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**EVERHART MUSEUM NAMES KATHY JOHNSON BOWLES  
AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Scranton, PA** - After a nationwide six-month search and with assistance from **Arts Consulting Group**, the Board of Trustees of the Everhart Museum is pleased to announce that **Kathy "Johnson" Bowles has been selected as the new Executive Director**. Ms. Johnson Bowles brings with her thirty-two years of experience in museum management and higher education, specializing in fundraising, strategic planning, community engagement, diversity and inclusion, and sustainability.

Ms. Johnson Bowles has worked extensively with educational and not-for-profit institutions creating philanthropic and revenue-generating solutions as the CEO of Gordian Knot Consulting, as a senior executive in higher education, and as a museum director. Her advice on management best practices has been published in *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, *Inside Higher Education*, *the National Association of University and College Business Officers*, among others. As a museum director, she has organized more than 120 exhibitions, and has written numerous catalogues and essays for national publications.

*"Ms. Johnson Bowles successfully led Longwood University's Longwood Center for the Visual Art to national accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums and received more than a dozen international, national, and regional awards for excellence in programs and publications. Her experience is extensive, and the Board of Trustees and I have much confidence in her ability to provide the guidance and leadership needed as we look to the future," said Don Frederickson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.*

Ms. Johnson Bowles has provided service to national, state, and regional boards, including an appointment by the Governor of Virginia to The Library of Virginia Board, and was a Fellow with the

American Council on Education, the Harvard Management Institute, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

*"I am passionate about the role museums play in communities. Museums allow us to showcase our history, connect it to our lives today as we imagine the future. I hope to bring my experience to the Everhart, guiding and leading the team to achieve institutional excellence through focused innovation and shared responsibility as we serve the public," said Ms. Johnson Bowles.*

Kathy Johnson Bowles will relocate to the Scranton area from North Carolina. The move will bring her closer to her daughter, who resides in Philadelphia.

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**The Everhart Museum is currently open 10:00 am - 5:00 pm on Saturdays and noon - 5:00 pm on Sundays.** For more information, please contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email [general.information@everhartmuseum.org](mailto:general.information@everhartmuseum.org).

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**About the Everhart Museum:** Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art is the largest general Museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart Museum is dedicated to collecting, caring, and displaying a diverse array of objects and specimens, including natural history, science, and fine arts. The Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities through its exhibitions and programs. General support for the Museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton. For more information on the Museum, visit our website at [www.everhart-museum.org](http://www.everhart-museum.org) or contact us at 570-346-7186.