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### **Special Exhibit Lecture Series Begins January 30 at The State Museum**

**Harrisburg, Pa.** – Ed Dix, a botanist for Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will present “The Old Growth of Penn's Woods: Relics of the Forest Primeval,” the first lecture in a three-part series associated with The State Museum of Pennsylvania’s special exhibit **Wood on Glass: The Lumber Industry Photographs of William T. Clarke**.

The lecture by Mr. Dix will take place at the museum on Sunday, January 30, 2011, at 2 pm. and will focus on the fascinating "old growth" forests of the state forest system – where they are located, how they have survived, and what they tell us about the Commonwealth’s forests long ago. A life-long resident of Pennsylvania, Mr. Dix earned graduate degrees in botany and horticulture from Penn State University and has served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as botanist and educator for DCNR’s Bureau of Forestry since 1990.

**Wood on Glass** – which is on view at The State Museum through May 1, 2011 – consists of approximately thirty stunning photographs by little known and long forgotten photographer William T. Clarke (1859-1930), a Rochester, NY native who chronicled the lumber industry and its dramatic impact on North Central Pennsylvania during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Clarke’s evocative legacy is showcased in **Wood on Glass** with custom prints made from collections of remarkable glass plate

negatives at the Pennsylvania State Archives and in private hands. A number of period lumber-related and domestic artifacts from The State Museum and the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum of Galeton are also featured to complement the photographs.

The DCNR lecture series in conjunction with the exhibit will continue on Sunday March 13, 2011, with “Penn’s Woods,” and April 17, 2011, with “Tree-Vitalization.” These programs will be free to museum members and free to the public with museum admission.

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The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and Senior Citizens and includes admission to the popular young children’s space, Curiosity Connection. Planetarium shows are \$2 per person in addition to general admission.

Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society (including State Museum affiliate members) receive free general admission (some programs require a separate fee) and free admission to Planetarium shows. Please contact (717) 772-6997, Monday-Friday, 9 am – 4 pm to register for the program and to learn more about State Museum and Pennsylvania Heritage Society membership.

Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. For more information on museum programs, planetarium shows, exhibitions and other events at The State Museum, click on [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org).