

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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Everhart Museum to Host Brick Building Contest

Scranton, PA – February 23, 2010: Calling all LEGO® builders! Are you a fan of LEGO toys? Do you have LEGO pieces you are hankering to build something with? Then join the Everhart Museum on Sunday, March 14, 2010 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. for **The Art of the Brick Community Day**. As part of this special event, the Everhart Museum invites all NEPA residents ages six and older to enter their original LEGO creations for display and judging as the Museum celebrates its newest exhibit **The Art of the Brick®**.

To enter the contest, builders must create an original sculpture out of LEGO bricks and bring their completed creations to the Everhart Museum on Thursday, March 11th or Friday, March 12th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The contest is limited to the first 30 entries and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible age categories are 6-12 years old, 13-17 years old, and 18 years and older. No team entries are allowed and more than 30 entries may be accepted if display space is available.

Contest entries will be on display at the Everhart Museum during the weekend of March 13-14 with juried voting taking place during **The Art of the Brick Community Day** on Sunday, March 14th at 3:00 p.m. Prizes for Most Creative/Original and Most Complex will be awarded in each age group at the end of the Community Day event. Museum patrons may participate in the judging by voting for their favorite in the "Viewer's Choice" category for \$1/vote. The proceeds from "Viewer's Choice" voting will be used to support future public programming and exhibitions at the Everhart Museum. Contestants must be present at the time of the award ceremony to accept their prize or their prize will be forfeited to the runner-up in their category.

In addition to the building contest, **The Art of the Brick Community Day** will include hands-on activities and demonstrations suitable for visitors of all ages. Building contest entry forms and information may be found on the Museum's website: www.everhart-museum.org or may be picked up at the Everhart during regular museum hours. The Everhart Museum is open Monday, Thursday and Friday, Noon to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday Noon to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, \$2 for children ages 6-12 years old, and free for children under age 6 and for 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.

Currently on View: **The Art of the Brick** marks the start of the Everhart Museum's 2010 exhibit calendar and is thematically complemented by the Gallery One exhibition, **Brick Creations: Student Art at the Everhart**, and **Isaiah's Corner: Build It!** in the Interactive Children's Gallery. **Brick Creations** highlights the work of area students who were invited to create artworks inspired by real or imaginary LEGO creations, while **Isaiah's Corner: Build It!** provides a place where children can build fantastic and creative "art-chitecture" inspired by **The Art of the Brick** exhibition. All of three of these temporary exhibits are on view through May 2, 2010 and are included in the cost of regular museum admission.