

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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February 2009 Calendar of Events

Scranton – January 21, 2009: The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art announces its upcoming calendar of events for the month of February 2009.

Exhibits:

Opening February 6, 2009 Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books

Fairy tales offer a magic carpet ride to a timeless, enchanted, dreamlike world. The origins and history of fairy tales spans thousands of years and many cultures. These magical stories were told and retold by storytellers in early civilizations of China, Egypt, Europe and India. The fairy tales and folk tales featured in this exhibit celebrate stories handed down through the ages that echo the wisdom of past cultures and honor the symbolic and metaphoric language of the stories. The exhibit includes traditional versions of: *The Firebird*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Snow White* and *Little Red Riding Hood* along with modern stories such as: *Cinderella's Dress*, *Child of the Faerie: Child of the Earth* and *the Hungry Coat*. Prize winning contemporary artists whose art is featured include: Kinuko Y. Craft, Trina Scharf Hyman, Barry Moser, DEMI, Susan Paradis and Jim LaMarche. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Opening February 6, 2009 Happily Ever After?: Student Art at the Everhart

Intrigued by fractured fairy tales? The Everhart Museum's latest Gallery One exhibit, ***Happily Ever After?: Student Art at the Everhart***, highlights the work of area students who rewrote unexpected endings to their favorite fairy tales in humorous and thought-provoking artworks. Through these collaborative efforts, the Everhart nurtures creativity and showcases artistic excellence in the community. The schools involved in this exhibition include: Abington Heights High School, Blue Ridge Elementary School, John Marshall Elementary School, Moscow Elementary Center, Mountain View Elementary School, Scranton High School, and South Scranton Intermediate School. ***Happily Ever After?*** serves as a complement to the exhibit ***Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books***. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Opening February 1, 2009 Isaiah's Corner: Enchanted Everhart!

Let your sense of adventure lead you to ***Isaiah's Corner: Enchanted Everhart***, where your imagination can run wild as you explore fairy tales and folk tales. Become a king or queen, solve puzzles, discover magic objects, and more in our hands-on activity center, designed with our youngest visitors in mind. Touch, play, create, and learn about the stories, objects, and illustrations from our ***Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books*** exhibit! Please note that adult guidance is required at all times. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Through Dec. 31st The Rocks & Minerals Permanent Gallery

The Everhart is pleased to announce the opening of a new permanent gallery, **The Rocks & Minerals Gallery**. This new gallery reinterprets and presents a new and improved version of the "Rocks Room," a well-known and beloved exhibit that was retired more than a decade ago. Created in the 1950s, the original "Rocks Room" was a small closet gallery featuring "glow-in-the-dark" rocks. It was a must-see experience for children from throughout Northeast Pennsylvania who visited during the 1960s and 1970s, and remained the most popular element of the Museum into the 1980s. The reopening of this permanent gallery cements the Everhart Museum's commitment to featuring more of its natural sciences collection and awakening the wonder and magic of museums in the child still found in all of us. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

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Through Dec. 31st

On Exhibit: *Permanent Galleries*

The permanent galleries of the Everhart Museum feature displays of African and Ancient Art, the dinosaur and bird exhibits, and installations of American folk art, decorative art, and fine art. The Everhart Museum is open Thursday through Monday through December 31st. Museum hours are Noon-4:00 pm Thursday, Friday and Monday; 10:00 am-5:00 pm on Saturday; and Noon-5:00 pm on Sunday. Admission is \$5/adults, \$3/students & seniors; \$2/children 6-12, and free to Everhart Museum members. For more information, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Public Programs:

February 2, 2009

Early Explorations: Looking & Reading Together, 2:00 to 2:45 pm

Join the Everhart Museum, the Lackawanna County Children's Library, and area artists for a workshop featuring a different book and activity designed to develop pre-literacy skills through drama, art and music. On February 2nd, Lackawanna Children's Library Educator, Lauren Maloney, presents "You Can't Catch Me--I'm the Gingerbread Man!" The program is free and suitable for Pre-K children. Pre-registration is required and groups are welcome. Early Explorations is funded in part by PNC Bank. For more information or to register, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

February 19, 2009

Everhart Reads at Anthology Books! 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Meet, discuss, and have fun with fellow readers on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Led by Andrea Talarico, and inspired by our spring exhibition *Fairy Tale Art*. Discussion group is free and open to ages 16 and up. Discounted books will be available at Anthology. February's book is "Of Love and Other Demons" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Please contact Andrea at scranthology@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

February 21, 2009

Early Explorations: Looking & Reading Together, 2:00 to 2:45 pm

Join the Everhart Museum, the Lackawanna County Children's Library, and area artists for a workshop featuring a different book and activity designed to develop pre-literacy skills through drama, art and music. On February 21st, Andrea Talarico from Anthology Books presents "When the Sky is Like Lace" by Elinor Lander Horwitz. The program is free and suitable for Pre-K children. Pre-registration is required and groups are welcome. Early Explorations is funded in part by PNC Bank. For more information or to register, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

February 21, 2009

EVERHART 101, 10:00 am - noon

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February 28, 2009

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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 visit our website at www.everhart-museum.org or contact us at 570-346-7186.

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January 21, 2009