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New Student Exhibit Inspired by Popular LEGO® Toys Opens February 5, 2010 at Scranton's Everhart Museum

Scranton – January 11, 2010: Who hasn't enjoyed playing with the ever popular LEGO® building blocks at one time or another? The Everhart Museum's latest Gallery One exhibit, ***Brick Creations: Student Art at the Everhart***, highlights the work of area students who were invited to create artworks inspired by real or imaginary LEGO creations. The schools involved in this exhibition include: Blue Ridge Elementary School, Howard Gardner School of Discovery, Lakeside Elementary School, Mid Valley Secondary School, Montrose Area High School, Mountain View Elementary School, and Stourbridge Primary Center. ***Brick Creations*** is on display in the Everhart Museum's Gallery One beginning February 5 and continuing through May 2, 2010 and is part of the Everhart's ongoing strategy to nurture creativity and showcase artistic excellence.

The artists represented in ***Brick Creations*** range in age from 2nd to 12th grade students. Everhart Curator Nezka Pfeifer was excited to see how creative students could be in expressing a three-dimensional concept (the LEGO brick) in a two-dimensional form by using drawing, collage, photography, and painting. Reviewing the work, she commented on the sophistication of the subjects and how the medium used (particularly photography and graphic design) demonstrates how digital technology has become a common tool for artists of all ages. "I commend all of the wonderful teachers and artists who guided their students to be inventive in these artworks and present their own aesthetic and perspective," says Pfeifer. "The students who participated in this project impressed the Everhart's staff with their creativity in illustrating the LEGO universe."

Brick Creations: Student Art at the Everhart complements the exhibit ***The Art of the Brick®*** featuring 30 works by New York-based artist Nathan Sawaya who used nearly one million colorful LEGO pieces to create his whimsical and awe-inspiring sculptures. Sawaya has been featured on "The Today Show," "Late Night with David Letterman," and "The Colbert Report." ***The Art of the Brick®*** is on loan from the artist and will also be on display at the Everhart Museum, February 5 through May 2, 2010. Partial underwriting for that exhibit is provided by Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, Inc., Penn Security Bank & Trust Co., and The Oppenheim Family.

Closed during the month of January, the Everhart Museum will reopen on February 1, 2010 on the following schedule: Monday, Thursday, & Friday, 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.