

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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New Student Exhibit Focused on Fossils Opens June 12, 2009 at Scranton's Everhart Museum

Scranton – May 29, 2009: Fascinated by the art of fossils? Then check out the works on paper created by Howard Gardner School students for the exhibit *Ornamental Impressions: Howard Gardner School of Discovery*. During the 2008-2009 school year, Howard Gardner School students used the natural surroundings of Nay Aug Park, the Everhart Museum's home, as their classroom. These students learned the art of paper marbling and created hand-colored monoprints with rubbings and found objects, mirroring the diverse and complex patterning found in fossils and showcased in the Everhart Museum's new exhibit *Ancient Microworlds*. Their resulting artwork also reflects the multidisciplinary aesthetic approach found at the core of the Howard Gardner School educational experience. Through the collaborative efforts with schools and community groups, the Everhart Museum nurtures creativity and showcases artistic excellence in throughout the region.

Ornamental Impressions complements the exhibit *Ancient Microworlds* which marries paleontology with photography as the high-tech practice of macro photography introduces viewers to a new way of appreciating fossils – magnified over 30 times their true size. The exhibit showcases the combined talents of Giraud Foster, a retired physician, archaeologist, and photographer and Norman Barker, a scientific photographer, and their desire to introduce people to the world of fossils as seen through the lens of a microscope. Theirs is an ancient world as artfully beautiful as it is scientifically engaging. *Ancient Microworlds* is on loan from Ancient Microworlds and is on display at the Everhart Museum June 12 through September 7, 2009.

The Everhart Museum is open: Thursday, Friday and Monday, Noon-4:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm; and Sunday, Noon-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 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.