

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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New Exhibit on Birding in Lackawanna County (Penn.) Opens February 1, 2008 at Scranton's Everhart Museum

Scranton – January 21, 2008: Lackawanna County (Penn.) boasts many enthusiastic birders and scientists who study and research resident and migratory birds in the region. ***In the Field: Birding & Research in Lackawanna County***, opening on February 1st at the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art, and continuing on display through March 31, 2008, illustrates the efforts of these birding volunteers who observe and count the various types of birds found in Northeastern Pennsylvania, as well as the data and studies of scientific researchers in tracking the habits and health of the birds and their local ecological niches.

Local birding enthusiasts, including members of the Lackawanna Audubon Society such as Lisa and Paul Mundy, lend their photos and data sheets for counting birds as part of the exhibit. Local biology professors, Michael Carey and Robert Smith from the University of Scranton, present their years-long research and data from bird-banding and studying various species of resident and migratory birds stopping over at Lackawanna State Park in Lackawanna County.

In the Field complements the exhibit ***Flocks & Feathers: Birds in Science, Culture and Art***, which highlights the Everhart Museum's bird specimens from around the world, alongside cultural objects that use feathers or depict birds, as well as contemporary art inspired by avian creatures. These bird-themed exhibits are inspired by the Museum's founder, Dr. Isaiah Fawkes Everhart, who possessed a life-long interest in the study of birds (ornithology) and was an amateur taxidermist. It was in 1908 that Dr. Everhart donated more than 2,000 bird specimens to create the Museum's first exhibits. It is therefore fitting that the first exhibit of the Museum's Centennial Year goes back to its foundation: the birds.

The Everhart Museum is open: noon-4:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Monday; 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday; and noon-5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5/adults, \$3/students & seniors, \$2/children 6-12, and free to Everhart Museum members. For more information, 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.

About the Lackawanna Audubon Society: The Lackawanna Audubon Society, founded in 1915, is an independent organization centered in Lackawanna County in Northeast PA.