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### **KENTUCK MUSEUM ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Jan Pruitt named executive director.** Beginning January 4, Tuscaloosa resident Jan Pruitt is serving as executive director of the Kentuck Museum Association. “This is the next step in the board of directors’ plans for strengthening the organization.” said Amy Echols, president of the Kentuck board. “Jan has the right experience and talents to provide the collaborative and positive leadership Kentuck needs to move them forward.”

Pruitt is a native of Gadsden, Alabama and received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from The University of Alabama (UA). She retired as UA’s associate director of university relations in 2005 and has since worked as a freelance writer and editor and for a year as a consultant and process director for Crane MetaMarketing in Roswell, Georgia, which specializes in research-based branding and marketing for non-profit organizations. She has served as a national trustee and district board chair for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and as a board member of the Tuscaloosa Symphony, Alabama Public Radio, the University Club, and the Junior League of Tuscaloosa, and has participated in Leadership Tuscaloosa. She is a member and former vestryman of Canterbury Episcopal Chapel, and received UA’s Sayers Award for Distinguished Service in 2004.

“The many people who make up Kentuck and its programs are tremendously important to the cultural life of our community and region. I’m honored to have the opportunity to work with the Kentuck artists, board, volunteers, and staff, and with the organizations and donors who provide our funding.” said Pruitt.

Established in 1971, Kentuck is a non-profit organization dedicated to perpetuating the arts, engaging the community and empowering artists. Kentuck Arts Center, located in historical downtown Northport, Alabama, is headquarters to Kentuck’s offices, gallery/gift shop and community art studios. The annual Kentuck Festival of the Arts has been designated a Top Ten Art Fair and Festival by American Style Magazine; this year’s festival will be held on October 16 & 17, 2010. [www.kentuck.org](http://www.kentuck.org)

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