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Experience March Madness at the Everhart Museum—with a Mummy!

Scranton, PA ---- Starting March 9, and for a short time only, the Everhart Museum will be bringing its Peruvian mummy out of storage as part of the exhibition **Preserved: Traditions of the Andes**. Dr. G. E Hill, a prominent dentist from the Scranton area, donated the mummy to the Museum in 1923. Based on archival records, Dr. Hill received the mummy from his father following a stint in Peru. Other than that, very little is known about the mummy although it has been identified as belonging to the Paracas culture one of the oldest cultures of South America dating back to 800 – 100 B.C. The mummy was last on view in the 1990s.

Preserved: Traditions of the Andes will be on display March 9 through April 7 and open to the public **weekends only**. Traditions of ancient Andean cultures will be explored through textiles, ceramics, tools, and burial practices. "Mummies have long been fascinating," says Executive Director Aurore Giguet. "Peruvian mummification traditions started seven thousand years ago, that's much earlier than in Egypt, and lasted until the Spanish conquest 500 years ago."

Through the study of the mummy and the objects on view, the exhibition will also focus on the topic of preservation and the science behind it as well as addressing issues that face indigenous Andean communities today. Visitors will be encouraged to participate and consider how our society may be presented one day in futuristic times.

This exhibition is underwritten by **Peoples Security Bank & Trust**

The Everhart Museum is open: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Monday**; 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Thursday**; 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Friday**; 10:00 am – 5:00 pm **Saturday**; and 12:00 pm – 5:00 p.m. **Sunday**. **Admission is** \$7/adults, \$5/students & seniors, \$3/children 6-12, and free to guests five and under as well as Everhart Museum members.

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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 exhibitions and programs, the Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. The Lackawanna County Office of Arts & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton provide general support. For more information, visit the website everhart-museum.org or call at 570-346-7186.