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## **Blending Art with Science: DMNH to Feature 3 Art Exhibits**

WILMINGTON, DE - The Delaware Museum of Natural History will host three distinct but concurrent art installations beginning this month at the Museum in Greenville, Delaware.

**Carved Wood & Hammered Steel: Wildlife-Inspired Sculpture by John Rush and Jeff Bell** will be on display from October 23 - November 22, 2015. These two Kennett Square-based artists and longtime friends have been inspired by nature to create extraordinary sculptures in their preferred mediums: Rush carves wood, and Bell welds metal. This collaborative exhibit, curated by Stan Smokler, features a dozen works by each artist, including herons, eagles, whales, stingrays, jellyfish, turtles, and more. Sales of the sculptures will benefit DMNH.

**Watercolors by Lauren Sweeney: A Celebration of Citizen Science**, on view October 30 - December 31, 2015, features five original watercolor compositions commissioned by DMNH for its du Pont Trophy Award. This award is provided to shell shows across the United States to recognize the "most outstanding exhibit" of each show. Lauren Sweeney is a Philadelphia-based still-life artist who began her career as a biologist focused on research, teaching, and scientific illustration. Proceeds from the sale of the paintings will benefit DMNH.

**Every Stream Matters: Partnership for the Delaware Estuary Photo Contest Winners** will be on view November 2 - December 14, 2015. These 12 winning photographs represent the best of more than 200 submissions in four categories: Splash of Fun, Urban Waters, Wild & Scenic, and Schuylkill Shots, the latter of which was limited to Pennsylvania's Schuylkill River Valley.

**All three installations will be on view for *Art Loop Wilmington: Art on the Town* on Friday, November 6, from 5 - 9 pm.**

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**WHAT:** Arts & Science: Wood and Steel Sculpture, Watercolors, and Nature Photography  
**WHERE:** Delaware Museum of Natural History, 4840 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE, 19807

**DATE:** October 23 - November 22, 2015 (Watercolors on view through December 31; Photos on view through December 14)

**SPECIAL EVENT:** Art Loop Wilmington: Art on the Town, Friday, November 6, 5 - 9 pm.

**ADMISSION:** Included with general admission; free for members

**MORE INFO:** Call 302-658-9111 or visit [www.delmnh.org](http://www.delmnh.org)

### **About the Delaware Museum of Natural History**

As the only natural history museum in the state, the Delaware Museum of Natural History opened its doors in 1972 to excite and inform people about the natural world through exploration and discovery. The museum houses Delaware's only permanent dinosaur display, surrounded by exhibits of mammals, shells, and other specimens from around the world. The museum stores renowned scientific collections of mollusks and birds, including one of the top-ten mollusk collections in the United States.

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