

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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March 2009 Calendar of Events

Scranton – January 23, 2009: The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art announces its upcoming calendar of events for the month of March 2009.

Exhibits:

Through May 25, 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.

Through May 25, 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.

Through May 25, 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:

March 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 March 2nd, Lackawanna Children's Library Educator, Erin Sloan presents "Mixed-Up Fairies." 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.

March 3, 2009 Tremendous Tales & Storytelling: Fairy Tales at the Dietrich Theater! 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Join the Dietrich Theater and the Everhart Museum Tuesdays in March for a journey through magical lands, creative characters, and surprise endings! Write, draw, create and explore fairy tales from around the world in our new series based on the Everhart's exhibit, *Fairy Tale Art*. Program is free and suitable for K-6 grades. Pre-register by calling the Dietrich Theater at 570-996-1500.

March 5, 2009 Bag-a-Badge for Girl Scout Juniors, 4:30 to 8:00 pm

Fairy tales, stories, plays, and puppets ... explore your theatrical side in this *Theater Bag-a-Badge!* Fee is \$10/child and includes a snack but students may wish to bring a bagged meal. Pre-registration required. For more information or to register, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email education@everhart-museum.org.

March 7, 2009 Bag-a-Badge for Girl Scout Brownies, 1:00 to 4:30 pm

Fairy tales, stories, plays, and puppets ... explore your theatrical side in this *Puppets, Dolls & Plays Bag-a-Badge!* Fee is \$10/child and includes a snack but students may wish to bring a bagged meal. Pre-registration required. For more information or to register, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email education@everhart-museum.org.

March 7, 2009 EVERHART 101, 10:00 am to Noon

Fall under the spell of the Everhart Museum! The Everhart and Keystone College team up to bring you hands-on instruction and lots of fun! Each class journeys through a different aspect of *Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books*, and new medium, giving children experience in painting, writing, sculpture, drawing, and mixed media. Suitable for grades K-5. Cost is \$5 per child and pre-registration required. For more information or to register, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email education@everhart-museum.org.

March 10, 2009 Tremendous Tales & Storytelling: Fairy Tales at the Dietrich Theater! 4:00 to 5:00 pm

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March 12, 2009 Bag-a-Badge for Cub Scout Webelos, 4:30 to 8:00 pm

Fairy tales, stories, plays, and puppets ... explore your theatrical side in this *Showman Bag-a-Badge!* Fee is \$10/child and includes a snack but students may wish to bring a bagged meal. Pre-registration required. For more information or to register, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email education@everhart-museum.org.

March 14, 2009 Bag-a-Badge for Cub Scout Bears, 1:00 to 4:30 pm

Fairy tales, stories, plays, and puppets ... explore your theatrical side in this *Tall Tales Bag-a-Badge!* Fee is \$10/child and includes a snack but students may wish to bring a bagged meal. Pre-registration required. For more information or to register, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email education@everhart-museum.org.

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March 17, 2009 Tremendous Tales & Storytelling: Fairy Tales at the Dietrich Theater! 4:00 to 5:00 pm

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March 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. March's book is "*Everything is Illuminated*" by Jonathan Safran Foer. Please contact Andrea at 570-341-1443 or scranthology@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

March 21, 2009 EVERHART 101, 10:00 am to Noon

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March 21, 2009 Early Explorations: Looking & Reading Together, 2:00 to 2:45 pm

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March 24, 2009 Tremendous Tales & Storytelling: Fairy Tales at the Dietrich Theater! 4:00 to 5:00 pm

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March 29, 2009 Fairy Tale Art Community Day, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Join us as we celebrate the magic, fantasy, and fun of fairy tales! The Everhart Museum's Community Day features exhibition tours, hands-on activities and demonstrations inspired by **Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books**. From brass rubbings to shadow puppets, join the Everhart, Keystone College, Anthology Books, the Scranton Cultural Center, and the Children's Library for an imagination-filled day! Program is free with paid admission to the Museum and is designed for all ages. No reservations required. For more information, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

March 31, 2009 Tremendous Tales & Storytelling: Fairy Tales at the Dietrich Theater! 4:00 to 5:00 pm

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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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