

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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May 2010 Calendar of Events

Scranton –April 16, 2010: The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art announces its upcoming calendar of events for the month of May 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.

Beginning May 21, 2010

Ancient Bronzes of the Asian Grasslands

Through September 6, 2010

Ancient Bronzes of the Asian Grasslands reveals how the ancient, horse-riding nomadic cultures of Mongolia and Central Asia used the animal world as a source of symbols to indicate tribe, social rank and connection to the spirit world. ***Ancient Bronzes*** also illuminates 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. For more information, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Beginning May 21, 2010

Migration: A Journey from Bhutan to Scranton

Through September 6, 2010

Complementing the Everhart Museum's exhibit, ***Ancient Bronzes of the Asian Grasslands from the Arthur M. Sackler Foundation***, the Gallery One exhibit ***Migration*** illustrates the profound journey of several families from the mountainous Asian nation of Bhutan to a refugee camp in Nepal, and eventually to homes in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Scranton's newest residents share their moving photographs and stories about their own experience with the upheaval of leaving their homes, resettlement, and immigration. For more information, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

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Through September 6, 2010**

Isaiah's Corner Children's Hands-On Gallery

Using inspiration from the Everhart's **Asian Bronzes** exhibit, as well as the Museum's natural history, science and art collections, explore, create and learn through play in the interactive 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 e-mail: 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.

Public Programs:

May 1, 2010 **MUSEUM MADNESS: Overnight for Girl Scout Cadettes, 8:00 pm through 7:00 am (May 2nd)**

Join us for a "Night at the Museum" and explore the Everhart after hours! Go on a scavenger hunt, build your own museum, and discover what comes out at night! Participants will earn the "Museum Discovery IP" badge. Space is strictly limited to 50 Cadette Girl Scouts and pre-registration is required! Cost is \$35/scout; \$7/chaperone and includes an evening snack & breakfast. Please call Kris Battle at 800-692-7816 ext.1330 for more information and/or to register for this program.

May 3, 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. On May 3rd, Lackawanna County Children's Library Educator, Elizabeth Davis presents *Marshmallow Constructions*. 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.

May 8, 2010 **International Migratory Bird Day, 1:00-4:00 pm**

Explore the birds that make fantastic journeys and the rich history and story-telling surrounding them. Join the Everhart and other community organizations in bird games, activities, art, and demonstrations! International Migratory Bird Day is an annual event and the Museum's participation serves to highlight our Bird Gallery. Activities are free with paid admission to the Museum and are suitable for all ages. For more information, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

May 15, 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. On May 15th, Lackawanna County Children's Library Educator, Erin Sloan presents *May Mosaics*. 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.

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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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