We Are Open

Monday–Friday, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. ET

The Matson Museum welcomed a diversity of visitors this semester. From classes visiting to explore particular themes to aspiring Penn Staters on a campus tour, and professors and students researching the collection to members of the larger Centre County community learning about the world, the museum had an active slate of educational and outreach activities in spring 2022.

Did you know?

Ancient Peruvian weavers achieved the highest thread counts in the world before industrial looms.

Director’s Pick

Dr. James Doyle

Belts, Peru, mid-twentieth century.
PSU 65:6, PSU 65:19, PSU 65:20
Class Visit Spotlights

Dr. Christopher Heaney, assistant professor of Latin American history, brought his HIST 302W class on the Inca Empire to examine the Andean artifacts in the collection. The students engaged in an analysis of the symbols woven into textiles and the role artifacts and garments played in Inca society.

Dr. Sarah Rich, associate professor of art history and the director of the Center for Virtual/Material Studies, brought Art History graduate students for a special viewing of historic textiles in the Matson collections, including unfinished weavings that reveal insights on traditional techniques in fiber arts.

Arrange your class visit or group tour! Email matsonmuseum@psu.edu.

Be a Part of the New Matson

Construction has begun on the Susan Welch Liberal Arts Building, which will house the brand new Matson Museum of Anthropology! Stay tuned for updates on the design of the new exhibition galleries, storage space, and conservation lab.

The Matson Museum will continue to grow and serve the campus and central Pennsylvania communities with innovative displays and programs.

Donors are crucial partners in this educational mission! To learn more about how you can become a leading patron of the new Matson Museum, please email Director James Doyle at matsonmuseum@psu.edu.

Become a Matson member! Members get invited to exclusive events on campus, access to behind-the-scenes tours, and receive the Matson newsletter! Inquire at matsonmuseum@psu.edu.

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