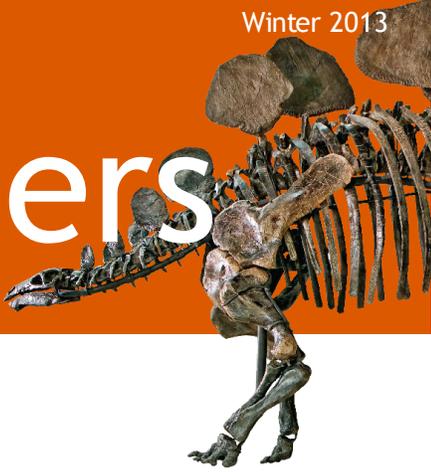




For Teachers



Traveling the Silk Road: An Unusual Journey...

Dear Teachers,

If you've been to the Museum in the last six months, you've seen all of the amazing new galleries and gardens – but wait, there's more! We have two temporary exhibits to share with you and your students this winter. First, *Just Add Water* is an original art exhibition exploring the L.A. Aqueduct and its journey from the Owens Valley (read more on the next page). These amazing large-scale watercolors are on display in our Rotunda Mezzanine through August 3, 2014.

Next up is *Traveling the Silk Road: Ancient Pathway to the Modern World*. This exhibit is an immersive experience that combines history, geography, culture, and science. Feel transported to another land in a distant time, from ancient China to the Middle East more than 2,000 years ago. Visit the website in mid-December for grade-specific activities to help guide you along the way. This exhibit closes on April 13, 2014, so don't wait to reserve your free visit!

We'll see you soon on the Silk Road.

Molly Porter
Manager, School and Teacher Programs

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Whether it's collecting and identifying invertebrates in our pond and gardens or investigating fossils and wildlife, working with your students as they develop scientific skills and connect to the natural world has been a blast this season! These Guided Programs only run through January, so add them to your visit before space and time run out! Learn more at nhm.org/for-teachers/visit-the-museum/programming. If you can't make it for the program, never fear! Our educators are always on the floor to answer questions and talk to students: just look for an *Ask Me* badge!

As the winter rains begin, don't forget that we offer indoor space to eat when it is pouring saber-toothed cats and dire wolves. While groups are welcome to purchase food at the Grill, our café cannot seat schools, so reserve a time and space to eat when you check in your group. To protect our collections, lunches should still be stored on the bus or safely zipped in backpacks until you enter the designated eating area.

Looking forward to your visit!

Kristen Metzger
Coordinator, School Programs

Highlighted Hall: *Becoming Los Angeles*

Trace the heritage of our city, from acorns to aerospace, and discover how modern Los Angeles grew from diverse cultures, and was dramatically impacted by commonplace things like water and poop (yup, poop). Look for this bottle of water collected at the opening of the L.A. Aqueduct 100 years ago, then see *Just Add Water* in the Rotunda to talk about our history and connection to such a vital resource. For more information on the L.A. Aqueduct, visit the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power at wsoweb.ladwp.com/Aqueduct/historyoflaa/ and for a great way to explore art with your students, visit vtshome.org



Feature Fact >

While in the Rotunda, look for the banner of names hanging around the Mezzanine level. These are the 6,147 people that worked on the aqueduct! The names create the shape of the L.A. Aqueduct which flows for 233 miles – from the Owens Valley all the way to L.A.

Thomas Marchion
Jerry Bowers Lena Goe
George Rein Habel C.L. Kelsey
George Johnson W.P. Whitsett John Sonnevile
A.H. Scullow George Brown Billy Brown John Keith
A.O. Brown Tracey Frank J.E. Chilton Jack Shirer T.H. Stone Mrs. Gracile
H.W. Goodale John Campbell Tom Paine Harvey Van Norman
John Jackson Morris Albertoli O.F. Smith A.J. Ford John Collins
Chas. Johnson Wm. Westerville W.N. Mendonatti Harro Durr Rollin Taylor
W.A. Lamar Mose Baker Billy Morehouse
Sylvia Garner Nicha Jones Leidy Jackson Ed Meyers Mrs. Myers R.R. Simmonson
George Claffey George Carmell James Spratt Clarence Dakota Father John Crowley
Mamie Bircham Joe Wright Mabel Hadfield Clara Jackson Mary Brown Dick Price
Lena Mendez Maude Hoody J.W. Headerson Ray Smith Minnie Sonnevile Jim Tom Jones
Henry Mike F.G. Collett Daisy Brown Frank Durig May Smith Frank Zacco Mrs. Drouillard
Joseph Crowley Tom Longley Frank Durig May Smith Frank Zacco Mrs. Drouillard
Wm. Keenett Wm. Westerville Frank Butler Antonio Brown H.J. Phasley
Andreas Green G. Walter Dow Dick Malloy Henry Cornwell Billy Barlow
Jack Newland L.L. Goon Henry Utrac George Strage
Helen Allingham Charles Lux Thomas Sloan Peter K. Corneill
Ray Patton Mary Malloy Bertha Hall H.W. Guthrie
Frank Brown E.F. Scattergood E.E. Leakey
John S.R. Hammit Geo. Williams
C.L. Ellis Jack Westervelt
Frank Ober George Smith
A.L. Warren George Smith
Frank McGee
James Hill

Upcoming Programs & Events

Teacher Previews: *Traveling the Silk Road*
December 18, 2013 - December 20, 2013

Bring your California teacher ID or school pay stub to the NHM to receive free admission and get a peek at our traveling exhibit from the American Museum of Natural History, *Traveling the Silk Road*, before it opens to the public!

Next Generation Science Standards &
The Nature of Science
Saturday, January 25, 2014, 9 am - 1 pm

Join us for a lively discussion about Nature of Science topics as they appear in the Next Generation Science Standards, and beyond! Revolutionize the way you think about “the scientific method” and integrate critical thinking into your classroom. Facilitated by Science Education Professor Dr. Paul Narguizian and Museum educators.

Reservations open January 1 at:
nhm.org/for-teachers/professional-development

Urban Wildlife & Scientific Illustration
Saturday, February 22, 2014, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Observe the world around you, notice local wildlife, and get an introduction to scientific drawing! Learn skills you can teach your students and incorporate illustration into science notebooks and nature journals.

Reservations open February 1 at:
nhm.org/for-teachers/professional-development

Welcome Hilary!

We would like to introduce a new staff member this month: Hilary Gan! Hilary is teaming up with Kristen to coordinate School Programs – so be sure to give her a welcoming high-five if you see her during your visit. Hilary is a writer and sometimes ecologist who loves the desert, fluffy kittens, and good books.

Thank You

We LOVE all the amazing letters and drawings students send the Museum. Receiving these is a special gift that we share with the whole Museum family. Please keep them coming!



How to Book

Go to nhm.org/for-teachers and click on the Visit the Museum link for step-by-step instructions on how to plan your day and submit a visit request!