

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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May 2008 Calendar of Events

Scranton – May 2, 2008: The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art announces its May 2008 calendar of events.

Exhibits:

Through June 1st

On Exhibit: *Flocks & Feathers: Birds in Science, Culture and Art*

Birds take flight in the human imagination and play an important role in the global ecosystem. They travel millions of miles every year migrating around the world, and their life cycles, bird song and evolutionary characteristics have inspired scientists, cultures and artists for millennia. The Museum's founder, Dr. Isaiah Fawkes Everhart, was a surgeon with an interest in the study of birds. When founding the Museum in 1908, he donated more than 2,000 bird specimens to create the first exhibits. Since that time, the Everhart has continued to collect bird-oriented cultural and scientific materials. The Everhart Museum begins its 2008 centennial celebration with an interpretive look at birds from around the world, alongside cultural objects that use feathers and/or depict birds, as well as contemporary art inspired by avian creatures. The exhibit is partially funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and is on display through June 1, 2008. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Through June 1st

On Exhibit: *In the Field: Birding & Research in Lackawanna County*

In the Field illustrates the efforts of Lackawanna County (PA) birders who observe and count the resident and migratory birds found in Northeastern Pennsylvania, as well as the data and studies of scientific researchers in tracking the habitats and health of these birds and their local ecological niches. Local birding enthusiasts, including members of the Lackawanna Audubon Society, lend their photos and data sheets for counting birds as part of the exhibit. Local biology professors present their years-long research and data from bird-banding and studying various species of resident and migratory birds stopping over in Lackawanna County for the exhibition. The exhibit is on display in Gallery One through March 31, 2008. For more information, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Through June 1st

On Exhibit: *Isaiah's Corner: Birds of a Feather*

Explore birds, their environment, habitats, feathers, and more in our hands-on activity center, designed with our youngest visitors in mind. Touch, play, create, and learn about birds and cultures from our *Flocks & Feathers* exhibit! Please note that adult guidance is required. So come to the Museum and stop by Isaiah's Corner to learn about birds and all things bird-related. Then visit our galleries where you and your children can apply your new knowledge of birds in our temporary exhibits and our permanent bird gallery. For more information, please contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Through December 31st

On Exhibit: *Permanent Galleries*

The permanent galleries of the Everhart Museum feature displays of African and Ancient Art, the dinosaur and bird exhibits, 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 Noon-4:00 pm Thursday, Friday and Monday; 10:00am-5:00 pm on Saturday; and Noon-5:00 pm on Sunday. 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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Public Programs:

Through December 31st Centennial Scavenger Hunt

Celebrate the Everhart's Centennial Year by participating in our year-long scavenger hunt! Prizes, discounts, and a whole lot of fun await you as you try to locate 100 objects in our galleries throughout the year. To participate, log on to our website, www.everhart-museum.org, every month to print a list of objects chosen. Bring in your list, find all the objects, and get a stamp at the end of your hunt...find as many objects as you can throughout the year, and celebrate with us in December 2008, as you are awarded prizes for the number of objects you have found! For more information, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

May 5, 2008 Early Explorations: Looking & Reading Together, Noon to 1:30 pm

Join the Everhart, 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. Classes are free and suitable for Pre-K children. Pre-registration is required and groups are welcome. This program is funded by PNC Bank. For more information or to register, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

May 10, 2008 International Migratory Bird Day: Tropics to Tundra, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Explore the birds that make fantastic journeys, the habitats on which they depend, and the people who help conserve these birds. Join the Everhart, Lackawanna Environmental Institute, and other wildlife organizations in bird games, activities, bird-banding, nature tours, and raptor demonstrations. Activities are free with paid admission to the Museum and are suitable for all ages. No reservations are required. For more information, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

May 15, 2008 Everhart Reads at Anthology Books, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Come to roost at Anthology Books as you meet, discuss, and have fun with fellow readers. Led by Andrea Talarico, and inspired by *Flocks & Feathers*, Everhart Readers will examine themes such as the human, mythological, cultural, and traditional connections to birds! Join us as we discuss *The Conjuror's Bird* by Martin Davies. The discussion group is suitable for ages 16 and up and is free and open to all. Discounted books will be available for purchase at Anthology Books, located in downtown Scranton. Please contact Andrea at scranthology@gmail.com if you are interested in joining Everhart Reads.

May 17, 2008 Early Explorations: Looking & Reading Together, 2:30 to 4:00 pm

Join the Everhart, 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. Classes are free and suitable for Pre-K children. Pre-registration is required and groups are welcome. This program is funded by PNC Bank. For more information or to register, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

May 24, 2008 Feathered Films at the Scranton Cultural Center, 3:00 pm

In conjunction with the Everhart's permanent and temporary bird exhibits and as part of a collaborative project of the Everhart Museum, the Scranton Cultural Center and the Lackawanna County Library System, bird-themed films will be shown once a month through May at the Scranton Cultural Center. The series is FREE and open to the public! The animated film *Chicken Run* (2000), **Rated G**, will be shown on May 24th at 3:00 pm. For more information on the films visit our website: www.everhart-museum.org or call either the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or the Scranton Cultural Center at 570-346-7369.

May 30, 2008 The U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters Concert at the Mellow Theater, 7:30 pm

As part of the Everhart's special Centennial activities, the Museum is honored to present the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters in concert at the Mellow Theater on Friday, May 30, 2008 at 7:30 pm. The U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters chorus is the official chorus of the United States Navy. The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including the sea chantey, to Broadway musicals. The event is sponsored by Wachovia Securities, The Mellow Theater at Lackawanna College and the Everhart Museum. The concert is free and open to the public. Tickets are limited to 4 per household and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information or to obtain tickets, call the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186.

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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

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