

EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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September 2008 Calendar of Events

Scranton – July 14, 2008: The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art announces its upcoming calendar of events for the month of September 2008.

Exhibits:

Through Sept. 1, 2008 **Art of the Land: John Willard Raught and the Continuing NEPA Landscape Tradition**
Based on the 50+ works by John Willard Raught held by the Everhart Museum, this permanent collection began in 1931 when pieces by Raught were donated to the Museum in his memory. Today the Everhart Museum houses the largest public collection his work. Recognition and appreciation of Raught's style extends far beyond the geographic confines of Northeast Pennsylvania for one of the Museum's pieces, "A View of Harrison Avenue Bridge," was on view at the White House and later was on display at the Clinton Presidential Library. In order to show the lasting influence of Raught on the region's artistic community, contemporary regional artists are participating in this project with work ranging from painting to sculpture to other forms of creative expression. Central to the interpretive plan of **Art of the Land** is the desire to create an aesthetic and intellectual experience which enhances understanding of the changing nature of the physical environment and creates a sense of place. Public programs focus on artistic expression and/or environmental exploration by using the Museum collections as well as the natural resources of Nay Aug Park. By centering our interpretation on how individuals relate to nature we are ensuring the next century of support not only for the Everhart Museum, but for the world around us. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Through Sept. 1, 2008 **Mining the Landscape: Student Environmental Art**
Inspired by John Willard Raught's coal breaker paintings, area elementary school students explore both the beauty and the scarring caused by coalmining in the Northeast Pennsylvania landscape. Led by photographer and Keystone College professor, Ward Roe, the students created landscape imagery using photography and collage. Environmental conservation and site scarring, mine reclamation, and pollution are a few of the themes explored in the students' work. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Through Sept. 1, 2008 **Isaiah's Corner: Everhart goes Evergreen!**
Gain a sense of place as you explore the landscape through artistic expression and environmental concepts. Isaiah's Corner provides children with a unique opportunity to learn about landscapes through themes of recycling, fuel sources around the world, materials and garbage, environmental conservation and community activism. Touch, play, create, and discover things about going green and becoming eco-conscious! Please note that adult guidance is required at all times. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org

Beginning Sept. 26, 2008 **Tools in Motion: Work from the Hechinger Collection**
Featuring 65 highlights from the collection of Washington, DC hardware-industry pioneer John Hechinger, this popular, family-friendly exhibition displays the amazing variety of 20th-century art that represents or incorporates tools and hardware. **Tools in Motion** includes sculptures, photographs, and paintings by such artists as Berenice Abbott, Arman, Jim Dine, Richard Estes, Walker Evans, Claes Oldenburg, and Wayne Thiebaud and celebrates the ubiquity of tools in our lives with art that transforms utilitarian objects into fanciful works of beauty, surprise and wit. This traveling exhibit is on loan from International Arts & Artists. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

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Beginning Sept. 26, 2008 Fantasy Tools: Student Art at the Everhart

Fantasy Tools highlights the work of area students who created artworks inspired by their perfect fantasy tool. Through these collaborative efforts, the Everhart Museum nurtures creativity and showcases artistic excellence in the community. The schools involved in this exhibition include: Abington Heights Middle School and High School, Scranton High School, Audubon Elementary School, Prescott Elementary School, and Mountain View Elementary School. **Fantasy Tools** serves as a complement to the exhibit **Tools in Motion: Work from the Hechinger Collection**. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Beginning Sept. 26, 2008 Isaiah's Corner: Tool Time

Isaiah's Corner: Tool Time provides children with a unique opportunity to touch, play, create, and discover things about tools! Please note that adult guidance is required at all times. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Through Dec. 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; 10:00 am-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 Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: general.information@everhart-museum.org.

Public Programs:

Through Dec. 31st Centennial Scavenger Hunt

Celebrate the Everhart Museum's Centennial Year by participating in a year-long scavenger hunt! Prizes, discounts, and a whole lot of fun await you as you try to locate 100 objects in the galleries throughout the year. To participate, log on to the Museum's website, www.everhart-museum.org, every month to print a list of objects chosen. Find as many objects as you can each month and celebrate with us in December 2008, when prizes will be awarded! Suitable for ages 16 and under, but adults are welcome to participate too! For more information, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: education@everhart-museum.org.

September 8, 2008 Early Explorations: Looking & Reading Together, 2:00 to 3:00 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 September 8th local author Lindsay Barrette George presents her new book "Alfred Digs," the story of Alfred the Aardvark and his pet ant, Itty Bitty, as they go on an adventure to the zoo. Suitable for Pre-K children, pre-registration is required and groups are welcome. This program 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.

September 13, 2008 Tools in Motion Film Series at the Scranton Cultural Center, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

The Everhart Museum, in collaboration with the Scranton Cultural Center and the Lackawanna County Library System, hosts free films this fall based on the exhibition **Tools in Motion**. Join us at the Cultural Center on September 13th for the family-friendly animated feature *Cars* (2006). This high octane adventure follows Lightning McQueen, a hot shot stock car heading to the big race. He gets bogged down in Radiator Springs and learns about true friendship during his stay there in this high speed road trip. Voices by Paul Newman, Richard Petty, Bonnie Hunt and Owen Wilson. For more information, contact the Scranton Cultural Center at 570-346-7369 or the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186.

September 18, 2008 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, and inspired by our fall exhibition **Tools in Motion**. Discussion group is free and open to ages 16 and up. Discounted books will be available for purchase at Anthology. September's book is "Guns, Germs, and Steel" by Jared Diamond. Please contact Andrea at scranthology@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

September 20, 2008 Early Explorations: Looking & Reading Together, 2:00 to 3:00 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 September 20th Melissa Russo presents, "You, Incredible You." Suitable for Pre-K children, pre-registration is required and groups are welcome. This program 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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September 22, 2008

“Scranton Reads” Kick-Off Event, 4:00 to 6:00 pm

The Everhart Museum is hosting several events this fall in conjunction with the Scranton Public Library and the City of Scranton for this year’s *Big Read* event. Members of the community are encouraged to read the classic detective novel *The Maltese Falcon*, the classic 1930 detective novel by Dashiell Hammett, then come together to discuss the book as a literary work, thriller, love story and a dark dry comedy. To get the *Big Read* started, a kick-off event will be held at the Everhart Museum on Monday, September 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. For more information visit www.scrantonreads.org for a full listing of events.

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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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