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Everyone Invited: Passport to History Day at National Canal Museum

EASTON, Pa. – The National Canal Museum in Easton's Hugh Moore Park will welcome visitors for free on Saturday, April 27th from 11:30am-3:30pm as part of Passport to History Day, an annual celebration of local history, stories, and the community that bring Lehigh Valley history to life. Visit during this special event before our normal opening day of the season on June 1st and get a sneak peek at the museum's new art exhibition *Frank Wyso: Color in Bloom.* Last year, the museum hosted works by folk artist Frank "WYSO" Wysochansky (1915-1994) that portrayed the coal-mining heritage of his native Northeast Pennsylvania. Just in time for Spring, this new exhibition showcases a different side of WYSO through a colorful array of his work inspired by flowers. Family-friendly art activities will also allow children and adults to explore WYSO's artistic techniques.

Lehigh Valley Passport to History is a partnership of historic sites and resources in or around Lehigh and Northampton counties, created to connect residents and tourists with historical activities, events, tours, and exhibitions throughout the Valley. Find out more about the participating historic sites and all of the day's events at the new Passport to History website, www.lvhistory.org.

"The National Canal Museum is proud to take part in this Passport to History initiative to raise awareness of our region's wealth of historical sites, both large and small," said Daphne Mayer, Museum and Education Director. "If you've never been to the National Canal Museum, this is a wonderful opportunity to get a preview of all the exciting things planned for the 2019 season."

Please note that the Josiah White II canal boat will not be in operation on April 27. Additional information about visiting the National Canal Museum is available by phoning 610-923-3548 x400 or by visiting www.canals.org. Learn more about WYSO and the work of the WYSO Foundation at www.frankwyso.org.

ABOUT THE DELAWARE AND LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that preserves the historic pathway that carried coal and iron from Wilkes-Barre to Bristol Borough. Today, the D&L Trail connects people to nature and the environment, industrial heritage, health and wellness and economic development.

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