitions throughout Pennsylvania. In addition to being a producing artist, Heverly conducts art classes for individuals with disabilities in an attempt to improve their quality of life through art. She also serves as business director and treasurer of Art in Common. The group was founded in 1986 as a forum for Blair County area artists to network and display their art. For more information on the artist, please visit lynnheverly.com.

“SAMA is proud to exhibit the photography of Lynn Marchetti Heverly,” said SAMA-Altoona Coordinator Barbara Hollander. “Lynn has proved to be a master of technical complexities, which is especially inspirational as she is a self-taught artist. Her digitally generated work is breathtaking to behold and awe-inspiring in its depth of color and composition.”

The Museum will celebrate the exhibition at *Wicked Wednesday* on May 6. The program includes light supper and libations while guests enjoy the music of Raining

Blue. Cost is \$25 per person. Please call the Museum at (814) 946-4464 for reservations.

Heverly will speak at a Lunch a l' Art program at the Museum on June 11. The program, which begins at noon, will include lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 per person or \$14 for SAMA members. Please call the Museum for reservations.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is located in the Brett Building at 1210 Eleventh Avenue. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. Parking is available in the garage across the street or in metered spots in the lot at the rear of the building. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.