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CALENDAR OF EVENTS, JANUARY–MARCH 2010

Featuring new adult workshops and an exhibit on George Washington Carver

PHILADELPHIA—Winter at the Academy of Natural Sciences means new workshops and classes for adults, a new day camp to occupy the kids during spring break, photography exhibits, and two months left to see *George Washington Carver*, a compelling exhibit making its East Coast debut.

Named one of the top five fall 2009 exhibits by the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corp., *George Washington Carver*, on view through Feb. 28, celebrates the life and achievements of the trailblazing 19th-century scientist who was born into slavery. Two photography exhibits celebrate animals through the creative lenses of student and professional photographers. Adults can get in on the fun and learning with a dinosaur class, a jewelry-making workshop, and a fascinating guided tour of the Ewell Sale Stewart Library's archival treasures.

Here are the upcoming exhibits and programs:

Exhibit
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER
November 14–February 28, 2010

Born into slavery, George Washington Carver devoted his life to science, education and humanitarian efforts. A trailblazing scientist, he employed agriculture and science to produce everyday food and household products, changing the nature of farm economics and ushering in the principles of sustainability. He helped lay the groundwork for today's research on plant-based fuels and medicines. The exhibit features more than 150 historical artifacts, videos and interactive displays that trace Carver's modest beginning to world-renowned scientist. Free with museum admission.

Exhibit
BEAUTIFUL CREATURES
November 21–January 24, 2010

This small exhibit of black and white photographs features creative portraits of the Academy's live animals taken in 2009 by University of the Arts photography students. The photographs are available for purchase, with net proceeds supporting the care of the animals. Free with museum admission.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER WEEKEND
Saturday–Monday, January 16–18

Celebrate the scientific accomplishments of the great 19th-century scientist George Washington Carver with hands-on demonstrations, experiments, and arts and crafts activities. Learn how Carver used his extraordinary gifts to bring practical knowledge to those in need. Make a Carver-inspired craft to take home. Free with museum admission.

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DINOSAURS FOR ADULTS CLASS
Thursday, January 28, 6-9 p.m.

How much does an adult really know about dinosaurs? Not as much as a kid. This informative class for adults will delve deeper into the families of dinosaurs, the dinosaur eras and draw a clear distinction between fact and Hollywood fiction. Jason C. Poole, Academy educator and fossil preparator, will draw from his own experiences excavating dinosaurs on three continents to bring these creatures to life. In 2000, Poole was part of a team that discovered *Paralititan*, the second largest dinosaur. Fee: \$15. To register, call 215 299-1060.

NATURAL DYES FAMILY WORKSHOP
Saturday, January 30, 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Express yourself with the true colors of nature. Find out which plants make the best homemade dyes and how many different colors can be made from a single type of plant. Families working together will learn how to use natural elements to design and dye a bandana they can take home. Fee: \$25 one adult with one child; \$5 for each additional adult or child. To register, call 215 299-1060.

PALEOPALOOZA
Saturday–Sunday, February 13–14

Time to get your fossil on for the second annual Paleopalooza, a two-day festival of all things fossil. That includes dinosaurs! View rarely seen specimens from the Academy's world-famous fossil collection. Meet Academy paleontologists and learn what it's like to reconstruct the past using fossils, imagination and sound science. Hands-on activities, crafts, guest speakers, and interactive presentations will be held all day. Free with museum admission.

NATURE JEWELRY
Saturday, February 27, 1–2:30 p.m.

Learn from an artist how to create jewelry from plants. Artist Jane Kilduff, a regular participant and judge at the Philadelphia Flower Show, will share her creative techniques for designs, constructions and faux finishes. Class participants can then tour the *George Washington Carver* exhibit to see how the great 19th-century scientist also was inspired by nature to create his own artwork. Fee: \$30, includes admission to exhibits. To register, call 215 299-1060.

RARE PRINTS AND THE ART OF PRINTMAKING
Thursday, March 4, 6:30 p.m.

In association with the Philadelphia art festival Philagrafika 2010: The Graphic Unconscious, the Academy will open its world-renowned collection of historic books, prints and artworks for a rare and intimate public tour. Senior Fellow and Curator of Art and Artifacts Robert Peck will narrate highlights of the Ewell Sale Stewart Library's holdings, which include some 200,000 volumes, some dating back to the 1500s. Peck, who has published extensively on the convergence of science and art, will also offer historic anecdotes and insight into print-making techniques. Fee: \$15. To register, call 215 299-1060.

Exhibit
LOOKING AT ANIMALS
March 13–May 16

The snout of a pig, the feet of a poodle, the eye of a komodo dragon. These are among the intriguing, black and white images by noted photographer Henry Horenstein that will be on display in *Looking at Animals*. Horenstein's unique style invites viewers to take a close look at animals and to see the inherent beauty, oddness and mystery of their unique characteristics. Animal specimens from the Academy's world-renowned research collection will be juxtaposed with the photographs for a full nature experience. Free with museum admission.

LOOKING AT ANIMALS WEEKEND
Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14

Learn how Academy scientists use photography to study the world around us and how photography can bridge the gap between science and art. See the photography exhibit *Looking at Animals* and make your own photography-inspired craft to take home. Free with museum admission.

ACADEMY EXPLORERS SPRING BREAK CAMP
Choose day(s) from Monday, March 29 to Friday, April 9

It's spring break and what to do with the kids? The Academy will host a fun and educational day camp for children ages 5 to 12. Each day includes a teacher-naturalist presentation, exhibit exploration, games, crafts and other fun and educational activities. Each daily camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with optional before and after care. Days may be reserved individually or as part of a longer experience.

Topics and Dates

March 29–April 5: Buggin' Out

March 30–April 6: Dig Those Dinosaurs

March 31–April 7: The Science of Science

April 1–8: Project: Conservation

April 2–9: Exploring the Animal Kingdom

Fee: \$60 per day; \$55 for each additional day after the first day. Before and after care additional. To register, call 215 299-1060.

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The Academy of Natural Sciences, founded in 1812, is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

HOURS: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. ADMISSION: \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, college students, and military personnel; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for Butterflies!