

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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Everhart Museum Announces 2010 Temporary Exhibition Schedule

Scranton – January 6, 2010: The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art is pleased to announce its 2010 calendar of temporary exhibitions.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITION SCHEDULE 2010

**THE ART OF THE BRICK:
LEGO® Sculptures by Nathan Sawaya**

On loan from the Artist
February 5-May 2, 2010

The Art of the Brick focuses on the wonderful creations by New York-based artist Nathan Sawaya using the popular LEGO® building block as an art medium. The exhibit features 30 works created solely from standard LEGO bricks over the period 2002-2007 with several new ones created specifically for this exhibit; nearly one million colorful LEGO pieces were used to create his whimsical and awe-inspiring sculptures. Sawaya's ability to transform this common toy into something meaningful to capture action and movement enables him to elevate child's play into fine art. Artist Nathan Sawaya has been featured on "The Today Show," "Late Night with David Letterman," and "The Colbert Report." His works are on display in major museums across the country. Partial underwriting for this exhibit is provided by Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, Inc., Penn Security Bank & Trust Co., and The Oppenheim Family.

Community Day: Sunday, March 14, 2010; 1-4 pm

**ANCIENT BRONZES OF THE ASIAN GRASSLANDS
From the Arthur M. Sackler Foundation**

On Loan from the Arthur M. Sackler Foundation
May 21-September 6, 2010

Ancient Bronzes of the Asian Grasslands reveals how the ancient, horse-riding nomadic cultures of Mongolia and Central Asia during the late second and first millennia BCE used the animal world as a source of symbols to indicate tribe, social rank and connection to the spirit world. **Ancient Bronzes** illuminates their influence both on and by the culture of dynastic China, as well as how the steppe peoples facilitated trade and travel along the Silk Road across Asia. Organized and on loan from the Arthur M. Sackler Foundation (NYC), this traveling exhibition features more than 80 masterpieces of Eurasian steppe art, including bronze belt buckles, plaques, pendants, ornaments and weapons. Animal motifs such as antlered stags, wild boars and birds of prey are a primary theme and visitors will be enchanted by the artistic expression found in a functional form. These objects were made to be practical and conform to a nomadic lifestyle yet they were created with an artistic sensibility that transcends centuries of time. Partial underwriting for this exhibit is provided by Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, Inc.

Community Day: Sunday, August 8, 2010; Noon-4 pm

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**FOR EVERY SEASON:
Folk Art in Daily Life and Celebration**

Exclusive to the Everhart Museum
September 24-December 31, 2010

For Every Season highlights a new interpretation of the Everhart Museum Folk Art collection in which the stages of life are interpreted through a rich assortment of objects. For example, the Pennsylvania German immigrants commemorated family events with *fraktur* or decorated manuscripts such as *Taufscheine* (birth and baptismal certificates) and celebrated marriage with gifts of personalized bride boxes and dower chests to young women. During the 19th century, craftspeople and business proprietors used elaborately carved or painted signs to advertise their goods and services. Young women often showcased their artistic skills in honor of deceased loved ones by creating painted, embroidered, and woven hair mourning art. Folk paintings, particularly portraits, were commissioned to celebrate family, commemorate personal achievement, and sometimes to honor those loved ones who had passed away.

Today, the region is home to dozens of diverse groups of European, African, Indian and Asian immigrants who celebrate important rites of passage with their distinctive traditions and folk art objects. **For Every Season** provides a unique opportunity to interface with all of the diverse immigrant communities in Scranton and NEPA, and interpret contemporary folk art (international) and lifeways from ethnicities around the world, represented locally. Partial underwriting for this exhibit is provided by Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, Inc. and PNC Bank.

Community Day: Sunday, November 7, 2010; 1-4 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. The Everhart Museum is open Thursday through Monday, February through December. Museum hours are 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 visit our website at www.everhart-museum.org or contact us at 570-346-7186.