

EXHIBITS

Treasures from the Steamboat Arabia

Opens April 25, 2014

In 1988, the Hawley family discovered the remains of the steamboat *Arabia* completely intact, 40 feet beneath a cornfield near Kansas City. The *Arabia*, built in Brownsville, Pa., 40 miles south of Pittsburgh, took to the rivers in 1853, plying the Mississippi and Missouri. On the evening of September 5, 1856, she hit a snag and sank within 10 minutes. Fully loaded, this treasure chest of American consumer culture was quickly covered over with mud and lay undiscovered for 132 years. The anaerobic environment preserved the entire cargo—now a rare time capsule of American history. This exhibition, a partnership between the Steamboat Arabia Museum and the History Center, will showcase more than 800 objects drawn from the vast Arabia Museum collections, telling a story of treasures lost and found.



A sampling of the materials recovered from the steamboat *Arabia*.

HHC, photo by Lauren Uhl.

Winter 2013-14 — Ongoing Exhibits



From Slavery to Freedom now features a new interactive element—a multi-screen presentation of stories related to Underground Railroad sites in the region. After testing this interactive with school and family audiences, staff created a mural of Pittsburgh in the 1850s. Sites of Underground Railroad “stations” are marked with lantern symbols; five of them feature internally lit buildings created through 3-D printing. Each building is paired with a touch screen monitor that allows visitors to explore virtual presentations, reminding visitors that freedom seekers relied upon a secret network of people in Western Pennsylvania to help them make their way to liberty.

HHC, photo by Paula Andras.

The Civil War in Pennsylvania

Through January 5, 2014

Poptastic! The Art of Burton Morris

Through February 23, 2014

From Slavery to Freedom

Explore 250 years of African American history in Pennsylvania

Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum

Pittsburgh:

A Tradition of Innovation

Heinz 57

Special Collections Gallery

Treasures that celebrate our ethnicity, industry, innovation, and lifestyle.

Glass:

Shattering Notions

Rediscovering Lewis & Clark:

A Journey with the Rooney Family

Prine Collection

of Woodworking Planes

Wrought Metal Treasures

from the Blum Collection

Clash of Empires:

The British, French & Indian War, 1754-1763

At Meadowcroft:

Reopens to the public on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

At Fort Pitt Museum:

Unconquered: History Meets Hollywood at Fort Pitt

Through August 3, 2014