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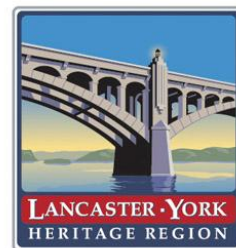
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First Friday River Art Shows at the John & Kathryn Zimmerman Center for Heritage

Wrightsville, PA – The Lancaster-York Heritage Region is pleased to share the *Visions of the Susquehanna River Art Collection* with the public on First Fridays in 2009. Located along the river at Long Level in the John and Kathryn Zimmerman Center for Heritage at Historic Pleasant Garden, visitors are invited to tour the river art collection and parts of the historic mansion at their leisure. The next First Friday is this week, April 3rd, from 10am-4pm.

The *Visions of the Susquehanna River Art Collection* consists of selected contemporary pieces from the travelling exhibit *Visions of the Susquehanna: 250 Years of Paintings by American Masters*. The exhibit, organized and curated by York County artist Rob Evans in 2006, examined the rich tapestry of Susquehanna river art created by the extraordinary number of renowned artists, past and present, who have gravitated to the Susquehanna to paint. The Heritage Region believes that keeping a significant portion of the collection together helps interpret the scenic beauty, natural wonder, and rich history of the Susquehanna for current and future generations. Among the artists featured in this impressive collection are acclaimed local artists Michael Allen, Rob Evans, Mark Innerst, Phyllis Koster, Robert Patierno, and Mark Workman.

The river art is available for public viewing at The John & Kathryn Zimmerman Center for Heritage, 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368. With the exception of July 3, 2009, the Heritage Region invites the public to visit on First Fridays between 10am and 4pm. To help maintain and expand the collection, donations of \$3/person or \$5/couple are suggested. Prints and exhibit catalogs are also available for purchase. Guided group visits may be scheduled by appointment at other times for a moderate fee.

General contributions to the river art fund are welcomed and appreciated. Donations to assist with additional acquisitions are tax-deductible. Checks may be made payable to the Lancaster-York Heritage Region, 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368.

More information about the *Visions of the Susquehanna River Art Collection*, details for viewing the collection, and donation opportunities can be found on the Heritage Region's website, www.StoriesoftheLand.com, by email at info@lyhr.org, or by calling 717-252-0229.

The Lancaster-York Heritage Region is a non-profit organization that raises awareness and appreciation of the cultural and economic value of the Susquehanna Gateway region, and preserves, enhances and celebrates its most significant heritage assets as economically vital attractions for residents and visitors alike. For more information about the organization please visit www.StoriesoftheLand.com.