



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

## Construction Complete!

After more than a year, the Bean Life Science Museum expansion construction is complete! The exhibits team is now busy with the task of designing, developing, and constructing several



*Peacock Display in the Morris Bird Exhibit*

new exhibits. Exhibits have been in process for many months, now they need to be installed with the finishing touches. There are still several exhibits that could not be fully developed until the new space was available. Due to ongoing exhibit development and construction, the museum plans to reopen

in spring of 2014. The new addition gives us 30,000 SF distributed over three floors. It includes an orientation room, new museum store,

new education classrooms and offices, exhibit design and preparation area, and



several new exhibit spaces.

*Packer Gallery*

Of interest is a special gallery honoring President Boyd K. Packer. The Packer Gallery will display President Packer's exquisite bird carvings as well as provide 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 display his remarkable collection of wildlife.

## Grand Re-Opening-Spring of 2014

Plans are now underway for a Grand Re-Opening Celebration. The celebration will include a special museum open house with activities for everyone.

A BYU Night at the Museum is also planned as part of our Grand Opening activities. Watch our website for more details and specific opening dates and plans.

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*Bean Life Science Museum-November 2013*



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for expansion construction**

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## Director's Corner

Finally! After more than 3 years of planning, designing, and construction the museum addition and remodel are complete and the results are truly impressive! The museum staff has remained in the building throughout the construction and in the midst of the dust, noise, and vibrations we have continued to care for the collections and make preparations for reopening the museum in the spring of 2014. The exhibits team has spent the construction year planning, designing, and constructing new exhibits and when we reopen the public will be greeted by 25 new exhibits built around the theme of "Protect Your Planet." Only one exhibit that was in place when the museum closed in July of 2012 will still be in place when we reopen! There are

some really exciting and interesting things in process and we are anxious to welcome our friends back into the new expanded Bean Life Science Museum.



*Larry St. Clair, Director*

In addition to the new exhibits and the expanded education facilities the expansion and remodel has provided improved security and square footage for the museum's large and valuable research collections. One of the truly exciting changes has been the construction of a new underground, 2400

SF Wet Collections Facility. This facility will house the museum's ethanol preserved collections (fish, herps, some mammals, and our large aquatic insect collection). In addition we have been able to retrofit the upper level of the existing building to provide additional space for the vascular plant, mammal, and arthropod collections. All of the museum's functional groups – research, exhibits, and education have received significant improvements to their space and working conditions.

We look forward to a wonderful reopening in the spring of 2014! We have missed the 1000s of museum visitors and are excited to welcome you back to the museum. On your first visit we want you to feel at home but we also want you to have a powerful sense of how much better we are because of the expansion and remodel!