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**LORETTO MUSEUM TO HOST DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR
ARTISTS AND EDUCATORS**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto will host a professional development workshop for teachers and artists on Monday, March 20. The program is titled “Creativity and Empowerment: Story Sharing with Elders” and will be led by Jennifer Hill, a teaching artist with York Cultural Alliance.

During the one-day session, guests will learn the empowering benefits of reminiscence and story sharing for the elderly population. The program begins with an overview of the field of creative aging, as well as Hill’s professional experience in generating art with elders in community centers and through hospice programs. Throughout the session, participants will learn methods for story sharing and how to turn those stories into group poems, visual poetry, oral history and print anthologies. The program also includes a group project in which participants will practice some of the methods discussed during the workshop and also develop plans for implementing the programs in the community.

Cost for the program is \$20, which will be returned upon completion of a workshop evaluation. The workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For reservations or additional information, please call the Museum at (814) 472-3920.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is located on the campus of Saint Francis University. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.