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Restoration of Mammal Hall—Your Help Is Needed!

Did you ever visit The State Museum of Pennsylvania as a child? If so, you likely remember our beautiful Mammal Hall, one of the most beloved exhibit areas in the museum. Custom curated and created for the museum in the late 1960s, 13 world-class dioramas—windows into Pennsylvania's natural environment—depict vivid scenes of wild animals in their habitats, including bears, deer, elk, foxes and a bison.

Mammal Hall's popularity has stood the test of time. After 50 years as one of our most iconic exhibits, it is now in need of restoration. We have contracted with a number of specialists to work with museum staff to clean the specimens in the displays and install new lighting and interpretive label panels, inspired by state-of-the-art examples recently completed at the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) in New York City. Several of our consultants, in fact, were on the team that brought AMNH's Hall of North American Mammals back to life.

We are now seeking individual and corporate sponsors for the project. Naming opportunities are available, and gifts at all levels will be recognized in our Annual Report and opening reception program. Every year, 40,000 school children visit The State Museum of Pennsylvania on school trips. Help us revitalize this famous educational exhibit for all of our future visitors, young and old. For more information, contact PHF at 717-787-2407.



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Members are those who support PHF at the highest level by donating \$1,000 or more on an annual basis. PHF helps PHMC protect and provide access to PHMC's 24 historic sites and museums, 5 million objects and 237 million archival items. This key contribution is integral in helping us educate and enrich the lives of Pennsylvanians in the present and future.

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Inaugural Exhibit of Pennsylvania Arts

On Monday, January 19, 2015, Governor Tom Wolf, First Lady Frances Wolf and their family visited the *Inaugural Exhibit of Pennsylvania Arts* at The State Museum. This unique show featured works by preeminent Pennsylvania artists of the past, such as Benjamin West, Gilbert Stuart, Thomas Eakins, Cecilia Beaux, William Glackens, Joan Sloan, Violet Oakley, Charles Demuth, Horace Pippin, N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth and Andy Warhol. Selections by currently active Pennsylvania artists, including recent Art of the State exhibitors, were also featured. Works were loaned by a number of museums and institutions throughout the state. The exhibit was open to the public on Inauguration Day and was on display for one month.



Governor Tom Wolf with PHMC Executive Director Jim Vaughan at the *Inaugural Exhibit of Pennsylvania Arts*.
PHMC/PHOTO BY DON GILES

The State Museum Opens New Nature Lab



Pennsylvania is full of rich natural wonders. It is important to appreciate, protect and educate our visitors about these resources, and we are much better equipped to do that with our new interactive Nature Lab. This exciting space—adjacent to the museum's third floor natural history exhibits—will be the setting for many programs for all ages, including presentations by partner agencies like the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and of course by our own curators. Watch for more details on an engaging series of demonstrations about Pennsylvania's wildlife.

State Museum paleontology curator Steven Jasinski spoke to nearly 100 children and their parents in Nature Lab about "Meteorites: Rocks from Space!" during The State Museum's popular Noon Year's Eve event on December 31, 2014.

PHOTO BY BETH HAGER

Pennsylvania Modern Architecture

UnCommon Modern: A Pennsylvania Glossary of Midcentury Architecture

Photographs by Betsy Manning of Midcentury Modern architecture will be on exhibit at The State Museum of Pennsylvania until April 26, 2015.

Pennsylvania Modern Architecture Juried Photo Exhibit

As part of The State Museum and Archives Complex's 50th anniversary commemoration, PHMC will host a juried photo exhibit at The State Museum focusing on Pennsylvania's wide variety of Modern architecture. Photographs displaying examples of mid-20th-century buildings constructed in Pennsylvania between 1930 and 1980 will be featured in the exhibit. Entries may depict exteriors, interiors and/or details of roadside architecture, schools, religious buildings, houses, commercial structures, recreational sites and other Modern structures.

Full details on submitting photographs are available on The State Museum's web site: statemuseumpa.org. Entries will be received online through June 30, 2015. The exhibit will open to the public on Sunday, October 25, 2015, and close February 28, 2016.



Stein's Florists, Philadelphia, by Betsy Manning

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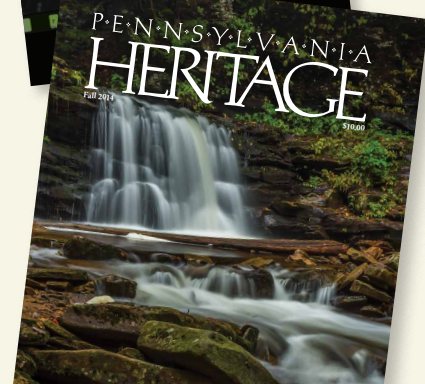
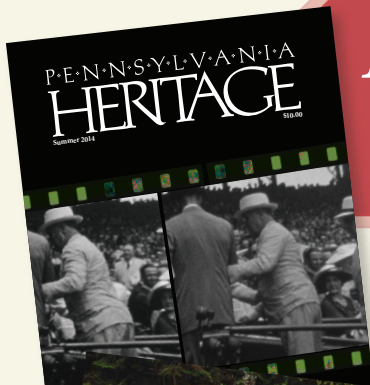
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50th Anniversary Gala Saturday, October 24, 2015

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