

Fine POINTS!

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WPCSS will circulate this e-newsletter on a timely basis to inform about upcoming events of interest in the area as well as web-sites of interest, in an effort to serve social studies teachers of Western Pennsylvania.

Upcoming events

Senator John Heinz History Center

<http://www.pghhistory.org/>

Celebrate Pittsburgh's 250th Birthday

Pittsburgh At 250, showcases events, keepsakes and key anniversaries

• **Saturday, Nov. 8, Saturday, Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation - Exhibition Opening.** . . people and inventions that have changed the world.

• **Saturday, Nov. 15 Heritage Holidays 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

• **Saturday, Dec. 6 History Center Holiday Book Fair 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

For more information, contact Terri Blanchette at 412-454-6411 or

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Carnegie Museum of Natural History

<http://www.carnegiemnh.org/exhibits/index.html>

• Through January 4, 2009 . . .

Born of Fire: The Life and Pottery of Margaret Tafoya

• Through January 25, 2009

Exploring the Arctic Seafloor: Photographs by Chris Linder

• Through December 2008

Insects, Ink & Inklings: Illustrations by Jane Hyland

• Extended through Fall 2008

Arresting Arrangements - Photos by Craig Cutler

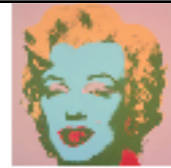
• Extended through December 2008

• February 28–May 24, 2009

Horse How the horse has helped shape human cultures



The Warhol



For complete program of events go to.

http://www.warhol.org/whats_on/programs.html

Fort Pitt Museum

www.phmc.state.pa.us.gov



Upcoming Events:

- **November 22, 2008**

The Man Who Made Pittsburgh: General John Forbes

SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

- **November 2008**

"The Hinge of History: The Forks of the Ohio Changes Hands",
part of a seminar series marking Pittsburgh's 250th Anniversary

Online Election Resources



The following web sites are good resources for integrating 21st century skills and the election:

Federal Elections Commission

<http://www.fec.gov/>

FedStats.gov - Gateway for locating federal statistics. <http://www.fedstats.gov/>

Smart Voter.org- Information on registering to vote, absentee voting, as well as guides for choosing candidates and watching debates. <http://www.smartvoter.org/voter/howto.html>

Electionline.org - The Pew Center on the States' site provides news and analysis on election reform.

http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/initiatives_detail.aspx?initiativeID=34044

Cspan Classroom

http://www.cspanclassroom.org/Campaign2008_Resourees.aspx

Wikipedia- Wikipedia's list of articles on historical U.S. elections by election year.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Elections_in_the_United_States_by_year

Infoplease.com - Provides topical list of stories related to historical elections.

<http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0764586.html>

Fine Points ... WPCSS News & Notes

PBSKids-Democracy Project Three interactive sections: "Be President for a Day", "How Does the Government Affect Me?", and "Inside the Voting Booth." <http://pbskids.org/democracy/>

Children's Literature Related to Elections Kathy Yoder, a research librarian at BGSU, offers a page of election resources for teachers, including links for recent children's literature titles. <http://libguides.bgsu.edu/electionresources>

Elections for Kids - Gallopade International "Updated every morning and throughout the day, RCP culls and publishes the best commentary, news, polling data, and links to important resources from all points of the political compass and covering all the important issues of the day." <http://www.gallopade.com/cIient/electionsForKids/index.html>

Cyberbee's Elementary Activities Page <http://www.cyberbee.com/election/elem.html>

Cyberbee's 2008 Election Lessons <http://www.cyberbee.com/election/election.html>

Scholastic's 2008 Elections Lesson Plans
<http://content.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=63>

HotChalk's Lesson Plan Page <http://www.lessonplanspage.com/Elections.htm>

Teach-nology's Lesson Plans for Elections and Voting
http://www.teachnology.com/teachers/lesson_plans/history/voting/

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