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Everhart Museum Establishes Lois C. Kearney Learning Center with November 19, 2021 Dedication Ceremony

Scranton—The Everhart Museum's Board of Trustees and the John Kearney Family are pleased to announce the dedication of the Lois C. Kearney Learning Center at the Everhart Museum and the establishment of the Lois C. Kearney Endowment Fund to support the institution's educational programs. The dedication ceremony, attended by friends of the Kearney family and the Everhart, took place Friday, November 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Everhart.

Lois Kearney (1949–2017) was dedicated to the Northeastern Pennsylvania community, selflessly volunteering and championing the benefits of art and education on behalf of the Everhart Museum, as well as numerous other institutions and organizations. Her husband, John Kearney, and their children and grandchildren wished to honor her life's work, passion for art and education, and selfless spirit through a generous gift that will benefit the community for generations to come. The Learning Center will be used for educational programs embodying Lois Kearney's love of nature, science, and art, and instilling this passion in all who participate.

About the Everhart Museum:

The Everhart Museum is located at 1901 Mulberry Street, Scranton, PA. It is open to the public 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, and free for children 12 and under. Admission is free for Everhart Museum members as well as military and family. For more information, please visit https://everhart-museum.org/, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186, or email general.information@everhartmuseum.org.

Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art is the largest general museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart Museum, located in Nay Aug Park in Scranton, is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to the collection, care, and display of a diverse array of artifacts, including natural history, science, and art. Through our exhibitions and programs, the Everhart Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. General support for the Museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the City of Scranton, and contributions from individuals and businesses.

Land Acknowledgment:

The Everhart Museum is located at the crossroads of several Tribal Nations, including the Lenni Lenape, Seneca, Munsee, Susquehannock, and possibly others. This part of Northeastern Pennsylvania is known for the coming together of the Six Nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, also known as the Iroquois Confederacy, wherein peace was forged between the Nations in the late 16th century.

Photo 1:The John Kearney family posed in front of Lois C. Kearney Learning Center

Photo 2: John Kearney cutting ribbon in front of Lois C. Kearney Learning Center

Photo 3: The John Kearney family posed in Lois C. Kearney Learning Center

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