

## REGION'S MUSEUMS CELEBRATE MUSEUM WEEK APRIL 27-MAY 3

Special discounts on admission, gift shops, and other services at over 50 regional attractions



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Philadelphia-Greater Philadelphia's museums offer countless opportunities for remembering, discovering, and learning. During Museum Week, April 27<sup>th</sup>-May 3<sup>rd</sup>, over fifty regional museums will offer not just incredible arrays of exhibits and collections, but, for one week only, special discounts on admission, shopping and other amenities.

"Our region stands out for it's incredibly rich selection of museums, science centers, historical sites, and gardens," says Peggy Amsterdam, President of the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance. "From cutting edge art to some of the most historically significant collections in the world, Philadelphia is second to none."

Fifty five regional museums will highlight their collections and exhibits, while offering special discounts during Museum Week. Details on participating museums and special offers are available online at <a href="https://www.phillyfunguide.com/museumweek">www.phillyfunguide.com/museumweek</a>. A full list of participating museums is below.

Museum Week is being produced in honor of the 2009 American Association of Museums (AAM) Conference, which will be hosted by Philadelphia the first week of May. Over 6000 museums professionals from around the country will descend on Philadelphia to discuss how to remain relevant, real and responsive in today's challenging environment.

"We are delighted that Philadelphia museums are offering these incredible discounts and special offers to the general public during Museum Week," said AAM President Ford Bell. "What a wonderful way to celebrate the incredible value and impact of our country's museums."

Exhibitions of note on view during Museum Week include

- Cezanne and Beyond at the Philadelphia Museum of Art;
- Galileo, Medici and the Age of Astronomy at the Franklin;
- Fulfilling a Prophecy: The Past and Present of the Lenape in Pennsylvania at the Penn Museum;
- From Swords to Plowshares: Metal Trench Art From WWI and WWII at the James A. Michener Museum; and



- Pathways to Unknown Worlds: Sun Ra, El Saturn & Chicago's Afro-Futurist Underground, 1954-68
  at the Institute of Contemporary Art.
- America I Am: The African American Imprint at the National Constitution Center (Discounts may not include admission to special events or exhibitions, please check <a href="https://www.Phillyfunguide.com/museumweek">www.Phillyfunguide.com/museumweek</a> for complete details on all discounts)

Other attractions and collections of note include the new Simeone Foundation Museum of exotic race cars; the haunting world of Eastern State Penitentiary; the newly relocated Fabric Workshop & Museum across from the PA Convention Center; the beautiful Laurel Hill Cemetery and the quirky Spiral Q Puppet Theatre puppet collection.

## All Participating Museums:

Academy of Natural Sciences, The

American Helicopter Museum and Education Center

American Swedish Historical Museum

Athenaeum of Philadelphia

Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial

Betsy Ross House

Cedar Grove Mansion

**Chemical Heritage Foundation** 

Chester County Historical Society

Cliveden of the National Trust

Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts

Delaware Museum of Natural History

Design Center at Philadelphia University, The

Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site

Fabric Workshop and Museum, The

Fort Mifflin on the Delaware

Franklin Square

Franklin, The

Garden State Discovery Museum

Glencairn Museum, Academy of the New Church

Hagley Museum and Library

Historic Philadelphia, Inc.

Independence Seaport Museum

Independence Visitor Center Corporation

Institute of Contemporary Art

James A. Michener Art Museum

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove

Laurel Hill Cemetery

Longwood Gardens

Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania

Mercer Museum

Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania

Mount Pleasant Mansion

Mütter Museum of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia

**National Constitution Center** 

National Liberty Museum, The



National Museum of American Jewish History

**Nemours Mansion and Gardens** 

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts

Peter Wentz Farmstead

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Philadelphia Zoo

Please Touch Museum

Reading Public Museum

Rosenbach Museum & Library

Ryerss Museum and Library

Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center

Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum

Spiral Q Puppet Theater

Temple Judea Museum of Keneseth Israel

University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Wagner Free Institute of Science

Winterthur Museum and Country Estate

Woodford Mansion

Woodmere Art Museum, Inc.

The Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance is a leadership organization of over 375 nonprofit arts and cultural institutions located primarily in the five counties of southeastern Pennsylvania. Its mission is to lead the effort to increase awareness of, participation in and support for arts and culture in the Greater Philadelphia region. More information at <a href="https://www.philaculture.org">www.philaculture.org</a>