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AOY Appoints First Executive Director

(YARDLEY, PA) – The AOY Art Center Board of Directors is delighted to announce that Bette Sovinee has been named the first Executive Director for AOY Art Center. In this position, she will oversee a variety of areas for the organization, including daily operations, shows and events, grants and fundraising, policies and procedures, and communications.

Sovinee joined AOY Art Center in the fall of 2013 as the Facilities Coordinator, following her retirement from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection after 33 years of public service.

“Bette is an invaluable asset to our organization,” said AOY Board member, Richard Fekete, owner of Countryside Gallery in Newtown and AOY Exhibition/Shows & Events Chair. “These past few years as a Board Committee Chair, I have grown to rely on Bette’s expertise and insight to accomplish our community objectives and outreach targets. I am excited for the future of the art center with Bette’s guidance.”

“Bette’s impact on AOY is unmistakable,” said AOY Board member Grant Cohen. “She has served the organization in all facets and delivered incredible results. Her demeanor, expertise, and energy will suit her in the role of AOY’s first Executive Director. I personally couldn’t be more excited about our trajectory with Bette’s leadership.”

“My thanks to the AOY Board for recognizing my contributions over the past nine years with this promotion. I look forward to continuing to work together with the Board, Staff, and Instructors to serve our members and the greater Yardley community and to continue to advance AOY’s mission and goals,” stated Sovinee.

Sovinee holds a Master’s degree in Public Administration from The Pennsylvania State University and also earned a Bachelor’s degree in Environmental Planning from Rutgers University.

AOY Art Center is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to promoting arts education in our community and to supporting local artists and artisans. It has been located in the historic Janney-Brown House on the Patterson Farm in Lower Makefield since 2010. AOY fulfills its mission through art classes and workshops for adults and youth, as well as summer camps, and also conducts art exhibitions throughout the year.

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