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Spring Lecture Series to begin at the Heritage Discovery Center

“Juniata, River of Sorrows” presentation is free, open to the public

The Johnstown Area Heritage Association’s Spring Lecture Series will open with an author’s discussion of his recent book about the Juniata River. Dennis McInay, author of *Juniata, River of Sorrows*, will show a multimedia presentation on the book, which details the history of the Juniata River and his experiences exploring it. The presentation is free and will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Discovery Center, 201 Sixth Avenue in Cambria City.

The book has received a great deal of attention in Pennsylvania, even spending several months atop the state’s bestseller lists in 2003. McInay, a professor of management at St. Francis University, is the author of two previous books: *Foundations and Higher Education: Dollars, Donors, and Scholars*, and *How Foundations Work*.

The 30-minute presentation features 200 full-color photographs taken by McInay on his 2001 float down the 100-mile Juniata, as well as centuries-old maps and documents about the river. McInay will introduce the presentation and answer questions afterward. In addition, copies of the book may be purchased at the event, and the author will be available to sign them.

JAHA’s Spring Lecture Series will conclude on May 15 with the world premiere of a new film, “The Children of Lazo’s Grove,” which is about Southern and Eastern immigrants to the Johnstown area.

The Johnstown Area Heritage Association is a non-profit, membership-based organization dedicated to preserving and showcasing Johnstown’s unique history to the nation through high-quality educational, cultural and recreational experiences. In addition to the Johnstown Flood Museum and the Heritage Discovery Center, JAHA produces the FolkFest, a 3-day free music and food festival held annually over Labor Day weekend; flood commemoration events; a spring lecture series; and a wide variety of additional cultural programming. For more information on JAHA programs, museums and events, visit www.jaha.org.

