

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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March 2010 Calendar of Events

Scranton, PA – March 1, 2010: The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art announces its upcoming calendar of events for the month of March 2010. Please note that programs are subject to change and updates to the calendar will be sent accordingly.

Exhibits:

On Exhibit through May 2nd

The Art of the Brick®: LEGO® Sculptures by Nathan Sawaya

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 29 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. Partial underwriting for this exhibit is provided by Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, Inc., Penn Security Bank & Trust Co., and The Oppenheim Family. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

On Exhibit through May 2nd

Brick Creations: Student Art at the Everhart

Brick Creations: Student Art at the Everhart serves as a regional exhibit complement to ***The Art of the Brick: LEGO® Sculptures by Nathan Sawaya***. Area students were invited to create artworks inspired by real or imaginary LEGO® creations. Through collaborations such as ***Brick Creations***, 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.

On Exhibit through May 2nd

Isaiah's Corner: Build It!

Try your hand at building LEGO® and non-block creations in ***Isaiah's Corner: Build It!*** Using inspiration from the Everhart Museum's natural history and science collection, as well as the current LEGO-inspired exhibits, create new and fantastical buildings and creatures in the Museum's hands-on gallery. Children of all ages invited, but 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.

On exhibit through December 31st

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:

March 1, 2010

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. This 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 2, 2010

IF YOU BUILD IT! at the Dietrich Theater!, 4:00 to 5:00 pm

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March 6, 2010

EverhART 101, 10:00 am to Noon

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March 9, 2010

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March 13, 2010

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March 13, 2010

Bag-a-Badge for Girl Scout Juniors and Brownies, 1:00 to 4:30 pm

Come to the Everhart Museum where you can experience the world in a new way as you earn your Girl Scout "Architecture" (for Juniors) or "Building Art" (for Brownies) badge! This spring we take our inspiration from the new exhibit *The Art of the Brick*®. Complete your badge requirements in one day in the Everhart Bag-a-Badge programs! This workshop is for Girl Scout Juniors and Brownies. Fee is \$10/child and includes a snack but students may wish to bring a bagged meal. Pre-registration required and attendance is limited. For more information or to register, contact the museum at 570-346-7186 or email education@everhart-museum.org.

March 14, 2010

THE ART OF THE BRICK Community Day, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Come explore the world in 3-D! Community Day features hands-on activities and demonstrations inspired by *The Art of the Brick*®. Join the Everhart Museum, Highlights High Five, and the Lackawanna County Children's Library for a day full of fun! 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. 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 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. Activities are free with paid admission to the Everhart Museum and are suitable for all ages. For more information, contest criteria and entry forms, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

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March 14, 2010**Brick Building Contest, Noon to 4:00 pm**

People ages six and older are invited to use their own LEGO bricks to create and compete in this exciting community-based building challenge. 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 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. For more information, contest criteria and entry forms, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

BRICK BUILDING CONTEST CALENDAR:**March 11-12, 2010:****Drop off entries at the Everhart Museum between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.****March 13, 2010:****"Viewer's Choice" voting, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.****March 14, 2010:****"Viewer's Choice" voting, Noon to 3:00 p.m.****The Art of the Brick Community Day event, 1:00-4:00 p.m.****Contest Judging, begins at 3:00 p.m.****Award ceremony, 3:30 p.m.****Removal of entries, 4:00 p.m.****March 15 through April 30, 2010****Youth4Art: Afterschool Museum Arts Program, 3:00 to 5:00 pm**

Explore, imagine, have fun and create! Youth4Art is a multi-disciplinary program designed for middle school children (5th through 8th grades). Students work directly with regional artists & utilize the many exhibits throughout the Everhart Museum as inspiration. Through experimentation, students have the opportunity to merge science with art, music with words, and history with today! At the end of the multi-day session, the students' creative responses, both individually & as a group, will be publicly displayed in the Everhart's Classroom Gallery. This program is made possible by the Lackawanna County Office of Arts & Culture through a program administered by Children & Youth Services. Youth4Art classes take place on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays beginning on March 15 and continuing through April 30, 2010. Admission is FREE; however pre-registration by March 12, 2010 is required. For more information or to pre-register, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email education@everhart-museum.org. Applications may also be downloaded from the Everhart's website: www.everhart-museum.org.

March 16, 2010**IF YOU BUILD IT! at the Dietrich Theater!, 4:00 to 5:00 pm**

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March 18, 2010**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 Winter/Spring's book group is inspired by the Everhart's new temporary exhibition **The Art of the Brick®**. Discussion group is free and open to ages 16 and up. Discounted books will be available at Anthology. March's book is "*Leonardo: The Artist and the Man.*" For more information, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

March 20, 2010**Bag-a-Badge for Cub Scout Webelos and Bears, 1:00 to 4:30 pm**

Come to the Everhart Museum where you can experience the world in a new way as you earn your Cub Scout "Engineer" (for Webelos) or "Build a Model" (for Bears) badge! This spring we take our inspiration from the new exhibit **The Art of the Brick®**. Complete your badge requirements in one day in the Everhart Bag-a-Badge programs! 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 and attendance is limited. For more information or to register, contact the museum at 570-346-7186 or email education@everhart-museum.org.

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March 30, 2010

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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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