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Life Science Museum Brigham Young University

Special Construction Update!

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Museum Newsletter

The Bean Life Science Museum expansion construction is in full swing! After years of planning and fundraising, construction began last summer. Jacoby Architects located in Salt Lake City, did a wonderful job in the design of the museum expansion. They worked closely with the general contractor,



Expansion construction begins-fall 2012.

Wadman Construction, from Ogden, Utah. Great progress has been made and the new building is beginning to take shape.

The addition includes 30,000 SF over three floors. It includes an orientation room, new museum store, new education classrooms and offices, exhibit preparation area, and several new exhibit areas. Of interest are two special exhibit areas, the Boyd K. Packer Gallery and the Morris Bird Exhibit. The Boyd K. Packer gallery will display President Packer's exquisite bird carvings as well as provide



Expansion progress, May 2013.

a beautiful venue for teaching about the Creator. President Packer frequently used specimens from the museum as reference material for his artwork. We are delighted to be able to house this amazing exhibit. The Morris Bird Exhibit will highlight the water fowl and pheasants of the world and will serve as a place where patrons can learn about the diversity and natural history of these remarkable birds.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in October of



Construction progress-January 2013.

2013. Because of the development and installation efforts involved with the more than 25 new exhibits, the museum exhibits team has been busy! "It is anticipated we will plan, design, and construct between 20 and 30

new exhibits between now and the re-opening in the spring of 2014," reports Katy Knight, Museum Education Professional and chair of the Exhibits Committee. "Each exhibit is intended to tell a natural history story and will focus on conservation practices." The museum will host a grand re-opening in the spring of 2014. Watch for details!

By the Numbers

\$10,000,000	Money raised from private donations
30,000	Square feet added to the museum
2,400	Cubic yards of concrete used in expansion
333	Tons of steel used in the expansion
577	Anticipated days the museum will be closed
224	Outreach shows given so far during closure

**Watch for our
Grand
Re-Opening
Spring 2014!**



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645 East 1430 North

Provo, UT 84602

East of the Marriott Center

**The museum is currently closed
for expansion construction**

Check out our website!

www.mlbean.byu.edu



Stay Connected!

Stay connected with the Bean Life Science Museum during the expansion construction closure! Our education group offers a variety of programs:

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Schedule an outreach show, where we bring the live animal show to you. The cost begins at \$35. Check our website for prices and to schedule an outreach show.

WEBCASTS

We offer free webcasts! For information or to schedule a webcasts (Skype), please see our website.

FAMILY HOME EVENING PROGRAMS

Our education group offers free FHE outreach events for groups of at least 15 located in Provo! See our website for information.

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NATURE EXPERIENCESHIPS

Spend time with an expert! For \$10, anyone ages 12 and older can sign up to learn about the living world around us. Don't miss this opportunity! Our next event is Saturday, June 1st. We will learn about insects with Dr. Shawn Clark, the museum's Insect Collection Manager. See our website to sign up.

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BIO BOXES

The education staff has developed the



Nature Experienceship participants enjoying a Birding event with Merrill Webb

“Bio Box” concept. Each Bio-Box is designed around a specific life science theme from the Utah State Core Curriculum. The Bio-Boxes allow us to bring the museum's unique and valuable resources to students. Each Bio-Box contains mounted specimens as well as “biofacts.” Bio facts are biological artifacts such as animal skins, feathers, eggs, antlers, bones, fruits, seeds, etc. Where applicable, the Bio-Boxes also include additional resources such as field guides and DVDs. The final item in each box is a teacher's guide which provides teachers with an overview of the theme, a description of the Bio-Box's connection to specific core curriculum standards, and ideas as to how the contents of the Bio-Box can be incorporated into their lesson plans. Available are the “Adaptations” and “Ecosystems” Bio-Boxes. For more information, delivery options, and to reserve a Bio-Box, please see our website.

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