

Carnegie Center Participates in Smithsonian Magazine's 5th Annual Museum Day

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On Saturday, September 26, 2009, the Carnegie Center for Art and History in New Albany, Indiana will participate in the fifth annual Museum Day, presented by Smithsonian magazine. A celebration of culture, learning and the dissemination of knowledge, Smithsonian's Museum Day reflects the spirit of the magazine and emulates the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties.

Last year, upwards of 200,000 people attended Museum Day, with all 50 states plus Puerto Rico represented by over 900 participating museums, including 84 Smithsonian affiliate museums. This year, the magazine expects to attract over 1,000 museums. "The Carnegie Center for Art and History is proud to participate in Museum Day 2009 in association with the venerable museums of the Smithsonian Institution," said Laura Wilkins, Director of Marketing and Outreach at the Center. "Like the Smithsonian museums, the Carnegie Center offers free admission and programs year-round, and we look forward to recognizing Museum Day 2009 with our visitors."

On Museum Day, September 26, visitors to the Carnegie Center can view the exhibit "Stripes," an international hooked rug exhibition featuring the fiber art of 52 artists from the United States and Japan. Each design incorporates stripes in a unique manner. Visitors can also view the Center's two permanent history exhibits. Grandpa Makes a Scene: The Yenawine Dioramas is a favorite among visitors young and old alike. The award-winning, multimedia exhibit Ordinary People, Extraordinary Courage: Men and Women of the Underground Railroad invites visitors to explore the people and places of antebellum New Albany and Louisville, Kentucky.

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The Carnegie Center for Art and History, a department of the New Albany-Floyd County Public Library, is a contemporary art gallery and history museum that offers a full schedule of changing exhibitions and other educational programs. The Carnegie Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. 5:30 p.m., and is located at 201 East Spring Street in historic downtown New Albany, Indiana. The Carnegie Center for Art and History is fully accessible. Admission is free. Visit www.carnegiecenter.org for more information on exhibits, events, and classes. Join St. Mary of the Knobs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style! Their 4th Annual Reverse Raffle is set for Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Only 100 tickets sold in increments of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total cash prizes of \$5,500 – even losers have a second chance to win!