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**Sleeth Gallery presents: *Spinning Yarns: Photographic Storytelling***

**An international invitational exhibition curated by Anne Leighton Massoni and Libby Rowe**  
Supported by Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris University and Monmouth University

BUCKHANNON, WV –

The Sleeth Gallery will be hosting a touring exhibition of photographs in the exhibit *Spinning Yarns: Photographic Storytelling*, September 4-October 4, 2012, showing Monday-Friday, 12:00pm-5:00pm (or by appointment). The Sleeth Gallery is located on the first floor of McCuskey Hall at West Virginia Wesleyan College, at the intersection of East Main St and College Ave in Buckhannon, WV. Admission is free.

*Spinning Yarns* explores the intersection of the photographic image and narratives. Since the advent of photography, artists have fabricated photographs, creating imagery through collage, photomontage and theatrical representations while also illustrating existing stories such as allegories, mythologies, and fables.

The curators have identified some significant traits about storytelling and storytellers. From setting the stage to character development or from prose to poetry, the artists in this exhibition utilize aspects of storytelling and open narrative to begin a creative dialogue with each individual viewer. Each work presents a “beginning” — through place, mood, or character — that challenges the audience to interpret a myriad of connotative meanings, creating new perspectives, biases, and experiences while further “spinning the yarn”.

*Spinning Yarns* is a touring exhibition, curated by Anne Leighton Massoni & Libby Rowe and supported by Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris University and Monmouth University. The show features the photographic works of 23 national and international artists and will be on display at the Sleeth Gallery on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College through October 4 before continuing its tour to Baylor

University in Waco, TX.

For more information about Sleeth Gallery, please contact Gallery Director, Phil McCollam, at [sleethgallery@wwwc.edu](mailto:sleethgallery@wwwc.edu). Further information about *Spinning Yarns*, including artist bios, statements and images from the exhibition can be found at <http://spinningyarnsphoto.com>.

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