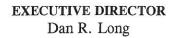
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June 30, 2015

Wayne Rosenthal, Director Illinois Department of Natural Resources One Natural Resources Way Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Dear Director Rosenthal:

The State Facilities Closure Act (30 ILCS 608) states that "No action may be taken to implement the recommendation for closure of a State facility until 50 days after the filing of any required recommendation." The recommendation for the Illinois State Museum was filed on June 19, 2015. This means that no action to implement the recommendation for closure should be performed until August 8, 2015.

Potential violations of the State Facilities Closure Act were brought to our attention related to cancellation of events at the State Museum. In reviewing the Illinois State Museum website, see attachment, at least twelve events were listed as cancelled. An explanation with the cancellation states "In preparation for the closure of the Illinois State Museum, this event has been cancelled."

As indicated by the associated cancellation, these cancellations appear to be directly related to the planned closure of the Illinois State Museum, and therefore, violate the "no action" language of the State Facility Closure Act.

The Commission directs the Department of Natural Resources to cease all activity related to the implementation of the facility closure of Illinois State Museum, until August 8, 2015, in accordance with the

Facility Closure Act.

Sincerely,

Dan R. Long

Executive Director

DRL:dkb S456 Rosenthal Letter

cc: Senator Donne Trotter, CGFA Co-Chairman

Representative Donald Moffitt, CGFA Co-Chairman



Bob Steffan Summer Film Fest: The Magic School Bus: The Busasaurus Illinois State Museum, Springfield Tuesday, July 21, 2015 - Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

In preparation for the closure of the Illinois State Museum, this event has been canceled.

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Satur-Play! - Exploding Egg Art Illinois State Museum, Springfield Saturday, July 25, 2015, 11:00 AM -3:00 PM

In preparation for the closure of the Illinois State Museum, this event is

cancelled.

Every Saturday is Super!

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Bob Steffan Summer Film Fest: Growing Up Wild: Fish Fiesta Illinois State Museum, Springfield Tuesday, July 28, 2015 - Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

In preparation for the closure of the Illinois State Museum, this event is cancelled.

Learn about sharks, moray eels, octopus, and clown fish in this film all about creatures that live in the sea.

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Super Saturdays at the Museum: Super Saturdays at the Museum: Down on the Farm

Illinois State Museum, Springfield Saturday, August 08, 2015, 11:00 AM -3:00 PM

In preparation for the closure of the Illinois State Museum, this event has been cancelled.

In Illinois, farmland is all around us. Find out more ...



Satur-Play!

Illinois State Museum, Springfield Saturday, August 08, 2015, 11:00 AM -3:00 PM

In preparation for the closure of the Illinois State Museum, this event has been cancelled.

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Story Time at the Museum: Barnyard Fun

Illinois State Museum, Springfield Monday, August 10, 2015, 10:00 AM -10:30 AM

In preparation for the closure of the Illinois State Museum, this event has been cancelled.

Join us for stories and songs all about life on the farm.

Join us the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Find out more ...



Satur-Play!

Illinois State Museum, Springfield Saturday, August 15, 2015, 11:00 AM -3:00 PM

In preparation for the closure of the Illinois State Museum, this event has

been cancelled.

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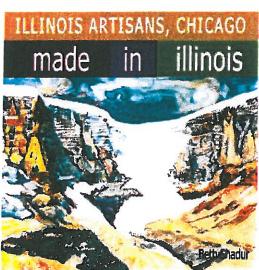
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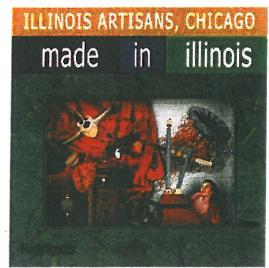
Events, ISM Chicago Gallery & Illinois Artisans



July Feature

Illinois Artisans, Chicago Wednesday, July 01, 2015 -Friday, July 31, 2015, 9:00 AM -5:00 PM

Beth Shadur Find out more ...



August Feature

Illinois Artisans, Chicago Saturday, August 01, 2015 - Monday, August 31, 2015, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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September Feature

Illinois Artisans, Chicago Tuesday, September 01, 2015 - Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 9:00 Please note that event dates are subject to change. To confirm dates, please call the appropriate site.

Events, ISM Lockport





Thom Walen and Curator Robert Sill in converstation

ISM Lockport Gallery Sunday, July 19, 2015, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

In preparation for the closure of the Illinois State Museum Lockport Gallery,

this program is being cancelled

Join us at the Museum when artist Thom Whalen and exhibition curator Robert Sill (Assistant Director of Art, ISM Springfield) discuss Whalen's current work and important moments in his career as an Illinois artist. Find out more ...

Aaron Miller Drawing from Life

ISM Lockport Gallery Saturday, July 25, 2015, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Gaylord Building—2nd floor 200 West 8th Street, Lockport

Beginning at 2pm, artist Aaron Miller will be painting from life inside the space of his exhibition Aaron Miller-Paintings and Drawings, part of the City of Lockport's Summer Art Series 2015. Find out more ...

Reception for Aaron Miller Drawing from Life Exhibition

ISM Lockport Gallery Saturday, July 25, 2015, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Gaylord Building—2nd Floor 200 West 8th Street, Lockport

Reception for exhibition: Aaron Miller Drawing from Life. Find out more ...

Dick Blick Sunday: New Products and Demonstrations

ISM Lockport Gallery Sunday, July 26, 2015, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, and 4:00 pm Three sessions, All Art Supplies, All Day **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

This is the day to learn about the latest products being offered by Dick Blick Art Supplies, a family-owned Illinois company since 1911. Find out more ...

Julia Haw and Curator John Lustig in conversation

ISM Lockport Gallery Friday, July 31, 2015, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

In preparation for the closure of the Illinois State Museum Lockport Gallery, this program is being cancelled

Join us at the Museum for a special after-hours evening that starts with a conversation between artist Julia Haw and curator John Lustig (Director, ISM Lockport) about Haw's current work and her career as an Illinois artist. Find out more ...

Ron Bell "Osteomechanics" Exhibition / "Superheroes of Innovation" Gala

ISM Lockport Gallery Saturday, August 01, 2015, 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM