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Local Museums Team Up to Celebrate a Year of Science in 2009

Wilmington, Delaware – 2009 – The Delaware Museum of Natural History (DMNH), Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts (DCCA), Delaware History Museum, and Hagley Museum and Library joined the Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science (COPUS) to promote 2009 as the year of science. Each organization will have science-related events throughout the year.

Highlights of the year include Invention Convention at Hagley in January, a 200th birthday party for Darwin at the DMNH in February, an exhibit celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Delaware Bay and River Authority at the Delaware History Museum in June, and a kinetic sculpture race at the DCCA in October. See attached event listings or visit www.delawareyearofscience.org for a complete list of events and programs.

The Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science (COPUS) is a grassroots effort whose goal is to engage sectors of the public in science to increase their understanding of the nature of science and its value to society.

The Delaware Museum of Natural History (DMNH), Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts (DCCA), Delaware History Museum, and Hagley Museum and Library are four organizations that have joined to celebrate 2009 as the Year of Science. For more information about our missions, visit www.dmnh.org, www.dcca.org, www.hsd.org, and www.hagley.org.

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FACT SHEET: Events and Exhibits Celebrating a Year of Science

January 1 –February 3, 2009
DCCA
Janell Olah Exhibition

January 17, 18, 19
Hagley Museum and Library
Invention Convention

February 7
DMNH
Darwin’s 200th Birthday Party

April 18
DMNH
Earth Day

April 19
Hagley Museum and Library
Creek Kids Program: Power at Hagley

April 25, 2009 – December 31, 2010
Hagley Museum and Library
“Nineteenth-Century Patent Models: Innovation
in Miniature”

May 1
Hagley Museum and Library
May Day Nature Walk

June 4 – November 28, 2009
DHS
“At Water’s Edge”

June 6 – October 4, 2009
DMNH
Deep Sea Treasures

August 16
Hagley Museum and Library
Creek Kids program: The Natural World of the
Brandywine

October 16 and 17
DCCA
Kinetic Sculpture Weekend