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### **The State Museum of Pennsylvania Presents Covered Bridges Lecture** *Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges – Design, Designers and Distribution* **May 13, 2006**

**Harrisburg, PA** – The State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North Street, will presents a special lecture by Benjamin D. and June R. Evans entitled *Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges – Design, Designers and Distribution* at The State Museum on May 13, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. This program is in conjunction with the current museum exhibit *Covered Bridges: Spanning the American Landscape*, which celebrates these iconic structures and the individuals behind their development through photographs, architectural schematics and models.

The exhibit will run through July 16, when it will continue on a multi-city national tour. The covered bridges exhibit was developed by the Historic American Engineering Record, a division of the National Park Service, and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES); it is funded in part by the Federal Highway Administration.

Lecturers Benjamin D. and June R. Evans have photographed, documented and written about covered bridges for the past fourteen years. Their first publication, *Pennsylvania's Covered Bridges – A Complete Guide*, was published by the University of Pittsburgh Press in 1993, with an updated version published in 2001. Following these publications, their book, *New England's Covered Bridges - A Complete Guide*, was published in 2004 by the University Press of New England. Since 2002, they have also served as the co-editors of *Pennsylvania Crossings*, the newsletter of The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, Inc.

The Evans' covered bridge affiliations include: The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, Inc.; the Columbia County Covered Bridge Society; the Indiana Covered Bridge Society, Inc.; the New York State Covered Bridge Society; the Ohio Historic Bridge Association; the Vermont Covered Bridge Society and the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges.

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The lecture is free to the public, with a reception sponsored by the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society immediately following. The Evans' will be available to sign copies of their book, which can be purchased at Radius, the HACC Gallery and Museum Shop located on the ground floor of The State Museum.

For detailed information on the Covered Bridges exhibition and other museum programs visit The State Museum's website: [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org).

The State Museum of Pennsylvania is one of 25 historic sites and museums administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon to 5 p.m. General admission to The State Museum is FREE. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984.

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