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Kane Foundation, Artist Linda Barnicott Present Art Show at Kane Glen Hazel

PITTSBURGH – The Kane Foundation, along with artist Linda Barnicott, will present “A Stroll Down Pittsburgh’s Memory Lane,” an art show featuring Barnicott’s work. The art show will take place on Wednesday, July 15th, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Kane Glen Hazel, 955 Rivermont Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. It is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served.

Linda Barnicott is a local portrait artist who is well known for capturing the unique beauty of famous Pittsburgh scenes. She began her career in 1989 with the now-famous tribute to downtown holiday shopping entitled “Meet Me Under Kaufmann’s Clock.” She has since created several series of Pittsburgh landmarks, capturing warm memories that are loved by generations. She is particularly well known for her series of Kennywood Park scenes and has brought to life the magic of every amusement park in the region, including Story Book Forest, Idlewild Park, Sandcastle Water Park and West View Park.

“My whole career has been about bringing happiness through memories” said Barnicott. “At Kane, I now have the opportunity to bring joy, comfort and memories to the residents as they relive happy memories of family and friends and share stories with each other.”

The number of Western Pennsylvanian’s with memory loss and dementia will grow each year as the size and proportion of the region’s population age 65 and older continues to grow. Many of these residents come to the Kane Centers as the symptoms of the disease progress.

“Portraits of famous local scenes can trigger deep memories of positive emotions from the past,” said Amy Dukes, Outreach and Corporate Education Specialist with the Alzheimer’s Association Greater Pennsylvania Chapter. “They are a good way of stimulating conversation and interaction and help memory loss patients feel more comfortable in their environment.”

“There are 20 portraits in all, 5 per unit,” said Bob Wernicki Administrator at Kane Glen Hazel. “They are 4’ by 6’ so they are large enough for our residents that may have difficulties with vision. We were fortunate that Lee Heckman Custom Framing Gallery was able to put the portraits in large secure frames.”

The portraits and framing were made possible through a grant from the Kane Foundation. The Kane Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 that was created specifically to raise private funds to enhance quality of life of the residents of the Kane Regional Centers. In addition to projects such as the art show, the Kane Foundation funds outings to cultural and sports events, adult learning classes and enhancement programs for both the interior and exterior of the buildings.

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