Board member Jon Sampson helps hang the museum’s new poppy mural above the check-in counter. This beautiful painting, which features a hillside of California poppies, was created by artist Zachery Thomas and generously donated by the Greens at Seven Oaks. Special thanks to Larry Reider for helping make this possible!

A big thank you to Dr. Steve Collette for lending his carpentry skills to the mural project!
Summer Campers at the Buena Vista Museum this summer enjoyed a wide variety of activities led by our super team of educators! From baking s’mores in homemade solar ovens to blasting soda bottle rockets, campers were able to make valuable connections between science, real life, and fun! From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all for your continued support of the Buena Vista Museum’s educational programs, where students of all ages are able to learn by doing, and glean a greater understanding and appreciation of science and natural history.
Where Art Meets Science
This Collection of ten hand-painted teaching posters was purchased at Auction and Donated by Dave and Jill Hanley. With help from our friends the Hanley’s and a grant from the Art Council of Kern, the museum has preserve, protect and create a professional display to exhibit this rare set of antique painted canvas scrolls. All were hand painted by Artist and Paleontologist Karl Alfred Von Zittel. These scrolls are very important and are possibly the only set in existence due to the fact that the University of Munich (where Von Zittel taught) was bombed during WWII. The fossils in their collection were near to totally lost...yet, these ten teaching scrolls still survived. Karl Alfred Von Zittel is considered by most to be the real father of Dinosaur paleontology. He taught his students with the actual scrolls you see on display at here at Buena Vista Museum. All ten scrolls were hand painted on canvas during the late 1800's. They are over a century old. These impressive and large posters measuring 4 foot x 4 - 5 foot are truly a treasure. The Museum is pleased to be able to display them for visitors and researchers to view and enjoy.

BVM AT THE KERN COUNTY FAIR

The Buena Vista Museum was able to reach over THREE THOUSAND individuals at our tent at the Kern County Fair between September 21st and October 2nd. A big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time to make the event a success! We appreciate your dedication to our mission!
Special thanks to Eagle Scout Troop Number 47 for revamping our front window with this great new display! Nathan Jones and his fellow scouts provided us with all new signage, cleaned and laid carpet on the north wall, and built an incredible diorama!
Dave Hanley presents Weird Science.

2017 Summer Camp Registration will begin in March!
Stay tuned for the new schedule!
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!**

Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus collaborated with BVM to present an **Out of This World Astronomy** demonstration for the Bakersfield Boys and Girls Club. Participants enjoyed sampling astronaut ice cream, making astronaut helmets, and learning about how astronauts live in space.

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**
Many thanks to our friends at CALM for donating this beautiful horse mural!

Our Executive Director, Koral Hancharick’s office is looking great with donated desks, chairs, wall and filing cabinets.

Big thank you to Citizens Bank and Vice President Scott Begin for donating much needed office furnishings.

Chuck Mast helping with installation. Thank you to all who lent a hand!

Who dunnit? Dave Hanley, John Stegall, and Sam Sikola all strike a pose moving a fossil display case.

To join our awesome team of volunteers, call 661-324-6350
Support BVM this holiday season by sharing the gift that keeps giving all year long!

**Membership benefits include:**
- One year unlimited admission to BVM
- Discounts on camps and special events
- FREE admission to other museums throughout California. Check out website for list and details!

**Membership Levels**
- Student: $15
- Senior (60+): $20
- Individual: $25
- Family: $75

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Save the Date!

**Spectacular World of Science (SWOS) 2017**

Saturday, April 8th, 2017

Featuring science demos, guest speakers, make-and-take activities, and more! A whole day of fun and learning for all ages!

Thank you to our friends at Chevron for sponsoring the Spectacular World of Science!

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Director Koral Hancharick with Astronaut Col. Rick Searfoss at SWOS 2016.
Buena Vista Museum Calendar

Save these dates! More information available on our website.

NOVEMBER

November 7th Family Day at BVM, 10am - 4pm  2 adults and up to 6 kids - admission is only $20! Ask at the register for Family Day Special admission price!

November 19th The Geology of the Grand Canyon 13pm - 4:30pm  Join Grand Canyon Park Ranger Tim Elam as he takes you on a rich photographic tour of the Grand Canyon and discusses how this natural wonder was formed and what makes it unique.

November 19th Fall Gala, 6pm - 8:30pm  Join us at the museum for a night of food, wine, entertainment and a silent auction. $40 for members, $50 for non-members.

November 20th Plants and Animals of the Grand Canyon’s North Rim, 3pm - 4:30pm  Learn about the Grand Canyon’s 1906 designation as a game preserve, the California condor, bison, bears, mountain lions and other north rim creatures with Grand Canyon Park Ranger, Tim Elam.

November 26th, Museum Closed for Thanksgiving  BVM wishes you and your family a very happy Turkey Day!

DECEMBER

December 2nd, 3rd and 4th Paleo Digs  Hunt for fossils with museum field guides at Shark Tooth Ridge and take home whatever shark teeth you find!

December 3rd Just for Kids! 10:30am - 12:30pm  Discover astronomy through fun, hands-on activities with Roberta Parnell.

December 3rd Family Day, 10am - 4pm  Museum admission for two adults and up to six children for just $20.

December 15th, Dollar Day 10am - 4pm  Museum admission for everyone of all ages for just $1.

December 24th, Closing at 2pm for Christmas Eve

December 25th, Closed for Christmas Day

December 31st, Closing at 2pm for New Year’s Eve

Seasons Greetings, and a Happy New Year!

JANUARY

January 1st, Closed for New Year’s Day

January 7th, Family Day 10am - 4pm  Museum admission for two adults and up to six children for just $20

January 7th, Just for Kids  Special science program, watch our website for details!

January 19th, Two Dollar Day  Museum admission for everyone of all ages for just $2
Your Contributions Make All This Possible!
As 2016 draws to a close, BVM is looking ahead to an exciting new year of growth, and we want you to be a part of it! 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 $175,000 per year, or about $14,583 a month, $486 per day. No donation is too small. Whether your able to give 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 people of all ages.

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_____ 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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