# Newsletter



The Palm Beach Museum of Natural History

# www.pbmnh.org

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#### Jurassic Camp

We still have openings available for our summer camp program. Camps are available for children ages 5 through 12. For those interested in registration please contact our Education Director Shana Campbell at (561) 275-6233 or at education@pbmnh.org Camps run weekly through the first week of August. You can also register through the link available on the PBMNH website.







#### Top news of the month

It is simply the greatest discovery in the history of paleontology! The "Tanis Site" located in North Dakota was discover in 2013 by Robert Depalma, PBMNH Curator of Paleontology (now emeritus). This is a flood deposit formed 30 to 90 minutes following the asteroid strike at the end of the Cretaceous Period. The story of this discovery and Robert's latest findings there are the subject of a new two-part Nova special "Dinosaur Apocalypse" now available on PBS and narrated by David Attenborough.

You can catch another interview with Robert on YouTube's "The Dinosaur Channel" as well as a second presentation focusing on the museum itself. Both shows are available on the PBMNH website as well as a link to the Nova website mentioned above.



#### New Look- New Store

The Museum just celebrated it's 5th year anniversary at the Wellington Green Mall and the future looks very promising. Gone is the old "hospital Green" external appearance, replaced by a more inviting window facade. The "camp site" exhibit has been removed to make way for the shelving and display cases of our new Museum Store. We are now offering a greatly expanded line of jewelry, art & posters, toys, books, dinosaur figurines, and real fossils ranging from Spinosaurs and Mosauarus teeth to Ammonites and Trilobites. We are also carrying Bone Clones museum quality replicas such as Saber-tooth Cat skulls, and Fossil Creates replica teeth and claws including those of Velocirator and T. rex. We are continuing to add to our inventory and there is no charge to come and browse for that special aift.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR INFO ON OUR NEXT EVENT

## Board of Trustee & Staff News

The museum welcomes Richie Incandela as the newest Trustee on our nine member Board. Congratulations Richie!

We have also added Brandon Trujillo to the staff. Brandon, who began as a high school volunteer last year, has already been cited by visitors for his knowledge and the enthusiastic presenation of his tours. Right now, we are listing him as Assistant Paleontology Collections Manager - but there is no limit to his growth with us.

Our congratulations go to Luis Torres, Assistant Curator of Paleontology, for his acceptance into the University of Florida's Ph.D. Program. While he will be attending classes in Gainesville. Luis will continue to work with the museum at every opportunity including the presentation of new lectures via Zoom. PBMNH volunteers Miguel Castellanos and Dan Pinto are also headed towards out-of-state institutions where they will be pursuing advanced degrees. Our best wishes to all three, we will miss you. Here's hoping that you will return to us with degree in hand.

Finally, the museum also welcomes Miriam Naranio as our new Administration Director. Although Miriam has only been with us for a short time she has completely transformed the museum's business operations and marketing efforts as well as serving as our Volunteer Coordinator. With this addition to our staff, the museum is now poised to make that transitional leap to the next level of our development. Good and great things are ahead, thank you Miriam !

### Volunteers

Summer is a great time for students and others needing Community Service hours. Volunteer opportunities include helping to manage the museum admission & store desk and as exhibit tour guides for those with a science background and knowledge of paleontology or archaeology. Applications can be found on-line under the website volunteer tab or by contacting Miriam Naranjo at (561) 460-3066 or mnaranjo@pbmnh.org

## Lectures and workshops

Our lecture series will begin again in the fall and will feature both inperson presentations as well as those conducted via Zoom. We are exploring ways to combine both mediums in order to provide our members with either option.

Archaeology workshops will also begin again in the fall for those interested in an actual "hand-on" experience. Follow the museum here for or on our website www.pbmnh.org for the upcoming schedules.

## Memberships

Individual and Family Memberships are now being offered for \$25 and \$40 respectively. Membership provides free admission to the museum for one year and a 10% discount in the museum store as well as other advantages. Through the museum's recent partnering with the Wellington Green Mall's CMX movie theater, each new membership also receives free movie tickets (Individual 2/ Family 4) good through December of this year!



## New Exhibits

We have added a full-size velociraptor to our dinosaur exhibit – don't get too excited, velociraptors are only the size of turkeys – yes, this dinosaur is real and not a replica, so on second thought, a little excitement is called for.

We are also developing two new exhibits, one featuring a recently donated paleontology collection which came to us from Mr. Steve Candio of Melbourne Florida, and an exhibit tentatively entitled "The Women of Florida Archaeology." This last exhibit will feature the contributions of women archaeologists to our knowledge of Florida's past. Included are exquisite and rare wooden carvings from Broward County's "Margate-Blount Site" located in Parkland. This site, first excavated by archaeologist Wilma Williams in 1959. laid the aroundwork for the establishment of the Broward County Archaeological Society, the "grand-father" of our current museum. Ok ok - the "grandmother" :)

