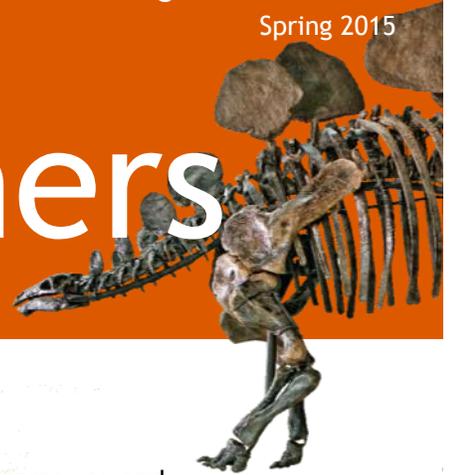




# For Teachers



## Monarchs and Mummies

Spring is upon us once again! We are excited to welcome you and your students to the Natural History Museum during our busiest season. In her note below, Hilary will give you some important tips for visiting.

We hope when you visit this spring you'll explore the entire Museum - inside and out - and be sure to take a moment to watch birds, butterflies and bees in their natural habitat out in the Nature Gardens. You should also ask about day-of reservation availability for our amazing folk art exhibit, *Grandes Maestros*, currently on view. Art and history lesson plans for this striking exhibit are up now on our [website](#), with more to come in April.

Speaking of temporary exhibitions, we are extremely excited to have a new exhibit opening in September of this year. *Mummies: New Secrets From the Tombs* comes to us from the Field Museum in Chicago, and is only at the Natural History Museum through January, so don't miss it!

**Molly Porter**  
Manager, School and Teacher Programs

## Get Outside NHM

Dear teachers,

Spring is here, which means Museum halls packed with school visitors! Here are some tips for handling our busiest season:

- Butterfly Pavilion reservations sold out back in January, but head out to our Pollinator Garden, where you'll see free-flying native butterflies and hummingbirds!
- We unfortunately can't accept checks for chaperone tickets, so collect cash in advance, or ask extra adults to purchase their own tickets when they arrive
- Consider booking on a Monday or Tuesday, our slowest days, for a more low-key, quieter experience.
- Dinosaur Encounters tickets must be reserved in advance, and are available only on Thursdays. For same day reservations, plan an early lunch and ask about our 12:00 show!

We look forward to seeing you here at NHM. Happy Spring!

**Hilary Gan**  
School Programs Coordinator



Students search for pill bugs and learn about composting in the Get Dirty Zone

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Before your visit, download Nature Garden lesson plans at [nhm.org/site/for-teachers/lessons-and-activities](http://nhm.org/site/for-teachers/lessons-and-activities)

## Highlighted Hall: *Nature Gardens*

Our gardens are teeming with wildlife, from hummingbirds, bees and butterflies refueling on native plants in the Pollinator Garden to spiders and snails crawling along the Living Wall! The Nature Gardens, also home to an Edible Garden and pond, provide the perfect urban nature experience for your students. Bring your class out to our gardens on your next school visit; they are open year-round and do not require an additional reservation.

## Upcoming Educator Workshops

### The Study of Squirrels

Saturday, April 11, 2015. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

A ubiquitous L.A. neighbor with unique local history, squirrels are animals we can easily observe! Increase your squirrel smarts and learn about activities to facilitate student inquiry in the classroom. Discuss how to study squirrels with students to meet Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards.

Learn more and register for Educator Workshops at: [nhm.org/for-teachers/professional-development](http://nhm.org/for-teachers/professional-development)

*Please note registration for Educator Workshops opens three weeks prior to the date of the workshop. Workshop titles and topics are subject to change.*

## Educator Resources

Booked a school visit to NHM? Here are some helpful resources to prepare you for your visit.

[Suggested Itineraries](#)

[Chaperone Guides](#)

[Lesson Plans and Activities](#)

[Past Educator Workshop Resources](#)

### Western Fence Lizard >

This rare sighting of a Western Fence Lizard in our gardens was submitted to the RASCals project by a museum employee, making this the first documented lizard at NHM! Spot a lizard on your next visit?

Submit your own sightings to [inaturalist.org/projects/rascals](http://inaturalist.org/projects/rascals)



## Museum Love



*Thanks Kaitlyn, we're glad you had fun!*

## Request a Visit to the NHM!

Go to [nhm.org/for-teachers](http://nhm.org/for-teachers) and click on the **Visit the Museum** for instructions on how to plan your day and request a visit!