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State Museum Programs Offer an Insider's View of "Art of the State"

Harrisburg – The State Museum of Pennsylvania is now presenting "Artists' Conversations," a three-part tour program that pairs a selection of "Art of the State: Pennsylvania 2013" artists with museum staff and an exhibit juror to share perspectives on the exhibition.

The events from the program will run through Sunday, Sept. 8. They are free with museum admission and reservations are not required.

The first program in the series will feature "Art of the State" purchase prize-winner Sue Reno. She will be joined by State Museum Director David W. Dunn on Friday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m., to provide an insiders' tour of the exhibition. The event will be held in conjunction with 3rd in the Burg, Harrisburg's monthly arts and entertainment celebration.

Reno is an award-winning fiber artist who lives and works in Lancaster County. Her rich and intricate art quilts feature botanical and wildlife subjects, as well as architectural motifs, including the renovations of the former Watt and Shand Department Store building in Lancaster and the Ashley and Bailey Silk Mill in Columbia, Lancaster County. Her work has been selected for the U.S. State Department's Art in Embassies program and featured on HGTV and in *Quilter's Newsletter* magazine.

The State Museum selected Reno's "Silk Mill #3" as the purchase prize-winning work; it will become part of the museum's permanent fine arts collection.

The second "Artists' Conversations" event will be held on Sunday, Aug. 11, at 1 p.m., pairing artist/photographer Carl Sander Socolow, Camp Hill, with State Museum staff photographer Don Giles.

For Harrisburg's Gallery Walk, Sunday, Sept. 8, at 1 p.m., painter Ted Walsh, Philadelphia, will team with "Art of the State" awards juror Lucy Gans, art professor at Lehigh University, Bethlehem.

"Art of the State" is recognized as the official, statewide juried competition for Pennsylvania artists. This year's show features 137 pieces by 113 artists from 31 counties. "Art of the State" is co-presented by Jump Street and The State Museum.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, adjacent to the State Capitol in Harrisburg, is

one of 25 historic sites and museums administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History®. The State Museum offers expansive collections interpreting Pennsylvania's fascinating heritage. With exhibits examining the dawn of geologic time, the Native American experience, the colonial and revolutionary eras, a pivotal Civil War battleground and the commonwealth's vast industrial age, The State Museum demonstrates that Pennsylvania's story is America's story.

Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, and \$4 for children and senior citizens.

For more information about the museum, visit www.statemuseumpa.org.

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