



Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum Brigham Young University

Rare White Rhino Exhibit

This November, visitors to the Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum will get an up-close look at the third-largest land dwelling species on earth! The Museum has recently acquired a southern white rhino that will be going on display this fall in the Center Atrium.

In addition to displaying such a rare specimen, Wesley 'Skip' Skidmore, taxidermist and vertebrates collection manager, will be undertaking the taxidermy in the Center Atrium in full view of the public. "I have never worked on a Rhino before and this will be a new experience" says

Skidmore. "This will be a great opportunity for the public to see what goes into the taxidermy process."

"The White Rhino is a remarkable animal and the Museum is delighted to be able to share it with the BYU and local community!" says Dr. Larry St. Clair, Director. "The opportunity to mount and display the White Rhino is a remarkable gift from two great friends of the Museum—Fred and Sue Morris. The rare white rhino was donated by the Morris' who acquired the rhino with a special permit in Africa. As a

part of the exhibit, a taped interview with Fred Morris telling how he acquired the rhino, will be on display.

The White Rhino Exhibit opens November 5. Admission is free.

The Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum is open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 9 pm, and Saturday 10 am to 5 pm.



Skip Skidmore holds the cast horns from the white rhino

Dr. Bill Newmark Named as John Tanner Lecture Series Speaker

Dr. Bill Newmark, Curator and Conservation Biologist in the Utah Museum of Natural History, has been named as the speaker for the fall John Tanner Lecture. His lecture is titled "Designing Nature Reserves: Lessons from western North America and East Africa". Dr.

Newmark's lecture will be November 15, 2007 in the Tanner Auditorium located on the first floor of the Museum.

There will be a reception at 6:30 pm, the lecture will follow at 7:00 pm. Admission is free, the public is welcome.

Dr. Bill Newmark, Utah Museum of Natural History



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Museum Newsletter

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Nature Experienceships:

"Birds" with Merrill Webb	Sept 22
"Trees & Shrubs" with Blaine Furniss	Oct 13
"Mammals" with Duke Rogers	Nov 17
<i>Ages 10 and up, cost is \$10</i>	
Information and registration available:	
mlbean.byu.edu	
(801) 422-5051	

Museum Calendar:

- September 15 *Celebrate Your Museum*
- September 29 *Submit Art Show Entries*
- October 11 *Nature Art Show Opening*
- November 5 *White Rhino Exhibit Opening*
- November 15 *John Tanner Lecture*

Museum Activities

This fall, the Museum offers several activities for all ages.

Saturday Safari is a wonderful opportunity for kids ages 5-12 to spend a Saturday morning learning about animals from all over the world!

Discovery Reading is held every Wednesday at 11:00 am. Come and hear stories about animals and nature read by a professional storyteller! This is free, no registration is required.

Live Animal Shows are offered at the Museum! Schedule a private show for your class, family, or scout group. Shows scheduled at the Museum are free. Outreach shows are also offered. The Museum will take one of several live animal shows to you. The cost for Outreach

shows in Utah County is \$30.

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Kids of all ages enjoy the Reptile Show

Regularly scheduled public shows begin on Sept 3rd. They are as follows:

Mon: Reptiles at 6:30pm and 7:30 pm

Tue: Adaptations at 7:30 pm

Wed: Utah Animals & Plants at 7:30 pm

Thur: Center Atrium Theme at 7:30 pm

Fri: Invertebrates at 7:30 pm

Sat: Reptiles at 1:00 pm

These shows are always free, no registration is required.

Nature Art Show runs from Oct 11 through Nov 2. Admission is free.

Check the Museum website for more information on any of our activities and exhibits. mlbean.byu.edu

"Celebrate Your Museum"

Saturday, September 15th is a state-wide celebration sponsored by the Utah Museum Association. Come "Celebrate Your Museum" with us! There will be live Animal Shows, a free prize for the kids, and refreshments for all. In addition, the Museum Store is offering a 10% discount on your purchase (coupon required).

The Museum Store offers a variety of

educational toys, books, and videos. "It is a unique place to shop", says Patty Jones, Manager. "We have wonderful puppets, children's books about all life science subjects, insect collection kits, a large selection of stuffed animals of all sizes, and the best insect

*Bring this coupon to the Bean Life
Science Museum Store on Sept 15th
for a 10% discount on any purchase
Valid Sept 15, 2007 only*

nets ever made". The nets are made in the Museum by Clark Brereton. The store also stocks several life science books geared for adults. "This is a great place to find educational items for inquisitive

minds." says Jones. The Museum invites everyone of all ages to the celebration.

Museum News

This is an exciting time for us at the M.L. Bean Life Science Museum. Dr. Larry St. Clair was named the Director, replacing Dr. Duane Smith who recently retired. Other new appointments include Dr. Jack Sites, Associate Director; Marta Adair, Assistant Director; Katy Knight, Education Specialist; Patty Jones, Administrative Assistant to Director; and Janene Auger, Assistant Editor for the *Western North American Naturalist*. They join Ken Packer, Clark Brereton, Skip Skidmore, Randy Baker, Shawn Clark, Duane Atwood and Heiberto Madrigal.

We are also in the final throes of putting together our documentation for the reaccreditation with the American Association of Museums. Only about 10% of all Museums in the U.S. are accredited—we are determined to continue our tradition of accreditation with the AAM. The final paperwork will be submitted this fall.

We are also happy to announce two new appointments. Leigh Johnson has been appointed the Curator of the Plant Collection, and Michael Whiting has been appointed the Curator of the Insect Collection. We are so excited to have them join us.

Finally, we have initiated an aggressive capital campaign to more than double the size of the Museum. We are bulging at the seams and are in desperate need of more space to accommodate our education and research mission. We are approved to raise \$30 million and currently have commitments for over \$15 million!

This is truly an exciting time—come join us in the work of the M.L. Bean Life Science Museum!

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