

# EVERHART MUSEUM

NATURAL HISTORY, SCIENCE & ART

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## May 2009 Calendar of Events

**Scranton – April 10, 2009:** The Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art announces its upcoming calendar of events for the month of May 2009.

### Exhibits:

#### **Opening May 7, 2009 Transformations 2008: Icons & Imagery**

**Icons & Imagery** is composed of 32 contemporary quilts from nine countries. The exhibit is traveling internationally and was previously shown in England and South Africa. Each of the artist members of Studio Art Quilt Associates represented in **Transformations '08: Icons & Imagery** used the idea of an icon, with its ability to elicit symbolic meaning beyond the object represented, as a starting point for the quilts in this exhibit. German textile expert Rudolf Smend, who served as the sole juror of this exhibit, chose work he felt "focused primarily on artistic originality, perfect craftsmanship and innovation," while providing a new take on the meaning of iconography through the use of fresh imagery and interpretations. The exhibit was produced by Studio Art Quilt Associates. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: [general.information@everhart-museum.org](mailto:general.information@everhart-museum.org).

#### **Through May 25, 2009 Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books**

Fairy tales offer a magic carpet ride to a timeless, enchanted, dreamlike world. The origins and history of fairy tales spans thousands of years and many cultures. These magical stories were told and retold by storytellers in early civilizations of China, Egypt, Europe and India. The fairy tales and folk tales featured in this exhibit celebrate stories handed down through the ages that echo the wisdom of past cultures and honor the symbolic and metaphoric language of the stories. The exhibit includes traditional versions of: *The Firebird*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Snow White* and *Little Red Riding Hood* along with modern stories such as: *Cinderella's Dress*, *Child of the Faerie: Child of the Earth* and *the Hungry Coat*. Prize winning contemporary artists whose art is featured include: Kinuko Y. Craft, Trina Schart Hyman, Barry Moser, DEMI, Susan Paradis and Jim LaMarche. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: [general.information@everhart-museum.org](mailto:general.information@everhart-museum.org).

#### **Through May 25, 2009 Happily Ever After?: Student Art at the Everhart**

Intrigued by fractured fairy tales? The Everhart Museum's latest Gallery One exhibit, **Happily Ever After?: Student Art at the Everhart**, highlights the work of area students who rewrote unexpected endings to their favorite fairy tales in humorous and thought-provoking artworks. Through these collaborative efforts, the Everhart nurtures creativity and showcases artistic excellence in the community. The schools involved in this exhibition include: Abington Heights High School, Blue Ridge Elementary School, John Marshall Elementary School, Moscow Elementary Center, Mountain View Elementary School, Scranton High School, and South Scranton Intermediate School. **Happily Ever After?** serves as a complement to the exhibit **Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books**. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: [general.information@everhart-museum.org](mailto:general.information@everhart-museum.org).

#### **Through May 25, 2009 Isaiah's Corner: Enchanted Everhart!**

Let your sense of adventure lead you to **Isaiah's Corner: Enchanted Everhart**, where your imagination can run wild as you explore fairy tales and folk tales. Become a king or queen, solve puzzles, discover magic objects, and more in our hands-on activity center, designed with our youngest visitors in mind. Touch, play, create, and learn about the stories, objects, and illustrations from our **Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books** exhibit! 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](mailto:general.information@everhart-museum.org).

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**Through Dec. 31st**

**The Rocks & Minerals Permanent Gallery**

The Everhart is pleased to announce the opening of a new permanent gallery, **The Rocks & Minerals Gallery**. This new gallery reinterprets and presents a new and improved version of the "Rocks Room," a well-known and beloved exhibit that was retired more than a decade ago. Created in the 1950s, the original "Rocks Room" was a small closet gallery featuring "glow-in-the-dark" rocks. It was a must-see experience for children from throughout Northeast Pennsylvania who visited during the 1960s and 1970s, and remained the most popular element of the Museum into the 1980s. The reopening of this permanent gallery cements the Everhart Museum's commitment to featuring more of its natural sciences collection and awakening the wonder and magic of museums in the child still found in all of us. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Everhart Museum at 570-346-7186 or email: [general.information@everhart-museum.org](mailto:general.information@everhart-museum.org).

**Through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**

**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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:general.information@everhart-museum.org).

**Public Programs:**

**May 1, 2009**

**YOUTH4ART Afterschool Museum Arts Program, 3:00 to 5:00 pm**

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**May 7, 2009**

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**May 8, 2009**

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**May 9, 2009**

**International Migratory Bird Day: Celebrating Birds in our Culture, 1:00 to 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, bird tours, and 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](mailto:education@everhart-museum.org).

**May 9, 2009**

**PASTELS: With Virginia Sosik, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

This one-day pastel workshop will concentrate on composition, value, rendering techniques, and color harmony, while also making pastels and landscape less intimidating to those who may be new to it. Taught by award winning artist, Virginia Sosik, and inspired by the Everhart's permanent collection of landscape paintings, special emphasis will be placed on skies, looking at light, time, and weather to capture the atmosphere of the out-of-doors. This class is meant for beginner or intermediate levels and is suitable for ages 16 and up. Cost is \$55 and includes supplies and lunch. Pre-registration is required. Call 570-346-7186 for more information or to register.

**May 11, 2009**

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**May 16, 2009**

**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 16<sup>th</sup>, Lackawanna Children's Library Educator Amy Buntz presents "The Little Red Hen." The 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](mailto:education@everhart-museum.org).

**May 16, 2009**

**Science Discovery Day for Girl Scout Juniors, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Junior Girl Scouts will observe the exciting world of science as they discover a rainbow inside, track animal prints, hunt for birds and other forest animals, and do cool chemistry experiments. Participants will earn the Science Discovery Patch. Lunch is provided. Space is limited to 75 Junior Girl Scouts! Call Kris Battle at 1-800-692-7816 ext. 1330 for information or to register.

**May 18, 2009**

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**May 21, 2009**

**Everhart Reads at Anthology Books!, 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

Meet, discuss, and have fun with fellow readers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Led by Andrea Talarico, and inspired by our spring exhibition *Fairy Tale Art*. Discussion group is free and open to ages 16 and up. Discounted books will be available at Anthology. May's book is "Big Fish" by Daniel Wallace. Please contact Andrea at 570-341-1443 or [scranthology@gmail.com](mailto:scranthology@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us.

**May 22, 2009**

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