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## REGION'S MUSEUMS CELEBRATE MUSEUM WEEK

April 27 – May 3

**Philadelphia** – Greater Philadelphia's museums offer countless opportunities for remembering, discovering, and learning. During Museum Week, April 27th-May 3rd, 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 its 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 [www.phillyfunguide.com/museumweek](http://www.phillyfunguide.com/museumweek). 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 museum professionals from around the country will descend on Philadelphia to discuss how to remain relevant, real and responsive in today's challenging environment. Additional information on the 2009 AAM conference is available at [www.aam-us.org/pressroom.cfm](http://www.aam-us.org/pressroom.cfm)

"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
- 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 [www.Phillyfunguide.com/museumweek](http://www.Phillyfunguide.com/museumweek) 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.

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