

# SUSQUEHANNA ART MUSEUM

AT THE MARTY AND TOM PHILIPS FAMILY ART CENTER

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## **VIDEO/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

- What:** Announcement of \$250,000 Donation,  
Dedication of the Carole DeSoto Foundation Vault, and  
Opening of Exhibition of Contemporary Quilts
- When:** Friday, October 12, 2018, 5 pm
- Where:** Susquehanna Art Museum  
1401 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA
- Visuals:** Historic bank vault transformed into art exhibit space  
Ribbon cutting at 5:30 pm to dedicate the DeSoto Foundation Vault  
SAM members celebrating amidst artwork in the Lobby Gallery  
Visitors viewing colorful contemporary quilts in Main Gallery  
Interview with Alice Anne Schwab, Executive Director  
Interview with Carole DeSoto

**Harrisburg, PA** – The Susquehanna Art Museum is thrilled to announce a gift of \$250,000 from the Carole DeSoto Foundation to support the Museum's art education initiatives. The gift—the third largest ever received by the Museum—will enhance accessibility to all Museum programs and will help ensure the Museum can bring world-class art to the people of Central Pennsylvania for years to come. As thanks for the Foundation's generosity, the Museum will name its steel, walk-in bank vault the Carole DeSoto Foundation Vault. The Vault represents an adaptive reuse of an historic icon, dating to the building's construction for the Keystone Trust Company in 1926. Executive Director Alice Anne Schwab will recognize Carole DeSoto for her commitment to the visual arts.

The dedication will coincide with the opening of a new exhibition: *Color Improvisations 2, An International Exhibition of Contemporary Quilts*. Curated by celebrated and influential quiltmaker Nancy Crow, the show features quilts of hand-dyed cotton fabric made by eighteen different artists. The quilts were made specifically for this exhibition, which will be on display in the Main Gallery from October 13, 2018, through January 20, 2019. The exhibition was coordinated by Color Improvisations 2, NA, and is made possible at the Susquehanna Art Museum by the generous sponsorship of the Carole DeSoto Foundation.

At the dedication, the Museum will also announce the creation of its Masterpiece Society. This visionary group, composed of individuals who are including the Museum in their wills, will help ensure the Museum's long-term sustainability. Susan R. Anthony will be recognized as the Masterpiece Society's inaugural member.

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Susquehanna Art Museum, located at 1401 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102, is open to the public Tuesday – Saturday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm with extended hours on Wednesdays til 7:00 pm. Sundays: 12 noon – 5:00 pm. Free parking is available to visitors in the lot immediately adjacent to the rear of the Museum at Calder and James Streets.

[www.SusquehannaArtMuseum.org](http://www.SusquehannaArtMuseum.org)

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