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USCT Civil War Gallery Display, Educational Programs, Photography Exhibit, and Other November 2010 Events at The State Museum of Pennsylvania

Harrisburg, Pa. – The State Museum of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth’s official museum, announces its program schedule for November 2010:

SPECIAL CIVIL WAR GALLERY DISPLAY – “MEN OF COLOR – TO ARMS! TO ARMS!” To coincide with Harrisburg’s Grand Review and United States Colored Troops commemorations, The State Museum of Pennsylvania has re-installed a rare regimental USCT flag and several personal USCT military effects and historic images in a new display featured in the museum’s 2nd floor Civil War Gallery. On Saturday, November 6, at 2 p.m., the State Museum’s Acting Director, David Dunn, will introduce the display followed by a book signing by Richard Saylor, author of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission’s **Soldiers to Governors: Pennsylvania’s Civil War Veterans Who Became State Leaders**. These programs are free with museum admission.

HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAM: For the second year, Penn National Insurance is sponsoring a special program for the Harrisburg School district students to provide in-depth science-related programs at The State Museum. The museum’s education staff is conducting special tours and workshops for all 4th and 6th graders from the school district through early January 2011.

ARCHAEOLOGY DAY AT THE CAPITOL – “Save the Past for the Future:” On Monday, November 8, 10 am – 2 pm, State Museum archaeologists will join with colleagues from around the Commonwealth to celebrate and offer exhibits on the importance of archaeology. Special guests from the Tuscarora nation will speak on the “Long Journey Home” at 11 am. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC), the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc., the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the museum’s parent agency, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE: The State Museum Store will participate in the Pennsylvania Heritage Society's 5th Annual **Holiday Marketplace** on Thursday and Friday, November 18 and 19, 10 am – 3 pm in the Commonwealth Keystone Building (Forster Street and Commonwealth Avenue, Harrisburg). Museum stores from the Pennsylvania Trails of History and other participants such as Tony's Cafe at Keystone, Capitol Preservation Committee, DCNR and DCED's Artisan Trails will be offering with unique items to help you start off your holiday shopping. Free and open to the public.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT – WOOD ON GLASS: THE LUMBER INDUSTRY PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILLIAM T. CLARKE: William T. Clarke (1859-1930) photographed the transformation of North Central Pennsylvania’s forests during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He produced stunning images that tell the story of lumbering in the vast stands of old-growth white pine and hemlock. **Wood on Glass** showcases Clarke’s historic visual legacy from the State Archives and a private collection and will be on view November 21, 2010 – May 1, 2011. A special curatorial walk-through and opening reception hosted by the Keystone Chapter of the Society of American Foresters will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2 pm. Free with museum admission.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES: The State Museum’s administrative offices and galleries will be closed on Thursday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day, and Thursday, November 25,

in observance of Thanksgiving. The museum will be open on Friday, November 26, when the museum store will host a Black Friday sale.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trails of History®, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. 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. Every third Saturday of the month is free to the public.

The State Museum Store offers an array of museum and Pennsylvania-related products, children's items, and souvenirs and is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm; Sunday, 1 pm – 4 pm.

Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society (including State Museum affiliate members) receive free general admission (some programs require a separate fee). 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.

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