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**Night of the Great Pumpkin, The State Museum of Pennsylvania's Most Popular Family Event, Goes Green Saturday, October 31, 2009**

**Harrisburg, PA** – The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at Third and North Streets, Harrisburg, presents *Night of the Great Pumpkin – Energize the Night* Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

This family friendly event encourages families to celebrate the season with a program of fun and educational activities – with the emphasis on the fun – all with an emphasis on conservation, recycling and the environment.

Special “Green” features include:

Kit's Interactive Theatre: "Mother Nature" - combining ecology and mythology, Mother Nature and her friend the Fairy Queen teach the importance of conservation through story-telling, dance and improvisation.

An Energy Carnival with recycling games where visitors can learn more about recycling through various games and activities. Learn more about Pennsylvania's first recyclers the Native Americans and how they used all parts of the white-tailed deer.

"Forgotten Friend Reptile Show" featuring live animals.

Favorite activities from past *Night of the Great Pumpkins* return including singing and dancing with the DJ, trick or treat stops throughout the museum galleries, displays of pumpkins crafted from recycled or repurposed materials or decorated with natural products, refreshments and planetarium shows. Kids are encouraged to come in a homemade costume. Ideas for costumes as well as tips on conservation and recycling are available online at [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org).

Admission is \$8.00 for adults and children and \$6.00 for Pennsylvania Heritage Society® members. Tickets are available in advance by calling (717) 772-6997. Have your credit card ready. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door, so purchasing your tickets in advance is highly recommended.

For detailed information on *Night of the Great Pumpkin: Energize the Night* and other museum programs call The State Museum of Pennsylvania at (717) 772-6997, or visit our website: [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org)

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History® ([www.PATrailsofHistory.com](http://www.PATrailsofHistory.com)), 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.

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