

MARCH EXHIBITS AND EVENTS:

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM HART PARK AND MUSEUM

FIRST FRIDAYS: THE SCIENCE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (NHM)

Friday, March 5; 5:30-10 pm

The provocative series — in which live music, discussion and custom curatorial tours blend in an after-hours event — returns with a season devoted to the local science stars and issues of importance to Southern Californians and the rest of the world. Tonight, NHM Curator Dr. Brian Brown leads an entomology tour called “Flies: They’re Everything You Think They’re Not.” Then, Caltech’s Dr. David Anderson talks about his work in mapping neural circuits that underlie innate behaviors in fruit flies. Why Anderson’s fly fascination? Because the fly’s behavioral responses, and associated internal states (such as arousal), form the evolutionary underpinnings of emotional behavior in higher organisms. Visit www.nhm.org.

ART + SCIENCE = DINOSAURS, RECONSTRUCTED (NHM)

Saturday, March 7; 10 am-4 pm

While we create our new dino hall, a revolutionary exhibition called *Dinosaur Mysteries*, come to the Museum to learn about the creativity behind the reconstruction of these creatures! You’ll take in a special Dinosaur Encounter presentation, learn how to draw a dinosaur, put together a life-sized dino “puzzle,” and create your own version of a dino hall, based on how you would like it to look! For more information, visit www.nhm.org.

CRITTER CLUB: DIG IN! (NHM)

Saturday, March 13; 10 am and 11 am

Hey 3-5 year olds, this club’s for you! Can you smell with your tongue, or taste with your feet? Come learn how the animals eat and find food! We’ll hear a yummy story, play games, and make a tongue-tied craft. *Critter Club is for 3-5 year olds and a participating adult. Free with paid Museum admission. No reservations required, but class size is limited. Check in at the Dueling Dinosaurs just inside the main entrance. More information at (213) 763-ED4U or educate@nhm.org.*

SUSTAINABLE SUNDAYS: WORLD WATER DAY L.A. (NHM)

Sunday, March 14; 9:30 am-3:30 pm

We all have to play a part in ensuring Los Angeles' water future. Learn how you can become a voice for water and help to protect and maximize L.A.'s water resources. Join us at the Museum for a day filled with fun activities for all ages, informational booths, entertainment, and ways for you to become a voice for water. Visit www.nhm.org for more information.

JAZZ AT HART (HART)**Friday, March 19; 8 pm**

Experience the Lori Andrews JazHarp Trio in the beautiful Hart Museum! Jazz up your evening with harpist Andrews, described in the "The All Music Guide to Jazz" as a musician who "shows that her delicate instrument can be used to produce swinging, soulful, funky and stomping music." *Reservations are required. Please call (661) 254-4584 for ticket reservations. Members \$10; non-members \$15.*

FIELD TRIP: SPRING BIRDING AT MALIBU CREEK (OFFSITE)**Saturday, March 27; 8 am-2 pm**

Learn about the varied birdlife of the Malibu Creek area of the Santa Monica Mountains with a Museum scientist! Join Kimball Garrett, Ornithology Collections Manager, on this daylong exploration of the sights and sounds of the birds at Malibu Creek State Park and Malibu Lagoon. We'll find and identify dozens of bird species by sight and sound and learn about their natural history and conservation issues. It's a great introduction to the biodiversity of woodland, chaparral, and coastal wetland habitats in the Los Angeles region. *Participants provide their own transportation and lunch. Limited to 25 participants. Grades 3 and up. Members \$40, general admission \$45. Call (213) 763-ED4U (3348) or e-mail educate@nhm.org for more information or to register.*

CURATOR'S CUPBOARD: SEEKING SEASHELLS (NHM)**Saturday, March 27; 10 am-4 pm**

Snails, slugs, octopus, and clams: mollusks are everywhere, and the Natural History Museum has over 4.5 million of them in its collection. See some of these amazing invertebrates from the past and present with Mary Stecheson of Invertebrate Paleontology and Lindsey Groves of Malacology on-hand to answer your questions. *Programs are free with paid Museum admission. Activities located at the Dueling Dinosaurs, just inside the main entrance. For more information visit www.nhm.org.*

JUNIOR SCIENTIST: SEEKING SEASHELLS (NHM)**Saturday, March 27; 10:30 am and 1:30 pm**

Join us to investigate just a few of these amazing invertebrates from the past and present and become a Junior Malacologist, gathering gastropods, braving the bivalves and seeing a few seashells along the way. *Junior Scientist is for 6-9 year-olds and their families. All programs are free with paid Museum admission. No reservations are required, but class sizes are limited. Please check in at the Dueling Dinosaurs just inside the main entrance.*

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Natural History Family of Museums Info:

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is at 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007. Open seven days a week 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets \$9 for adults, \$6.50 for children. Admission is free the first Tuesday of every month. For more information, call (213) 763-DINO or visit www.nhm.org.

The Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits is at 5801 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA, 90036. Open seven days a week 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets \$7 for adults, \$4.50 for students and seniors, and \$2 for children ages 5-12. Admission is free for children under 5 and Museum members. Admission is also free for everyone on the first Tuesday of every month. For more information, call (323) 934-PAGE or visit www.tarpits.org.

The Hart Park and Museum is at 24151 Newhall Ave. Newhall, CA, 91321. Open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with tours every half hour. Admission is free. For more information, call (661) 254-4584 or visit www.hartmuseum.org.

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