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***Gallery Talk for A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals Scheduled for January 24 at 2:00 p.m.***

**Harrisburg, PA** – David Lembeck, Independent Scholar and co-curator of *A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals* will present a gallery talk titled, "Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals" in the first floor gallery at The State Museum of Pennsylvania on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Admission is free to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, no registration is required.

State College native David Lembeck began researching Pennsylvania's New Deal post office murals more than ten years ago. Since that time, Lembeck has assembled an incredibly rich history based on a wide range of sources, from oral histories to rare archival documents. Join Dave Lembeck as he shares some of the many fascinating stories that have emerged from his research into this one-of-a-kind collection of place-specific murals and sculptures documenting the "Pennsylvania Scene."

Dr. Curt Miner, The State Museum's senior curator of Popular Culture and co-curator with Lembeck on *A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals* will be available for discussion following the gallery talk.

The exhibition, *A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals*, runs through May 17, 2009.

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. The State Museum is closed Mondays. Individuals who need special

assistance should call (717) 787-6887 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. More information about the programs and exhibits at The State Museum is available online at [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org).