

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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New Student Exhibit Focused on Remembrance Opens September 25, 2009 at Scranton's Everhart Museum

Scranton – August 21, 2009: The Everhart Museum's new Gallery One exhibit, *Celebrating Ancestors: Student Art at the Everhart*, showcases the work of area students who were invited to create artworks inspired by important people in their lives who have passed away, such as a parent, grandparent, friend or relative; several students also decided to focus on famous and notable public figures. Through these collaborative efforts, the Everhart nurtures creativity and showcases artistic excellence in the community. Students involved in this exhibition represent: Abington Heights Middle School, EOTC/Scranton Area Family Center, South Scranton Intermediate School, and Wallenpaupack Area Middle School.

Celebrating Ancestors complements the Everhart's fall exhibition *Day of the Dead: Art & Culture in the Americas*. Created by the Everhart Museum, this exhibit illustrates the Day of the Dead (*El Día de los Muertos*) holiday as a personal and community-based celebration focused on the remembrance of family, friends, and other beloved people. The exhibit highlights the rich cultures of Central and South America by showcasing contemporary art from nationally and internationally recognized artists and photographers, along with Latino folk art and selections from the Museum's ethnographic collections. *Day of the Dead: Art & Culture in the Americas* is exclusive to the Everhart and will be on display September 25 through December 31, 2009. The exhibition is funded in part by a grant from The Pennsylvania Humanities Council, with additional underwriting from the Foley Law Firm, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, Inc. and Prudential Retirement.

The Everhart Museum is open: Thursday, Friday and Monday, Noon-4:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm; and Sunday, Noon-5:00 pm. Admission is \$5/adults, \$3/students & seniors, \$2/children 6-12, and free to Everhart Museum members. For more information on this exhibit or related programs, contact the museum at 570-346-7186 or email general.information@everhart-museum.org.

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About the Everhart Museum: Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art is the largest general museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart Museum, located in Nay Aug Park in Scranton, is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to the collection, care and display of a diverse array of artifacts, including natural history, science and fine arts. Through our exhibits and programs, the Everhart Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. General support for the museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton. For more information on the museum visit our website at www.everhart-museum.org or contact us at 570-346-7186.