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The State Museum Presents Third Installment of its FREE “Second Saturday” Guided Tours for A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania’s New Deal Post Office Murals

Harrisburg, PA – On Saturday, February 14, The State Museum of Pennsylvania will offer the third installment of its “Second Saturday” curator and educator guided tours of *A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania’s New Deal Post Office Murals*. Tours are offered at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., and highlight some of the fascinating stories behind the murals and artworks installed in post offices across Pennsylvania during the Great Depression and featured in the museum’s exhibition.

With 88 artworks in 88 post offices, the Commonwealth boasts the second largest collection of New Deal post office murals in the country, and this special exhibition, which runs through May 17, brings them together for the very first time. Of special interest are the many artworks depicting everyday life in Pennsylvania during the 1930s and early 1940s, and the many industries that once operated across the state.

“Second Saturday” tours, led by the exhibition curator and educator, will be offered on the second Saturday of each month through May, 2009. Tours last approximately one-hour and are FREE to the public. No registration is required.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History™, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm., and Sunday, 12 Noon to 5 pm. The State Museum is closed Mondays. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6887 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. More information on The State Museum is available online at www.statemuseumpa.org.