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FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER

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23rd November
25th December
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See calendar for Holiday Hours



From our Executive Director...

Dear Museum Friend,

So far 2017 has been an amazing year! Buena Vista Museum of Natural History and Science (BVM) has been very busy with our diverse science programs. I am so pleased to be part of the museum team that continually strives to bring engaging educational programs to our members and visitors. It is the BVM Board of Directors and the Volunteers that you will find working in so many areas of the museum as well as a team of Teachers that plan the educational programs for youths and adults. This past summer we once again increased the Summer Science Camps from 9 to 12 sessions to meet the requests from parents.

At BVM we feel the heart and soul of the museum truly are the children.

We place a high focus on today's youth. We make science an educational and fun experience. One of our more popular programs is "Just For Kids", a Science enrichment session on the first Saturday of each month. Whether it is a planned program or just a casual visit, the museum is a place where a child can touch fossils, explore the Oh! Zone!, see fluorescent rocks glow in the dark, stare at a fully-grown lion just an arm's length away, take a spin on an astronaut's chair or build a catenary arch. Our goal is for children to have fun with hands-on learning experiences. Future plans include creating more interactive science exhibits as funding develops.

If you have not visited the Museum in past year, please come by, I think you will be amazed at the positive changes and growth. I would be happy to share with you the many plans for our future goals and improvements.

Sincerely,
Koral

CELEBRATING

**22
YEARS**

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

BVM Science Camp Kids having fun!

Gears & Wheels
Keep Science on the
Move!



Dinosaur
Week is always a big
hit!
Rajwwwwwwww!!



Happy
Campers



Making Pasta Rovers to
Explore Mars during
Astronomy Week



CSI-Junior etlectives
Made disguises for their
Sleuthing!



2017 Summer Science Camp

2017 Summer Campers at the Buena Vista Museum enjoyed a wide variety of activities led by our super team of educators! From exploring the moon & Planets to finding clues to solve a mystery campers were able to learn that Science is everywhere in our lives!

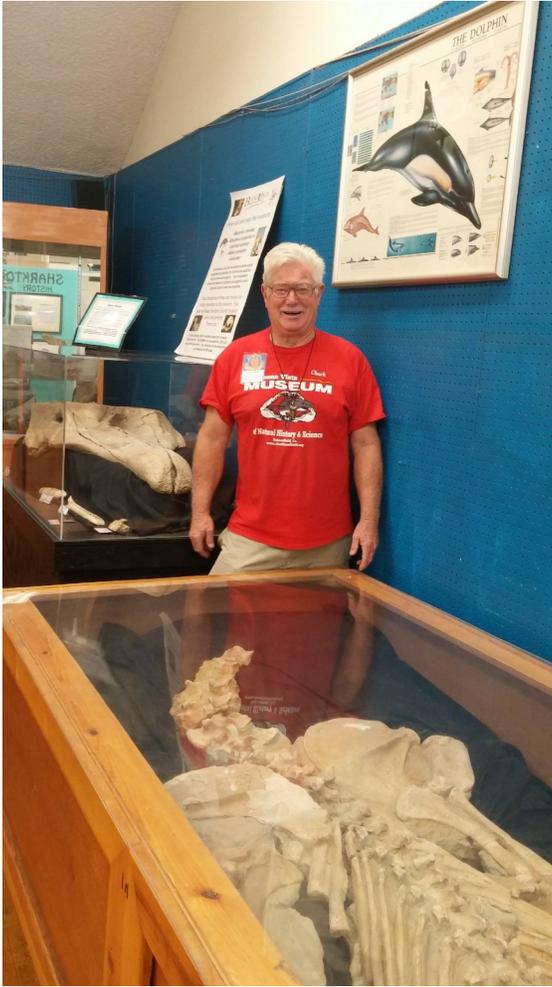


We want to thank Chevron for their continued support of the *Buena Vista Museum's* educational programs.

By sponsoring our *Summer Science Camp 2017* Chevron has made it possible for students of all ages to learn by doing, and glean a greater understanding and appreciation of science and natural history.



THANK YOU to all who helped save Happy!



For the past few years the BVM has struggled to make payments towards ownership of "Happy" our beloved Allodesmus. *Happy* is one of the Fossils that started the museum 22 years ago! He is a Unique fossils that was found in the Sharktooth Hill area several decades ago. He is 14-16 Million years old! The museum felt strongly that he belonged in Bakersfield rather than auctioned off to never be seen in Kern County again.

In June of this year **Chuck Mast** made a donation to the museum in Memory **Carla Mast** his late wife. **Carla** was a volunteer, docent and helped in so many ways at the museum. Carla's favorite fossils was *Happy*. That Donation was enough to pay the balance off and now the museum owns *Happy*!

We would like to thank the many donors over the past years who have helped us make payments in order to have *Happy* become another piece of history saved by the museum. We owe a gratitude of appreciation to **Chuck Mast**, the **Pacific Section-American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation**, the **PSAAPG Foundation** and so many more **Donors** who have kindly given towards the purchase of *Happy*. Our Goal was to bring him home and keep him here and now that goal is completed. ***Happy* is home at last, stop by and see him!!**

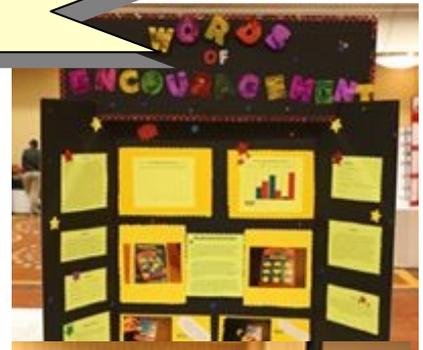
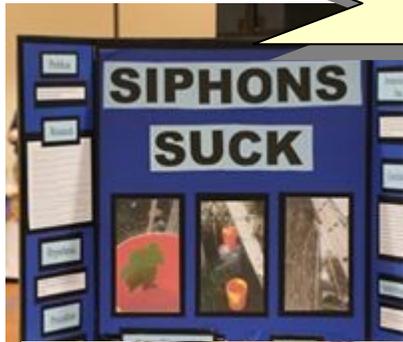
Come See Us At the Great Kern County Fair



*Stop by BVM's Educational Booth in
Building 1 The Albert S. Goode Auditorium
September 20th through October 1st*

**The Museum will be closed during the fair
our volunteers will see you there!**

SWOS



The **Spectacular World of Science (SWOS)** 2017 was an outstanding success. Numerous groups and organizations were on hand with live demonstrations, experiments and interactive hands on activities for all ages. The Keynote Speaker: Dr. Stuart Sumida, who is a renowned Paleontologist & Motion Picture Consultant, kept the attendees laughing at his stories and fascinated with his knowledge and experience in the field as well as the motion picture, gaming and animation industry.

The 1st place 6th - 12th grade Kern County Youth Science Fair winners displayed their exhibits for everyone to see and were amazingly eloquent when describing their experiments and findings. We were impressed!!! They all received Special Awards commemorating the event as well as certificates from *Congressman Kevin McCarthy*. This event is a Fundraising program to advance awareness of science activities available for the youth in Kern County.

We would like to thank all of the groups, organizations and volunteers who came out and made this years event memorable.

Watch for the date of our 2018 Spectacular World of Science to be announced!

And we would especially like to thank our sponsors for SWOS;



The Ben H. & Gladys Arkelian Foundation



Jeff Johnson - JLM Associates



The Harry & Ethel West Foundation



Book a School Tour at the BVM

Where Science is Fun!

Buena Vista Museum offers **school tours** throughout the year to inspire and enrich your child! When you book a school tour at the museum, your students will see exhibits on **anatomy, astronomy, archeology, biology, geology, and paleontology.**
And a trip to our science discovery center for hands-on learning fun!

Did You Know You Can Schedule Your Next Meeting or Event at BVM

Whether you are interested in Paleontology, Geology, Gems and Minerals or would just like somewhere different and interesting to have your next meeting or event, BVM is your place. Our knowledgeable docents will be glad to give your group or organization a customized tour based on their particular interests or take you on an overall tour of the *Buena Vista Museum of Natural History & Science.*

Presentations on Science, the history of *Sharktooth Hill* and its famous fossil beds, Dinosaurs, Native American Lifeways as well as Rocks, Gems & Minerals are another way to add interest to your event.

Call us at 661-324-6350 to book today!!

***Party with us!
BVM does Birthdays!***



Rent the museum's **Party Room** for just **\$75**, and receive discounted admission for your guests: Children: \$3 Adults: \$5

Rental fee includes use of the party room for two hours and a docent-led tour of the museum.

**You bring the cake, decorations, and guests.
Let us take care of the rest!**

To make your reservation, call 661-324-6350

Volunteers are the **Lifblood** of any Nonprofit

At the Buena Vista Museum it is especially true. Without our dedicated team of volunteers helping with day to day operations the museum would not be able to provide all of the educational services we offer to our visitors. June who greets you at the front desk, Chuck who is a docent, STH Field Guide and does maintenance throughout the building. Carol, Dave, JP and Mark docents leading tours and other museum activities. They are all vital members of the team.

Members of our Board of Directors and volunteer staff can often be found out in the community teaching, demonstrating or just getting the word out about BVM. Their dedication to BVM and our mission is what helps to make every visitors experience memorable. We can not thank them enough for their service!! So next time

you

JUNE



CHUCK

DAVE



CAROL

JP



TO THE MOON AND BEYOND

The Buena Vista Museum of Natural History & Science is very fortunate to have as one of our volunteers **Roberta Parnell, NASA Solar System Ambassador Volunteer.**

Roberta who is a school teacher also serves on our Education Committee helping to plan science related activities and events at the museum. Not only does she teach Astronomy during Science Summer Camp, she recently spoke to a packed house of visitors about the recent solar eclipse and gave out Eclipse viewing glasses, issued by NASA to children attending the two classes. Cassini's mission to Saturn and it's rings was the topic of her class during our 1st Saturday program "*Just for Kids*" on September 2nd. **Roberta** will be featured again on **October 28 from 10:30 to 11:30am** for *International Observe the Moon Day*. Watch our *Calendar of Events* for upcoming topics that **Roberta** will be presenting, you will have fun while learning all about the *Moon and Beyond!*



Volunteers keep the museum alive and thriving!

They can be seen at the front desk greeting visitors, in the gift shop, in the Paleo lab working on fossils, in the curation department and repository identifying and researching fossils, they are the docents giving tours, summer camp teachers, the person repairing and cleaning throughout the museum. Without volunteers the museum would not exist. It is the many volunteer duties and activities that keep the museum energized.

If you are interested in joining our team contact executive Director Koral Hancharick, stop by the museum or call us today at 661-324-6350!

Eagle Scout Projects Help the museum in so many ways!

A BIG THANKS to Steven Bush and his Scout Troop. Their volunteer time and energy is a valuable part of the museum. Steven's Eagle Scout Project consisted of reconstructing front desk counter, building shelves to organize office space, painting and carpeting one of the smaller mezzanine offices, making it a usable space.



Buena Vista Museum Calendar

Save these dates! More information available on our website.

FALL 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BVM KERN COUNTY FAIR DISPLAY Starts Sept 20th through Oct 1st
Stop by our educational booth in building 1 at the fair,
The museum will be closed during the Kern County Fair

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 7TH FAMILY DAY: 10am - 4pm - Admission two adults and six children for just \$20

OCTOBER 7TH - PALEO WORKSHOP: 9 - 3 pm

OCTOBER 7TH "JUST FOR KIDS": 10:30 - 12pm - SCAVENGER HUNT at the museum to win a Prize!

OCTOBER 13TH & 14TH "NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM": 6:30 PM to 9:30PM

OCTOBER 28th: "INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON DAY": Roberta Parnell NASA Solar System Ambassador volunteer "Observing the Moon."

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 4th FAMILY DAY: 10am - 4pm - Admission two adults and six children for just \$20

NOVEMBER 4TH "JUST FOR KIDS": 10:30 - 12pm - TBD

NOVEMBER 17TH thru 20thTH Paleo Dig: Find your own Fossils!

See our website at www.sharktoothhill.org for more information.

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 2nd FAMILY DAY: 10am - 4pm - Admission two adults and six children for just \$20

DECEMBER 2nd "JUST FOR KIDS": 10:30 - 12pm - TBD



Gold Coast Science Network

Chapter of the California Science Teachers Association

www.goldcoastscience.net

CHECK OUT THE GCSN FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE UPCOMING EVENTS...

Saturday, November 4, 2017 - 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Oxnard College, 4000 S. Rose Ave, Oxnard, CA

Fauna for the Future

@FaunaForTheFuture

Second Tuesdays of each
month, 7 pm, at the Buena
Vista Museum of Natural History
& Science

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Do you want to see your ad
in our Newsletter?

Please contact Koral Hancharick
at info@buenavistamuseum.org
for more Information

WISH LIST

We all have a wish list; whether it is something small, something large, something fun or something just to make our lives better. Well we at the BVM have a wish list too!

1. A MILLION DOLLARS! (well, it is a WISH list)!!!!

Ok, ok lets get down to what we really would like to have.

- \$450,000 to **pay off the Mortgage**
- \$100,000 **Solar Panels** would reduce our utilities
- \$12,000, **Annual Insurances** due for Building, Gen Lib and exhibits.
- \$10,000 **Sponsor for the “Just for kids”** First Saturday of the month Science Enrichment for youths 1st - 12th grade.
- \$1200 **Oncell Audio System** accessed by public for exhibit information
- **General Donations** for operation of Museum
- **\$30,000 Coordinator of Volunteers:** to organize volunteers for day to day operation, events and educational activities and recruit new volunteers.
- **Sponsors and Donations for Gala and Silent Auction**
- \$50,000 **Building Repairs:**
- Donors/Sponsors and Licensed professional volunteers and volunteers to help with:
 - The replacement of the ancient plumbing system.
 - Remodel of the main floor Bathrooms to bring them up-to date and to bring the upper floor bathroom into working order.
 - Electrical wiring, switches and breaker boxes needed in many areas of the building.
 - Funds to purchase and install LED lights to save energy.

Other ITEMS NEEDED Monthly:

Office Needs: Phone Message tablets (with duplicate sheets), pens and pencils, tablets of paper, paper clips, staples, sticky notes, small envelops, #10 envelops, Large envelops, glue sticks, rolls of tape, file folders, notebooks, dividers and binders from 1 to 3 inch. Copy paper,

Office Equipment: New or newer (within 2 years) desk top computer system (\$800-\$1000), Computer hand held Tablet for Curation department (\$400). Small Laminator \$100.

Educational Class needs: Crayons, Markers, Paint and Paint brushes, Construction paper; any supplies that kids can use for science related projects.

Cleaning supplies: Each month the museum uses lots of the following supplies: Windex, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Hand Soap, trash bags, Pledge, Murphy’s oil Soap, & other Multi-purpose cleaners. All of the little things that add up over a month!

Equipment: New register with bar code scan capabilities. New or gently used vacuum. Fans for Summer.

Tools: power drill/ screw driver.

Gift Cards: Home Depot or Lowes, Office Max or office supply stores, Costco to purchase items as needed

Monthly SERVICES: (the museum would like to have, but can’t afford):

- Monthly Purified Bottle Water Service (Sparkletts or Arrowhead \$50)
- Monthly Front Entry Window Cleaning (approximately \$65a month \$250 year)
- Once a quarter Carpet Cleaning for Classroom and other heavy traffic carpeted areas \$350

If you can make any of our Wish List items come true, please contact

Executive Director, Koral Hancharick at 661-324-6350



Your Contributions Make All This Possible!

BVM is looking ahead to an exciting goals and growth we have planned, and we want you to be a part of our future! Current goals include developing a rich menu of in-house programming to offer visitors during regular museum hours, and revamping our website to be more informative and user-friendly than ever! We are also currently seeking sponsorship for new, kid-friendly, high-tech exhibits! **BVM's average year operating expenses are about \$184,000 per year, or about \$15,335 a month, or approximately \$500 per day.** No donation is too small; whether your able to give a few dollars or even spare pocket change, in the end it all adds up! Your continued support is what enables the museum to serve our community by offering such a rich variety of educational programs for children and people of all ages.

*****cut and detach*****

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

_____ Enclosed is my donation for the **General Operations** in the amount of \$ _____

_____ Enclosed is my donation to ***Sponsor A Day at the Museum*** for \$500

Date: _____ or In memory of : _____

_____ Enclosed is my donation in support of many **Educational programs** \$ _____

_____ Enclosed is my donation in support of **Exhibit Acquisitions and improvements** \$ _____

_____ I would like to **pledge** on a monthly basis \$ _____

_____ I would like to receive pre-addressed monthly pledge envelopes.

_____ Please charge the above amount to my credit card # _____

Name on Card _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Please contact me at Ph # _____ Best time to call _____

_____ I would like to be a volunteer. Please send me an application and more information.

Please mail to **BVM, 2018 Chester Ave, Bakersfield, CA. 93301 USA** Or call 661-324-6350



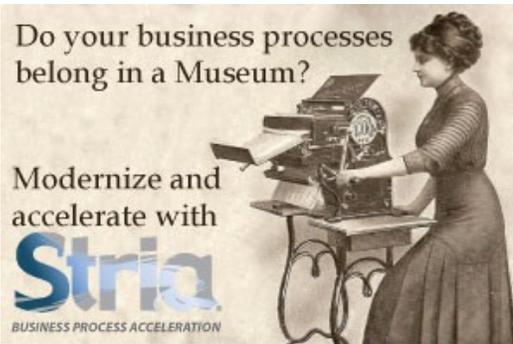
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