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**The State Museum of Pennsylvania is Open the Day after Thanksgiving**  
**Get out of the Stores and into The State Museum *Enjoy Planetarium Shows, Curiosity Connection***  
***and the New Deal Art Exhibition, Common Canvas***

**Harrisburg** – The State Museum is open Friday, November 28, welcoming family and friends with the perfect post holiday alternative to crowded shopping malls and more leftover turkey.

In addition to The State Museum’s permanent exhibits, and the ever-popular Curiosity Connection, for one day only the State Museum Planetarium will present a series of “fan favorites” featuring some of the most popular shows according to planetarium guests:

- 11:00 a.m.     ***The Zula Patrol: Under the Weather*** – For younger viewers Pre-K to 2nd grade, the animated cast from the popular television series investigates the weather in our solar system while solving a mysterious riddle along the way.
- 12:00 noon    ***Passport to the Universe*** – Featuring the voice of Tom Hanks, the breathtaking *Passport to the Universe* reveals the wonders of our universe.
- 1:00 p.m.      ***Astronaut*** – Narrated by actor Ewan McGregor, *Astronaut* takes an in- depth look at what is required of the men and women who are selected for this unique profession.
- 2:00 p.m.      ***Black Holes*** – Narrated by actor Liam Neeson, this show presents a fascinating look at the most mysterious objects in our universe.

Tickets for planetarium shows must be purchased prior to the show at the Museum Information Desk on the ground floor. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults; \$3.00 for children 12 and under and Senior Citizens. Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society® receive a discount rate of \$2.50.

Visitors can also experience the new exhibition *A Common Canvas: Pennsylvania's New Deal Post Office Murals* featuring photographs, color studies, archival images and original artworks associated with some of the 88 murals and artworks, commissioned for Pennsylvania post offices through the United States Treasury Department between 1933 and 1942. Each artwork, aimed to capture something intrinsically important about the Pennsylvania community in which they were to be installed. Industries such as coal and steel are recurring motifs, but the collection also reflects other traditions as well: agriculture, glass making, lumbering, historical events/individuals, Native Americans and a variety of town and streetscapes.

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 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. For more information on programs, exhibitions and events at The State Museum, click on [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org)