

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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October 2009 Calendar of Events

Scranton – September 4, 2009: The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art announces its upcoming calendar of events for the month of October 2009. Please note that programs are subject to change and updates to the calendar will be sent accordingly.

Exhibits:

Through December 31, 2009

On Exhibit: Day of the Dead: Art & Culture in the Americas

Day of the Dead (El Día de los Muertos), has its roots in ancient indigenous cultures of Central and South America, and today is celebrated throughout the Americas during the Roman Catholic holidays of All Saints' and All Soul's Days (November 1 & 2). Created by the Everhart Museum with funding assistance from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, this exclusive exhibit illustrates Day of the Dead as a celebration and remembrance of beloved people in the family and community. ***Day of the Dead: Art & Culture in the Americas*** features contemporary art from nationally and internationally recognized artists, traditional folk art, and the Everhart Museum's Pre-Columbian collection. Additional underwriting for this exhibit is provided by The Foley Law Firm and Prudential Retirement. 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: Celebrating Ancestors: Student Art at the Everhart

Celebrating Ancestors: Student Art at the Everhart complements the Everhart's Fall exhibit, ***Day of the Dead: Art & Culture in the Americas***. Area students were invited to create artworks inspired by important people in their lives who have passed away, such as a parent, grandparent, friend or relative; several students also decided to focus on famous and notable public figures. The Day of the Dead is a holiday of remembrance in Latin America, and families all over Central and South America celebrate their ancestors with special displays in the home and at the public cemeteries. Through collaborations such as ***Celebrating Ancestors: Student Art at the Everhart***, the Everhart Museum nurtures creativity and showcases artistic excellence in the community. 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: ¡Fiesta Fun with Calaveras!

Step into Latin America culture in ***Isaiah's Corner: ¡Fiesta Fun with Calaveras!*** Children of all ages are invited to learn about Day of the Dead, a Latino holiday of remembrance when families celebrate their ancestors with special displays in the home and in public places. In Isaiah's Corner, the Museum's hands-on gallery, visitors can build *ofrendas*, make skeleton masks and dolls, creating tissue paper flowers and *papel picado* (punched paper) designs, and calculating in Mayan math! Please note that adult guidance is required. For more information, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Through December 31, 2009

On Exhibit: Permanent Galleries

The permanent galleries of the Everhart Museum feature displays of African and Ancient Art, the dinosaur and bird exhibits, rocks & minerals, 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 Thurs., Fri., & Mon., Noon to 4:00 pm; Sat. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sun. Noon to 5:00 pm. 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.

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Public Programs:

October 1, 2009

“Fiesta at the Everhart Museum,” 6:00 to 8:00 pm

The Everhart invites you and your friends for “**Fiesta at the Everhart Museum,**” a benefit preview featuring the Museum’s new exhibitions ***Day of the Dead: Art & Culture in the Americas*** and ***Celebrating Ancestors: Student Art at the Everhart***. The evening promises great food, drink and an opportunity to preview two fabulous exhibits. This special benefit preview is limited to 220 people and reservations must be prepaid by credit card or check made out to “Everhart Museum.” Cost is \$25/person. RSVP by September 25th by calling the Everhart at 570-346-7186 or email general.information@everhart-museum.org. “**Fiesta at the Everhart Museum**” is sponsored in part by Parente Randolph, LLC.

October 2, 2009

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October 4, 2009

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October 6, 2009

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October 15, 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 of Anthology Books, this fall's book group is inspired by the Everhart's fall exhibition *Day of the Dead: Art & Culture in the Americas*. Discussion group is free and open to ages 16 and up. Discounted books will be available at Anthology. October's book is "Caramelo" by Sandra Cisneros. For more information, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

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October 24, 2009

Start Right with Acrylics, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

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