

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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June 2008 Calendar of Events

Scranton – May 12 2008: The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art announces its June 2008 calendar of events.

Exhibits:

June 20 – Sept. 1, 2008

On Exhibit: *Art of the Land: John Willard Raught and the Continuing NEPA Landscape Tradition*

Art of the Land is based on the 50+ works by John Willard Raught held by the Everhart Museum. This permanent collection began in 1931 when pieces by Raught were donated to the Museum in his memory. Today the Everhart Museum houses the largest public collection his work. Recognition and appreciation of Raught's style extends far beyond the geographic confines of Northeast Pennsylvania for one of the Museum's pieces, "A View of Harrison Avenue Bridge," was selected by the Clintons to hang in the White House and later was on display at the Clinton Presidential Library. In order to show the lasting influence of Raught on the region's artistic community, contemporary regional artists will participate in this project with work ranging from painting to sculpture to other forms of creative expression. Central to the interpretive plan of *Art of the Land* is the desire to create an aesthetic and intellectual experience which enhances understanding of the changing nature of the physical environment and creates a sense of place, especially for the residents of our region. Public programs will be presented focusing on artistic expression and/or environmental exploration by using the Museum collections as well as the natural resources of Nay Aug Park. 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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On Exhibit: *Mining the Landscape: Student Environmental Art*

Inspired by John Willard Raught's coal breaker paintings, area students will explore both the beauty and the scarring caused by coalmining in the Northeast Pennsylvania landscape. Led by photographer and teacher Ward Roe, the students will create landscape imagery using photography and collage. Environmental conservation and site scarring, mine reclamation, and pollution are a few of the themes explored in the students' work. 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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On Exhibit: *Isaiah's Corner: Everhart goes Evergreen!*

Gain a sense of place as you explore the landscape through artistic expression and environmental concepts. **Isaiah's Corner** will provide children with a unique opportunity to learn about landscapes through themes of recycling, fuel sources around the world, materials and garbage, environmental conservation and community activism. Touch, play, create, and discover things about going green and becoming eco-conscious! Please note that adult guidance is required at all times. So come to the museum and stop by Isaiah's Corner to learn about conserving our natural landscapes with your children. Then go visit our galleries where you and your children can apply your new knowledge of conservation in our temporary exhibits, *Art of the Land: John Willard Raught and the NEPA Landscape Tradition*, and *Mining the Landscape: Student Environmental Art*. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

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 Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

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Public Programs:

Through Dec. 31st Centennial Scavenger Hunt

Celebrate the Everhart's Centennial Year by participating in our year-long scavenger hunt! Prizes, discounts, and a whole lot of fun await you as you try to locate 100 objects in our galleries throughout the year. To participate, log on to our website, www.everhart-museum.org, every month to print a list of objects chosen. Bring in your list, find all the objects, and get a stamp at the end of your hunt...find as many objects as you can throughout the year, and celebrate with us in December 2008, as you are awarded prizes for the number of objects you have found! Suitable for ages 16 and under, but adults are welcome to participate too! For more information, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

June 1, 2008 Everhart Museum's Centennial Celebration, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Join the Everhart on June 1st for fun-filled activities to honor and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Everhart Museum! A rededication ceremony will begin at 1:00 pm and will feature local speakers and music by Doug Smith and his Dixieland Allstars. Travel back to 1908 with us as we partake in activities designed to pay homage to Dr. Everhart and his wonderful museum. Meander through the Museum and Nay Aug Park on a guided tour to learn about the early years of the Museum and the changes to it and the landscape surrounding it. Enjoy modern touches such as face painting for children by Happy Faces from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Stop by from 2:00 to 3:00 pm for an old fashioned ice cream social provided courtesy of Manning's Ice Cream & Milk. And from 3:00 to 3:30 pm, listen to the harmonizing sounds of F.O.G. (Four Old Geezers), a barbershop quartet, who will transport you back to the "good old days" with songs from the past. Free admission to the Museum all day. The day promises to be a fun-filled celebration for all ages. The event is sponsored in part by PNC Bank. For more information and details, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186.

June 2, 2008 Early Explorations: Looking & Reading Together, 2:00 to 2:45 pm

The first Monday & third Saturday of every month join the Everhart for workshops featuring a different book and activity designed to develop pre-literacy skills through drama, art, and music led by area artists & staff from the Lackawanna County Children's Library. Classes are free, and groups are welcome too! Workshops are suitable for Pre-K. Funded by PNC Bank. Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

June 19, 2008 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 summer exhibition *Art of the Land*, this discussion group is free and open to ages 16 and up. Discounted books will be available for purchase at Anthology. June's book is *The Place Within: Portraits of the American Landscape by Twenty Contemporary Writers* by Jodi Daynard. Please contact Andrea at scanthology@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

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June 21, 2008 Summer Solstice Fundraising Event, 5:30 pm until Dark

Celebrate the beginning of summer! Bring your friends and join the Everhart Museum for great food, libations and music on the front lawn! Bid on a variety of wonderful items during the silent and live auctions. The cost is \$50 per person and attendees must be 21 and older. Space is limited and tickets will not be sold at the door! For more information or to make reservations, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: public.relations@everhart-museum.org.

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June 22, 2008

Sunday in the Park, 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Our 3rd annual "Sunday in the Park" is a collaborative event put on by the Everhart Museum, Lackawanna County Library System, and the Scranton Cultural Center for children and their families. This collaborative event will feature hands on interactive projects, crafts, face-painting, games, raffles and live musical performances. This year will highlight the natural world focusing on the libraries summer theme **Catch the Reading Bug** and the Everhart's summer exhibition **Art of the Land**. No reservations required. Activities are free and suitable for all ages. For more information, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

June 23-27, 2008

Library Outreach, Insect Safari, (check w/your local library for dates & times)

The Everhart Museum joins forces with the Lackawanna County Library System to help celebrate its summer reading series, **Catch the Reading Bug**. We will take a closer look at insects and discuss their physical characteristics and life cycles. We will also go on an insect safari and make a craft to take home! Each day during the week we'll be at a different site doing activities. Pre-registration is required. Activities are free with your Lackawanna County Library Card. For more information, call your nearest Lackawanna library branch.

June 28, 2008

Art of the Land Film Series, 3:00 pm

Free films based on the Museum's **Art of the Land** exhibit and environmental issues will be shown on Saturdays at the Scranton Cultural Center in collaboration with the Museum and the Lackawanna County Library System. The series is FREE and open to the public! **The Molly Maguires** (1970), **Rated PG**, will be shown on June 28th at 3:00 pm. Please call the Scranton Cultural Center at 570-346-7369 or the Museum at 570-346-7186 for more information on films and film ratings.

Sunday, June 29, 2008

Illustrated Lecture: "With the Bunch at Lake Carey," 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Celebrate our **Art of the Land** summer exhibition with local author Walter Broughton. His latest book *Lake Carey* is the newest local addition to the nationally popular *Images of America Series*. Broughton will present an illustrated discussion of Lake Carey from 1870-1918, focusing on its development and decline as a regional, summer resort. Copies of *Lake Carey* will be available for purchase. Following the lecture there will be a book signing and discussion with the author. No reservations required. The program is suitable for all ages and is free with paid admission to the Museum. For more information, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

June 30, 2008

Bag-a-Badge for Cub Scout Webelos and Bears, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Explore nature as you earn your "Geologist" (for Webelos) or "Maps" (for Bears) badge. This workshop is for Cub Scout Webelos and Bears. 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 museum at 570-346-7186 or email education@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 visit our website at www.everhart-museum.org or contact us at 570-346-7186.

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