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Last chance to see pottery exhibit at the Heritage Discovery Center

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. – Calling all pottery lovers! The temporary exhibit “What a Crock! Johnstown Potteries of the 19th Century,” is coming to an end at the Frank & Sylvia Pasquerilla Heritage Discovery Center – but there’s still time to see it over the holidays.

More than 100 pieces of pottery are included in the exhibit, which opened in July 2005 and will close in early January 2006. The exhibit focuses on the Swank pottery, which was active in Johnstown in the late 1800s, but also includes pieces from a few other potteries, including Hamilton & Pershing and A.J. Haws.

The project has been funded in part by grants from the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission and the Penelec Fund for Greater Johnstown, a part of the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies.

“What A Crock” occupies the second floor galleries of the Heritage Discovery Center. Admission to the exhibit is included in the Heritage Discovery Center’s regular ticket price of \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for students (free for JAHA members). Group rates are available with advance arrangements. Tickets also include admission to the Johnstown Flood Museum. Both museums will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily throughout the holiday season, closing only on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. For more information on the exhibit or any JAHA museum or program, visit www.jaha.org.

The Johnstown Area Heritage Association is a non-profit, membership-based organization dedicated to preserving and showcasing Johnstown’s unique history to the nation through high-quality educational, cultural and recreational experiences. JAHA owns and operates the Johnstown Flood Museum and the Frank & Sylvia Pasquerilla Heritage Discovery Center, and produces the AmeriServ FolkFest, a 3-day free music and food festival held annually over Labor Day weekend; events commemorating the 1889 Johnstown flood; and a wide variety of additional cultural programming. The Wagner-Ritter House & Garden will soon open, and a Children’s Discovery Museum is being planned. For more information on JAHA programs, museums and events, visit www.jaha.org.