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The State Museum of Pennsylvania Announces September Programming

Harrisburg - The State Museum of Pennsylvania today announced public programming features for the month of September:

Community Archaeology Programs:
The State Museum's Archaeology Section will offer a free program during Harrisburg's annual Kipona festival on City Island, August 31 through September 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The annual fall excavation will also be held at Dauphin County's historic Fort Hunter. The site's 18th-century occupation will be the focus from September 4 through October 11. Excavation hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, September 15, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Latino-Hispanic Art Display:
In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, The State Museum will exhibit works by several of Pennsylvania's prominent Latino-Hispanic artists, including Henry Bermudez, Susana Amundarain, and Michelle Angela. September 6 through October 20.

Sunday, September 8 - Special Free Events for Harrisburg's Annual Gallery Walk:

Free admission day; The State Museum is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Art of the State," the special annual juried exhibition presented by Jump Street and The State Museum of Pennsylvania marks its final day.

1 p.m. - Artists Conversations, a Special Insiders Tour of the "Art of the State" Exhibition with 1st-place painting winner Ted Walsh of Philadelphia and awards juror Lucy Gans, art professor at Lehigh University, Bethlehem.

2 p.m. - Reception for Doshi Gallery exhibit "Construction/Deconstruction." Hosted by the Susquehanna Art Museum, the exhibit is on display through December 1, 2013.

All day - Susquehanna Art Museum's mobile exhibit VanGO! will be parked adjacent to The State Museum near the corner of North and Third Streets and open for Gallery Walk.

Friday, September 20, 6 p.m. - State Museum 3rd in the Burg Event:
The Friends of the State Museum will host a special opening for the exhibit "Stories from the Home Front: Pennsylvania in the Civil War." This is a new and enhanced version of the popular "Civil War Road Show" which traveled the Commonwealth in 2011 and 2012.

The opening will feature a reception, presentation and book signing by the authors of the recently published book "The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History." The book is first photo history of the war in the commonwealth.

Cost is $40 per person; $35 for State Museum Affiliate members and Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation members. Purchase tickets on line at www.shoppaheritage.com. Call (717) 787-2407 for more information.

Wednesday, September 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - HomeSchool Day:
The Civil War in Pennsylvania will be the theme for The State Museum's fifth annual HomeSchool Day for families and community organizations who teach in a home setting. The museum's new exhibit "Pennsylvania in the Civil War: Stories from the Home Front" will be featured. Presentations will be made by curators, educators, period musician Kent Courtney and actor Steve Anderson.

Program fee is $10 per person and includes admission to the new Planetarium show "We Are Aliens." Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation (including State Museum affiliate members) will be admitted free of charge. Register for HomeSchool Day by calling (717) 772-6997, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The State Planetarium: Bigger, Brighter, Bolder! The State Museum presents its newly-upgraded Planetarium XD, featuring the latest in projection technology. Shows offered September 4 through December 1 include:

> **"Losing the Dark"** (grade 2 and up)
> This live presentation looks at the constellations, planets, and the moon phase to demonstrate how to look at the night sky. It also shows how light pollution is destroying our night sky view. Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 11:00 a.m., Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
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> **"We Are Aliens"** (grade 4 and up)
> Narrated by actor Rupert Grint, well-known for his role as Ron Weasley in the "Harry Potter" movies, "We Are Aliens" explores the extreme environments that support life on Earth and probes the age-old question, "Are we alone in the universe?" Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 12 noon, Saturdays at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m, Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Planetarium shows are $2 per person, in addition to general admission; free to State Museum Affiliate Members.

Museum Closure: The State Museum's offices and galleries will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 2.

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. 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, $4 for children and senior citizens.

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

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