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**State Museum Announces FREE “Second Saturday” Guided Tours for  
*A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania’s New Deal Post Office Murals***

**Harrisburg, PA** – On Saturday, December 13, The State Museum of Pennsylvania offers the first installment of its “Second Saturday” curator and educator guided tours of *A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania’s New Deal Post Office Murals*. Tours will begin at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., and will highlight for visitors 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 new 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, 2009 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 will 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. Closed Mondays. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6887 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984.