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LORETTO MUSEUM TO HOST NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto will host a needle felting workshop on Monday, August 6. Kathleen Krestar, an art teacher with Forest Hills School District, will lead the class as participants create needle felted sculptures. The class is designed for ages 10 and older. Cost for the class, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., is \$30 per person. Reservations are required by August 4 by calling the Museum at (814) 472-3920.

Needle felting is a process that uses barbed needles to interlock wool fibers to form a more condensed material. Wool fibers have scales which, when rubbed against each other, catch and lock into place to create this denser material called felt. Felting needles are used to entangle the fibers. The SAMA workshop will also include a presentation on tips for properly cleaning and carding wool.

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.