The visual arts of the Palmetto State will be the focus of a day of activity Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 10a.m. to 4p.m at the South Carolina State Museum, as the museum presents "Art Day: Appreciate, Captivate, Inspire."

The public will enjoy activities throughout the museum's fourth floor such as behind-the-scenes guided tours of the museum's art and history storage areas, a tour identifying artwork that includes; sweetgrass baskets, pottery, paintings and more. There will also be hands-on art projects in partnership with the University of South Carolina art education department.

The art of music will add to the fun, with two performances by the Fine Art Ramblers in the afternoon. The group is made up of artists who play instruments in addition to painting, sculpting or other arts. It performs what its members call "post-modern string music," combining bits of old-time, blues, swing and other types of Americana that have made the band extremely popular in the Upstate.

In addition to the other activities, the day will feature demonstrations by South Carolina artists including potter Paul Moore, who will demonstrate his craft with a manual treadle wheel, and sculptor Herman Thompson.

Other hands-on activities for children will also be a part of the day's events. "Art Day:

Appreciate, Captivate, Inspire" is included with regular museum admission or membership. For more information on Art Day, contact Paul Matheny at, (803)898-4941.