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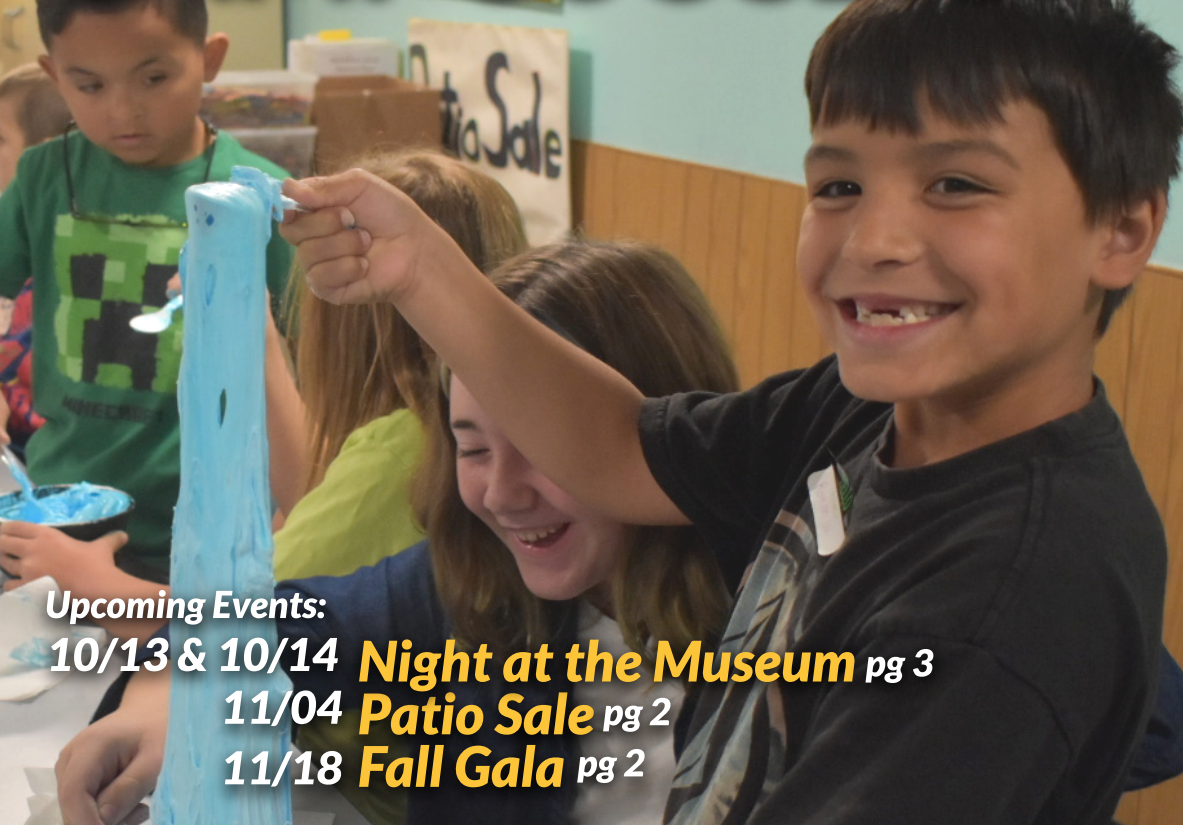
FALL - WINTER 2023

Buena Vista
MUSEUM
of Natural History & Science

2018 Chester Avenue
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buenavistamuseum.org



SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP SUCCESS!



Upcoming Events:
10/13 & 10/14 **Night at the Museum** pg 3
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11/18 **Fall Gala** pg 2

Museum Hours: Thursday-Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 12pm-4pm.



A Note From the Director...



Koral Hancharick
Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Museum,

Wow! It is already Fall, and the year is $\frac{3}{4}$ over. I am very grateful to all those who have continued their support through donations and volunteering. I am pleased to say in 2023, we have now returned to full operation and have been able to bring back all the many educational programs and events we had prior to the pandemic. This year, Summer Science Camp was back and a huge success! A big thank you to all the sponsors AERA Energy, Alfred and Virginia Harrell Foundation, PSAAPG and the many volunteers who made this educational opportunity possible.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our incredible staff who work extraordinary hours during the weeks of Summer Science Camp and other special events. Each staff member has been carefully chosen to be part of the BVM team. On any given day, there is much that goes on but is never seen by museum visitors. Let me give you a glimpse behind the scenes.

Jessica Herrold: Joined the team in 2018 as my assistant. She is truly my right hand always keeping the office running smoothly. In addition to the normal typing and filling, she does the accounting, invoicing, data entry, scheduling, e-blasts, recruits community presenters for science events, organizes Summer Science Camp and Science Saturdays, filters emails, runs reports, correspondence with teachers for school tours, makes signage for gift shop, event flyers and so much more. Way too much to list!

Clint Osman: After a brief time of volunteering, Clint joined the team in 2019. He is our Curator of Collections. He has a bachelors in anthropology/archaeology from CSUB and a masters in museum studies from Johns Hopkins University. He works on managing the growing collections at the museum, keeping track of all the museum objects and their documentation and records. He also creates and improves displays, maintains the museum website and information kiosks, and develops museum policies and procedures. His knowledge of museum studies brings a new level of

improvement to the museum. Clint is also the museum's membership coordinator, overseeing the museum's membership program, sending out renewal letters and new membership cards.

Alexia Hutchins: Hired in 2022 is our Volunteer Coordinator. Alexia recruits, schedules and oversees the many tasks of over 50 volunteers. This includes the volunteers for the front desk, scheduling docents for school tours and other areas, the "Meet the Expert" presentations, fireworks booth, Summer Camp, Gala, Spectacular World of Science, Night at the Museum, and many other events. She also assists with newsletter and graphic design of flyers. She has a degree in Anthropology and Art History. She is currently attending CSUB working on her Bachelors in Archaeology/Cultural Anthropology.

Above are just some of the highlights from each position. I am very proud and pleased to be working with such a talented team. It is with the BVM team, our sponsors, members and volunteers that the museum continues to grow. There are many components to making the museum grow. A big thank you goes out to all who help in so many ways.

I look forward to seeing you all at the museum and soon.

Sincerely,

Koral Hancharick

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The mission of the Buena Vista Museum is to educate, engage and inspire our community to explore the wonders of science through enrichment activities, exhibits, and special programs.

EVENTS

For more info on upcoming events, please visit: buenavistamuseum.org

Special Admission Days!
Family Day - First Saturday of each month
 2 adults and up to 6 children are only \$20!
Senior Day - Second Saturday of each month
 Admission for Seniors (60+) is only \$2!
\$2 Day - Every third Thursday. All day, all ages
 admission is only \$2!

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 BOOK YOUR SCHOOL OR GROUP TOURS
 TODAY AT
BUENAVISTAMUSEUM.ORG/SCHOOL-TOURS
 OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW.

The Buena Vista Museum Presents:
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
 FRIDAY THE 13TH
 AND
 SATURDAY THE 14TH
 A night of SPOOKY fun in the museum!
 TICKETS: \$8 PER CHILD & \$10 PER ADULT
 RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

The Buena Vista Museum Invites You to Join Our
**Community
 Patio Sale**

Fall Gala 2023
 Join us for an Elegant Evening at the Museum
 with dinner, entertainment, and a silent auction.
 Must call and reserve spot: 661 324 6350

Night at the Museum

Join us for a flashlight guided tour through the dark and dimly lit museum exhibits where spooky things are bound to happen!

**OCTOBER 13TH/14TH
 6:30PM-9:30PM**

-Reservation Required-

Patio Sale

Great deals on household goods, antiques, collectibles, toys, furniture, and more! All proceeds will benefit the Buena Vista Museum of Natural History and Science.

**NOVEMBER 4TH,
 9:00AM-3:30PM**

-Interested in Donating-
 Call: 661-324-6350

*No Clothing or Shoes

Fall Gala

Join us for an elegant evening at the museum with dinner, entertainment, and a silent auction.

**NOVEMBER 18TH,
 6:30PM-9:30PM**

-Reservation Required-

October

- **10/7 - FAMILY DAY**
 (2 ADULTS & UP TO 6 KIDS \$20)
 Sat 10am-4pm
- **10/7 - JUST FOR KIDS PROGRAM**
 Sat 10:30am-11:30am.
 Pumpkin Dinosaurs!
 Space Limited Must Call and Reserve Space.
- **10/13 - NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM**
 Fri 6:30pm-9:30pm.
 Flashlight lit tour through the museum.
 Reservation Required.
- **10/14 - NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM**
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- **10/14 - SENIOR DAY**
 Senior Admission only \$2
- **10/19 - \$2 DAY**
 Admission only \$2
- **10/19 - MEET THE EXPERT: TBA**
 5:30pm-6:30pm (Virtual Event)

November

- **11/4 - FAMILY DAY**
 2 ADULTS & UP TO 6 KIDS \$20
- **11/4 - JUST FOR KIDS PROGRAM**
- **11/4 - PATIO SALE**
 9am - 3:30 pm
- **11/11 - SENIOR DAY**
 Senior Admission only \$2
- **11/16 - \$2 DAY**
 Admission only \$2
- **11/16 - MEET THE EXPERT: RAE MCNEISH**
 5:30pm-6:30pm (Virtual Event)
- **11/18 - FALL GALA**
- **11/23 - MUSEUM CLOSED**

December

- **12/2 - FAMILY DAY (2 ADULTS & 6 KIDS \$20)**
- **12/2 - JUST FOR KIDS PROGRAM**
 10:30am-11:30am
- **12/9 - SENIOR DAY**
 Senior Admission only \$2
- **12/14 - MEET THE EXPERT: CHRIS FLIS**
 5:30pm-6:30pm (Virtual Event)
- **12/21 - \$2 DAY**
 Admission only \$2
- **12/24 - MUSEUM CLOSED**
- **12/31 - MUSEUM CLOSED**

January

- **1/1 - MUSEUM CLOSED**

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Buena Vista Museum strives to provide a wonderful and educational experience for our visitors, and we know that starts with our volunteers. Our volunteers are what keep us going, and we would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation.

By Alexia Hutchins - *Volunteer Coordinator*

We would like to give a very special thank you to all the teachers, helpers, and volunteers who not only helped with, but made this year's Summer Science Camp program possible. The hard work that each of you put into camp gave our campers a summer they will never forget. Thanks to the donation of your skills, energy, and commitment we were able to carry out our mission to educate, engage and inspire our community to explore the wonders of science! You all truly went above and beyond to ensure that each of our campers received the highest quality experience possible, we really could not have done it without you!

Volunteers are key to the museums success. If you are interested in supporting the museums mission with your time and skills, please consider applying at buenavistamuseum.org/volunteer



A huge thank you to Carol Bowman, Destiny Charles, Kristen Grau, Dave Hanley, Jill Hanley, Cori Kitchen, Griffin Kitchen, Greg Laskowski, Tyler Leveroni, Jesse Machuca, Jorge Rangel, Joshua Rodriguez, Brittnie Smith, Zabrina Thein, and Dr. Robert Yohe. We also would like to give a big thank you to our staff that put in extraordinarily long hours and worked beside our volunteers. Thank you, AERA Energy, Alfred and Virginia Harrell Foundation, and PSAAPG for sponsoring camp this year.

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BVM volunteers at our Murder Mystery Event.



BVM guests and volunteers enjoying our annual Rock and Mineral Sale.



Executive Director, Koral Hancharick, awarding Dr. Robert Yohe with volunteer of the year!



Dave Hanley being awarded our Science Enrichment Education Dedication award!



Summer Science Campers enjoying a day out drawing sharks with chalk!



Little guests having fun at our monthly Just For Kids program!



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- **Free** admission to BVM as long as you are a member!
- **Free admission to Bakersfield Museum of Art, Kern County Museum and CALM!** as well as **over 600 other ASTC museums!**
- **Free** entry to our regular-admission priced educational programs like our "Just for Kids" events and monthly science talks.
- **Free** admission to over 600 ASTC participating museums worldwide! (www.astc.org)
- **\$10 discount** per *Science Camp* session your child enrolls in
- **Discounts** on other museum events and a 10% discount in our museum store.

Did you know? Your membership now includes access to Bakersfield Museum of Art, Kern County Museum & CALM, plus over 600 museums and science centers world wide!

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CONSIDER A DONATION

BVM is looking ahead to the exciting goals and growth that we have planned, and we want you to be a part of our future! BVM's **average year operating expenses are about \$22,500 a month, or approximately \$740 per day.** No donation is too small; in the end it all adds up! Your continued support is what enables the museum to serve our community as an **Educational Science Resource.**

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THURSDAY - SATURDAY

10:00am - 4:00pm

SUNDAY

12:00pm - 4:00pm

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