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Smith & Wesson Museum Will Open to Public

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (June 21, 2006) – Smith & Wesson Corp. today announced that it will open its museum inside Smith & Wesson headquarters to the general public.

Smith & Wesson, in partnership with the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, created the museum to preserve and document the history of one of America's most legendary gun manufacturers. Located at Smith & Wesson headquarters on Roosevelt Avenue in Springfield, Massachusetts, the museum first opened in June 2005 to groups by appointment only. Due to growing interest in the museum and its exhibits, Smith & Wesson will open the Smith & Wesson Museum to the general public beginning June 20, 2006 on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursdays 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. EST.

The Smith & Wesson Museum features the exhibit, *"No thing of importance can be done without effort:" Working at Smith & Wesson.* The exhibit follows the history of the company from the story of its inventive founders, Horace Smith and Daniel Baird Wesson, to its present-day leadership in the field of firearms. Over 100 historic Smith & Wesson firearms, including exquisite one-of-a-kind engraved handguns and hundreds of historic photographs and advertisements are on display. The museum also features an exhibit demonstrating the manufacturing process for Smith & Wesson's Model 500, the most powerful production revolver in the world. The Smith & Wesson collection features classics ranging from the Schofield revolver used in the old West, to a Model 29, .44 Magnum[®] actually used in the "Dirty Harry" series of movies.

Smith & Wesson Vice President of Marketing, Tom Taylor said, "Our company was founded in the spirit of innovation and has long outlived its famous founders. Today, Smith & Wesson has come to be synonymous with quality, performance and durability. The exhibits inside the Smith & Wesson Museum demonstrate our company's commitment to preserving its heritage. We are excited to be able to share the history of our company with people interested in one of America's great companies."

Smith & Wesson Company Historian, Roy Jinks added, "I am thrilled that after many years of work to preserve the history of Smith & Wesson, we can now share that history with the community."

For more information regarding the Smith & Wesson Museum, call (800) 331-0852.