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Archaeology Month, New Museum Store, and Other October 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 October 2010:

ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH: As part of a national observance, the achievements of exploring the past through archaeology are commemorated by The State Museum every October. This year the museum will continue its annual dig to uncover the 18th century remains of Fort Hunter in Dauphin County through Friday, October 15; provide information and exhibits for Archaeology Day at the State Capitol’s East Rotunda on Monday, November 8, and offer staff tours of The State Museum’s Archaeology Gallery free with museum admission on Thursdays and Fridays 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., October 14, 15, 21, and 22.

THE STATE MUSEUM STORE: Following a summer hiatus, the museum will open a mini-store on its ground floor on Wednesday, October 13, offering an array of museum and Pennsylvania-related products and souvenirs. A new full-service museum store operated by The State Museum and the Pennsylvania Heritage Society will open to the public in early spring 2011.

MOBILE EXHIBIT: “MEET-U,” a traveling trailer exhibit depicting the history of the oil and gas industry in Pennsylvania, will be parked on North Street and Third Street adjacent to The State Museum in the State Capitol Complex and on Tuesday, October 12. A program of the

Drake Well Museum, Titusville – a Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission site – the exhibit will be open for visitors from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and free to the public. MEET-U is a project of the Friends of Drake Well. *Note: The State Museum is closed on Tuesdays.*

AFRICAN FESTIVAL: Nate Gadsden’s *Writer’s Wordshop* will celebrate the culture and history of Africa in the museum’s auditorium on Saturday, October 16, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. as part of a series of multicultural programming held every third Saturday of the month at The State Museum. Free to the public.

GREAT PUMPKIN DAY: The State Museum will offer a family event for the harvest season on Saturday, October 23, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Young children and their parents will enjoy a spooky scavenger hunt exploring the exhibit galleries, Halloween cartoons, and crafts. Free with museum general admission.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE: The State Museum’s administrative offices and galleries will be closed on Monday, October 11, in observance of Columbus Day.

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 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under – and Senior Citizens. Every third Saturday of the month is FREE to the public.

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

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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