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PHF Hosts the 50th Anniversary Gala for The State Museum and Archives Complex

On October 24, 2015, more than 200 people gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of The State Museum and Archives Complex at a black-tie dinner and preview of two new exhibits: *Pennsylvania Icons* and *PA Modern: A Photography Exhibit of Midcentury Architecture*. PHF thanks the many sponsors who supported the event. All proceeds will be invested back into private funding efforts for the restoration of Mammal Hall at The State Museum and the construction of a new State Archives building.



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50th Anniversary Gala for The State Museum and Archives Complex



PHMC Executive Director James Vaughan, Gala Chair Patricia Ferris, PHF Executive Director Heather Hu and PHF President and Gala Chair Ann Moran.

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Governor Mark Schweiker, Katherine Schweiker, Governor Tom Corbett and PHMC Commissioner Susan Corbett.

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Gala guests dined amid the animal dioramas in Mammal Hall.

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Pennsylvania Turnpike Exhibit Opens

On October 1, 2015, Pennsylvania Turnpike leadership joined PHMC and PHF officials in the opening of the exhibit *Pennsylvania Turnpike: America's First Super-highway* at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. Also in attendance were representatives from 31 corporate sponsors



whose private donations to PHF helped to make the exhibit a reality.

Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC)
Chairman Sean Logan, PHMC Executive Director James Vaughan, PTC CEO Mark Compton and PTC COO Craig Shuey.

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PA Modern Exhibit Opens

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of The State Museum and Archives Complex, *PA Modern: A Photography Exhibit of Midcentury Architecture* opened on October 25, 2015. The exhibit includes 98 images showcasing Modern architecture from sites across the commonwealth with diverse scenes of houses, churches, skyscrapers, diners, schools and more.

The two purchase award winners of the juried exhibit were announced in a brief ceremony: Andrew Hoff of Camp Hill, Cumberland County, received the Best of Show \$1,000 award for his photograph of Barlup's Appliances in Enola and Joseph Skompski of Uniontown, Fayette County, won the \$500 honor of Best of The State Museum and Archives Complex for his work depicting the State Archives tower. Both photographs will become part of PHMC's permanent collection and were selected by the exhibit's independent jurors: Dennis Hockman, National Trust for Historic Preservation; Betsy Manning, Philadelphia-area photojournalist; and David Oresick, Pittsburgh's Silver Eye Center for Photography.

The show is complemented by a display of early images and objects related to the creation of the complex, including the original architects' model and refurbished furniture made 50 years ago for the museum by Savoy Furniture of Williamsport. PHMC Director of Strategic Initiatives Beth Hager and State Museum curators Amy Hammond and Carol Buck curated the show.



Barlup's Appliances, Enola, by Andrew Hoff



State Archives Tower by Joseph Skompski

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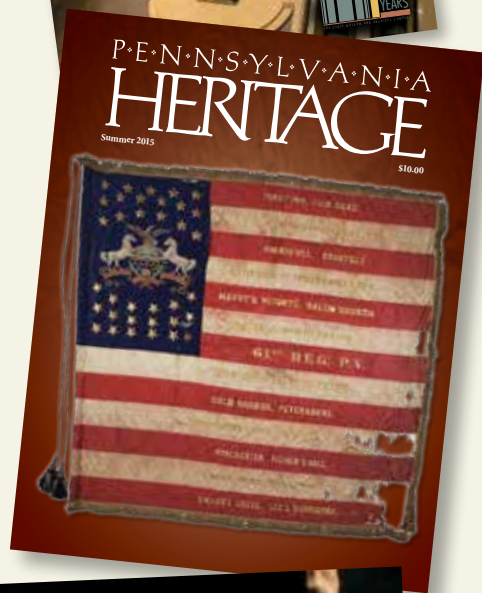
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