



Monte L. Bean  
**Life Science Museum**  
 Brigham Young University

## 30th Anniversary Celebration!!

During the week of March 24-29, the staff and friends of the Bean Life Science Museum will celebrate the Museum's 30th Anniversary! Dedicated in 1978, the museum continues to be a place for experiencing the wonders of the living world!

Mr. Ken Behring has contributed a stunning collection of mammals including lions, a pygmy hippo, a leopard, wolves, a bobcat, a lynx, various kinds of antelope, and a bongo—among others. The new exhibit will celebrate Mr. Behring's gift

while examining some of the remarkable attributes of each of the animals in this new exhibit.

This week-long celebration will feature various activities including a family treasure hunt, coloring contest, pictures with Shasta the Liger; and an "Open Collections Night", birthday party, kid's passport event, and a special Tanner Lecture about the Giant Galapagos Tortoise presented by husband and wife team, Jeffery Powell and

Adalgisa Caccone from Yale University. All activities are free! Visit the website, [www.mlbean.byu.edu](http://www.mlbean.byu.edu) for more information including dates and times.



Monte L. Bean Museum—Photo by Randy Baker

### Giant Galapagos Tortoises subject of John Tanner Lecture

The husband and wife team of Jeffery Powell and Adalgisa Caccone from Yale University, have been named as the John Tanner Lecturers for Spring 2008. Known worldwide for their research on the Giant Galapagos Tortoise, their lecture, will draw on their extensive research experience with these amazing animals! The lecture will be held on Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 pm in the Tanner

Auditorium located on the first floor of the Museum. There will be a public reception at 6:30 pm. Admission is free, the public is welcome.



Jeffery Powell (left) and Adalgisa Caccone (above) from Yale University, are the Spring 2008 Tanner Lecture Series speakers.

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#### Visit the Museum Store

We offer a full line of educational books and toys including insect collection kits and supplies, a variety of stuffed animals, insect nets, puppets, puzzles, and lots more! Come see our life science 'Pop-Up' and sticker books.

10% Discount on your next purchase when you mention this ad.

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## 2008 Photography Exhibit and Competition

The 2008 Photography Exhibit and Competition is now on display on the third floor of the Museum.

There were over 300 entries, including several from out of state. Categories for the show include Animal Wildlife, Bird Wildlife, Landscape, Man/Nature, Nature, and Water. First, second, and third places were awarded in each category. Associated with these are cash awards. In addition, there is a Best of Show Award, Museum Purchase Award, Allen's Camera Award, and a People's Choice Award. Voting is in process for the People's Choice Award.

Winning photos from last year's show can be viewed on our website, [mlbean.byu.edu](http://mlbean.byu.edu). Winners from this year include:

Jason Sims, 1st Place Animal Wildlife, John Blumenkamp, 1st Place Bird Wild-



2008 Photo Show Best of Show, "Green Lizard on Red Leaf" by Darrell Stacey

life, Dan Ransom, 1st Place Landscape, Lisa Thompson, 1st Place Man/Nature, Tiera Cox, 1st Place Nature, and Howard

Camera Award went to Adam Barker, Museum Purchase Award to Ronald Day, and the Best of Show was presented to Darrell Stacey.

The 2008 Photography Exhibit and



Competition will be on display until March 14. Be sure to stop by, enjoy the exhibit, and vote for the People's Choice Award.

Museum Purchase Award, "Tiger Longwing" by Ronald Day

## "Family Night at the Museum"

Following a very successful Halloween night, the museum will be hosting its second 'Family Night at the Museum' on April 21<sup>st</sup> in honor of Earth Day.

Come celebrate the wonders of our planet at the Bean Life Science Museum's Family Night. There will be activities for the whole family, including games and crafts! Also, two special live animal shows will be held at 6:30 and 7:30 pm, featuring a "Meet-and-Greet"



The Grizzly Bear welcomes families to the

with some of the live animals after the shows. This activity is from 5-9pm, admission is free.

Come for the fun and stay for the special after hours museum tour to learn more about Earth's threatened and endangered animals.

Family Night at the Museum is on Monday, April 21 in honor of Earth Day. Bring the whole family for an exciting adventure. Check our website for more details. [www.mlbean.byu.edu](http://www.mlbean.byu.edu)

## Education News

The Bean Life Science Museum's winter programs are in full swing! This semester is full of fun educational programs for all ages including Saturday Safari for children ages 5-12. Each Saturday participants learn about some of the most amazing features on our planet. Topics include Surviving in the Ocean, Poisonous Animals, and Claws and Talons. Check our website for more details. [mlbean.byu.edu](http://mlbean.byu.edu).

Discovery Reading is held every Wednesday at 11:00 am in the newly reopened children's room. Bring the little ones for a half hour of stories, animals,

songs, and coloring.

Everyone ages 12 and up can join us for our Nature Experienceships. This month we went to Farmington Bay and saw dozens of bald eagles with bird expert Merrill Webb. Join us March 15<sup>th</sup> for a lichen collecting trip and learn more about these fascinating organisms. On April 26<sup>th</sup> Dr. Leigh Johnson will be leading us on a spring wildflowers excursion.

Wildlife Adventures will reopen this summer. It is a twice weekly program which focuses on a different life science subject each session. If you would like to



Do you want to know what's happening at the Bean Life Science Museum? Sign up for our mailing list by emailing [patty\\_jones@byu.edu](mailto:patty_jones@byu.edu) or [katy\\_knight@byu.edu](mailto:katy_knight@byu.edu)

## Coming soon, The Japanese Beetle

Ready or not, here they come! Japanese beetles were first reported in Orem, Utah in July 2006. The Japanese Beetle thrive in large grassy areas. Female beetles lay their eggs in grass-covered soil so that the larvae can feed on grass roots. When the full-grown beetles emerge from the soil in late June, they eat the leaves of more than 300 different plants. Many of these plants are ornamentals, like roses, or crops such as berries, fruit trees, and corn. In large numbers, Japanese beetles can cause serious damage to crops and ornamental plants.

Although the beetle population in Orem

is still small, it could expand quickly if not aggressively controlled. The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food is instituting a three-year program to reduce the threat of a major infestation. In Japan, other insects naturally control Japanese Beetles. Researchers have introduced these insects into the United States to help manage the Japanese Beetle.

The Bean Life Science Museum will display an exhibit about the Japanese Beetle to help educate the public. This exhibit will open soon, watch our website for more details, [www.mlbean.byu.edu](http://www.mlbean.byu.edu).



The Japanese Beetle, scientific name, *Popillia japonica* Newman

## New Exhibit-The Ken Behring Gift

Recently, the Museum received a major collection from Mr. Ken Behring. The collection includes a variety of mammals including lions, a pygmy hippo, a leopard, wolves, a bobcat, a lynx, various kinds of antelope, and a bongo—among others. This exhibit will open on March 24th in conjunction with the Museum's 30th Anniversary Celebration "The new exhibit will celebrate Mr. Behring's gift while examining some of the remarkable attributes of each of the animals in this new exhibit", said Dr. Larry St. Clair, Director of the Museum.

This will be a great opportunity to see

these animals up-close, and learn interesting facts about them and their environment. For example, the Pygmy Hippo is the smaller relative of the Nile hippopotamus. The Pygmy Hippos are nocturnal and live singly or in pairs. Because of their secretive nature, little is known about the Pygmy Hippo. Legend suggests that the Pygmy Hippo carries a diamond in its mouth at night to light its way. During the day the hippo hides its diamond where it cannot be found, but if you catch a Pygmy Hippo at night, the

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—Dr. Larry St. Clair, Director*

diamond can be taken from its mouth. In 2002, Ken Behring received an honorary doctorate from Brigham Young University. At that time, he toured the Bean Life Science Museum and decided to donate some of his collection to the Museum to educate the public about wildlife diversity and species conservation.

Mr. Behring feels strongly about the power of education. The Museum is appreciative of this gift and hopes the public will take the opportunity to see the mammals and learn from this exhibit.

## Director's Corner-Dr. Larry St. Clair

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I am sad to report that the M.L. Bean Life Science Museum family lost a close friend and colleague at the end of 2007. Dr. Douglas C. Cox long term faculty member and museum education professional passed away on November 8th 2007 after a long and difficult battle with lung cancer. Doug had served faithfully in the museum from its earliest days. He loved the museum and served his col-

leagues, the students, and patrons of the museum diligently for almost 30 years. He was instrumental in the museum's initial efforts to qualify for accreditation with the American Association of Museums. He also co-authored the popular color guidebook "Snakes of Utah". He is survived by his wife Anne and six children. We will miss Doug—he would have loved celebrating the museum's 30th birthday.

—Dr. Larry St.Clair, Director



*Dr. Douglas C. Cox*



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# Life Science Museum

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## 30th Anniversary Schedule of Activities

### Come celebrate with us!

#### March 24-29

##### MONDAY, March 24th

Family Treasure Hunt 5-9pm

Animal Balloons

##### TUESDAY, March 25th

Celebrate those born in 1978

##### WEDNESDAY, March 26th

Have your picture taken with Shasta, the Liger. 6-8 pm

Coloring entries due

##### THURSDAY, March 27th

John Tanner Lecture Series Speakers  
Jeffery Powell and Adalgisa Caccone from  
Yale University. 7:00 pm

##### FRIDAY, March 28th

Open Collections Night 6-8 pm

Come see what's behind the closed doors!

##### SATURDAY, March 29th

Come celebrate at our Birthday Party!  
Enjoy birthday cake at noon and visit with  
Cosmo (scheduled to appear at 1pm), and  
experience the Kid's Passport Activity, 11-  
noon, which includes live animals and fun  
facts about each animal. Completed pass-  
ports are worth free ice cream at the BYU  
Creamery!



### What was it like in 1978?

#### Cost of Living:

Movie Ticket	\$2.00
New House	\$54,749
Postage Stamp	\$0.15
Gasoline	\$0.63/gal
New Car	\$5,405

The hit movie was "Grease", and the Bee Gees hit the charts with the songs "Night Fever", and "Stayin' Alive". John Madden was the coach of the Oakland Raiders. Jimmy Carter was the President of the U.S. "Mork & Mindy" was the favorite television show. The New York Yankees were the World Series Champions. The price of a loaf of bread was 42 cents. Ashton Kutcher and Kobe Bryant were born, and the **Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum** was dedicated!