



# WHAT'S ON

**FEBRUARY 2009**

*The Museum is open on Family Day, Monday, February 16, 2009.*

## **Storytime!**

*“Alex and Asiya, friends with nature”*

**February 3 to April 30 (except during the School Breaks), Tuesdays to Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the *Discovering Chimpanzees* exhibition, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.**

Come relax and enjoy a special story told by one of our educators. Meet the characters of Alex and Asiya, who will show you what they've done to protect nature in their homelands. From Africa to Canada, you will be transported into the worlds of our two explorers as they learn and care about their environment and make their world a better place to live!

## **HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES**

The *Discovery Zone* on the fourth floor offers curious visitors – young and old – a dynamic exploration of the natural world.

**Weekends and Monday, February 16, 2009**

- **Crafts**  
**9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**,  
Let your children's imagination – and hands – run wild.
- **Specimen Exploration**  
**12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
Explore fossils, minerals, animal skulls and more with the help of a Museum educator and try to solve some of nature's puzzles.

**January 20, 2009**  
**Media Information: 613-566-4793**

## **GO “APE” WITH THIS SPECIAL EXHIBITION!**



***Discovering Chimpanzees: The Remarkable World of Jane Goodall***  
**Until May 3, 2009**

This interactive exhibition transports you to an African tropical forest, where you can explore the amazing world of chimpanzees and their primate relatives, walk and ‘talk’ like a chimpanzee, and learn about the research and conservation work of Jane Goodall.

## **LECTURES**

***Sharks, sharks everywhere - so why are we so worried?***  
**February 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

Learn about the latest research on several major Atlantic Canada shark species from Dr. Steven Campana, research scientist with the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Nova Scotia. Shark populations tend to have low productivity. While theoretically they could be fished sustainably, the practice has often led to stock collapse. Explore how shark research in Canada not only helps understand shark biology, but provides important information on population health which aids in their conservation.

***Saving the Chimpanzee: Conservation Education in Africa***

**February 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join Barbara Cartwright for an engaging exploration of chimpanzees, their behaviour and issues surrounding their conservation. Cartwright has first-hand experience working at chimpanzee sanctuaries in Africa. She is Chair of the Board of the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada as well as Campaign Manager for the International Fund for Animal Welfare – Canada.

*The fee is \$5 for each lecture. Free for members - one adult per membership. (All others covered in the membership are entitled to a 20% discount. Please quote your membership number upon registration).*

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- **Trading Post**

**9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Children up to age 14 can bring in their personally collected, natural specimens to identify or trade.

## ***Nature for Little Groups (ages 3-5)***

**Friday mornings**

**9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

For children registered in a preschool group or home daycare. **Themes:** Busy Beavers or Discovering Dinosaurs offered in either English or French. **Duration:** 45 minutes. **Cost:** \$4 per child (one free adult per group of five children). **Information and registration: 613-566-4701.**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Address:** 240 McLeod Street (at Metcalfe Street) in Ottawa

**Tel:** 613-566-4700 or

1-800-263-4433 (Canada & USA);

**TDD:** 613-566-4770 / 1-866-600-8801

**Group Rates:** 613-566-4701

**Hours of operation until April 30:**

Tuesdays to Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays until 8:00 p.m.

Closed Mondays except holidays.

**Admission:**

Member: Free - Family: \$13,

Individual: \$5 - Child (under 4): Free

Free on Saturdays until noon.

**Membership:** 613-566-4271

**Volunteering:** 613-566-4261

**Rentals:** 613-566-4713 or

613-566-4712.

**Services:** Nature Boutique, ATM, Lunch Area, wheelchairs, strollers and Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) are available for guests with hearing loss for use in our hi-def cinema.

## **CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE**

***Sex or sexism? Are male and female differences due to biology or culture?***

**Tuesday, February 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

Careers, behaviours, and character traits are often linked to a specific gender. Even in today's society, dolls are more commonly given to girls, and trucks are given to boys. In many societies, however, the boundaries between what is considered masculine and feminine have become less distinct. Paternity leaves are on the rise, and women are becoming engineers or other occupations that were perceived as being exclusively male. But are there roles that women or men naturally excel at? Are we going against our genes in assuming that both sexes can excel at all roles equally? Or are the differences between the sexes artificially created by our society? Admission is free but you pay for your food and drinks. Location: Fox and Feather Pub at 283 Elgin Street, Ottawa. Seating is on a first come basis. For more details, email [programmes@mus-nature.ca](mailto:programmes@mus-nature.ca) and type Café scientifique in the subject line or call 613-566-4791.

## **HIGH-DEFINITION CINEMA**

***In the Discovery Zone***



***Galapagos: Islands that Changed the World***

**February 5 to March 1, 2009**

When Charles Darwin visited the Galapagos Islands in September 1835, his experiences and studies of this unique environment would change our understanding of life on Earth. With dramatic reconstruction and stunning wildlife images, this program explores a hidden side of the islands, revealing why, more than any other place, they are a showcase for evolution. A BBC/National Geographic Channel US co-production. 50 minutes

**Weekends: 11:30 a.m., 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.**

**Thursdays: 6:00 p.m.**

**Fridays: 3:00 p.m.**

**Monday, February 16, 2009, weekend schedule.**

***Nature Scopers: Amazing! The Transformation of Caterpillars***

**January 10 to March 29, 2009**

Nature Scopers is a science series that encourages children to explore nature through animation, hi-def nature footage, often using extreme high-magnification or slow-motion techniques. In this episode, we will examine the amazing transformation of butterflies.

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**Food services:** Due to renovations, we do not have a cafeteria. Vending machines and a lunch area are located on the lower level. Cafeteria available at YMCA on Argyle Avenue. Staff at our admission desk has information (and some menus) for nearby restaurants.

**Limited on-site paid parking.**

Visit our Web site at  
**nature.ca**

An NHK Production. (15 minutes).

**Weekends at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.**

**Same schedule on Monday, February 16, 2009.**

*Free with Museum admission.*

*Note: schedule is subject to change and cancellation without notice.*

Check **nature.ca** or call **613-566-4700** for up-to-date information on the High-Definition movie schedule.

## PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS

### ***TALISMAN ENERGY FOSSIL GALLERY, 1<sup>st</sup> floor***

Travel back to a time when dinosaurs ruled the Earth. Discover the dramatic events that led to the dinosaurs' extinction, which paved the way for the "Age of Mammals". Experience the asteroid impact in the sensory Extinction Theatre. See countless specimens including 36 complete skeletons, two unique diorama scenes with life-like creatures and much more. It's a 50-million-year journey you won't forget!

### ***MAMMAL GALLERY, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor***

See Canadian mammals up close and discover the amazing adaptations they've developed to survive in this rugged, often harsh, land. Stand mesmerized before unique diorama scenes that reveal the beauty of Canada's wild places. Touch-screen computers enhance your fun and learning. Kids will love the costume and puppet area.

### ***BIRD GALLERY, 4<sup>th</sup> floor***

With 500 specimens, including the official provincial and territorial birds, the new Bird Gallery is one of the largest collections of Canadian birds on display in the world. Magnificent specimens and information-loaded touch-screen computers provide visitors with an appreciation for bird diversity. Complemented by educational programming and a special injured bird care area, it is a delight for bird enthusiasts of all ages.