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MUSEUM OF MOAB FALL NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 29, Friday 6-7:00 PM

Festival of Science meets at the Museum for the Moab Mingle, then on to Star Hall

Oct 7, Saturday

Trailing the Old Spanish Trail with Dr John Foster and Dave Vaughn
Join the Museum and CFI for a trip along the trail

Oct 14, Sat 5-9:00PM

Enjoy a stroll around town during our October Art Walk.
Our artist for the month is Yrma van der Steenstraeten!

EDUCATION NEWS

The Fall Education Program, lead by Andrea Stoughton, is in FULL SWING and getting re-designed!

NEW, NEW, NEW

Lessons are totally new and made to involve the teachers, too!

DON'T MISS OUR

Happy Autumnal Equinox 2017

Dystrophaeus

In July this year, the Museum of Moab crew worked with one from the Natural History Museum of Utah to excavate more of the Dystrophaeus skeleton from a canyon near Monticello in San Juan County. The site, relocated in 1987 by Fran Barnes, was first collected in 1859 by the Macomb Expedition.

This was our fourth season at the site (starting in 2014), and it was definitely the driest and hottest. On opening day we endured temperatures of around 107 and quickly set up several shade tarps, which are something we'd been able to get away without in previous seasons. These made a huge difference. This year we collected 17 blocks of rock and bone wrapped in plaster, bringing the total collected so far to more than 50. That makes for a lot of preparation work in the lab over the next few years. Most exciting, it appears we have found several vertebrae of the animal, which should give us a much better idea how this older animal is related to younger Morrison Formation sauropods like Brontosaurus and Brachiosaurus. Stay tuned as preparation continues!



SEPTEMBER ARTIST OF THE MONTH - MICHAEL FORD DUNTON!!

His lighted sculptures have really transformed our Gallery Area.



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A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO BARB FINCHAM!

Barb has been working on cataloging our collections and working to sort out our library!



TRAILING THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL

Join the Museum of Moab and Canyonlands Field Institute on October 7, Saturday, from 8:30 - 4:00 PM, for our annual Member Appreciation Seminar Series. This year we are 'Trailing the Old Spanish Trail' where it once ran through San Juan and Grand County.

Dr John Foster and Dave Vaughn will provide insight, context, and clues as to what the trail might have looked like in the days of it's use. Sign up for this educational day of exploring on the CFI website - www.cfimoab.org

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MEET OUR ARTIST FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

- Yrma van der Steenstraeten

Yrma is a Dutch artist, who resides in Castle Valley, Utah since 2003. She studied at the Arnhem Art Academy and the Utrecht Graphic Design Institute in the Netherlands.

Through the years she has worked in different styles of painting and media. She likes to spread her wings from painting to illustrating to photography to name a few. From watercolor to oil, from encaustic to ink and has given drawing and painting classes to children.

A passion to share the beauty of nature as she sees it results in colorful paintings that vary from almost realistic portrayals (sometimes surreal) to abstract compositions.

Her work will be on display from October 7 through the end of October. DON'T MISS IT!



ICE CREAM, MUSIC, GAMES AND MOTHER NATURE'S LIGHT SHOW!

**What a night we had, for our annual Pioneer
Day Ice Cream Social!**

**A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO CRYSTALS
CAKES AND CONES!**



**THANK YOU FOR THE FABULOUS FOOT
STOMPING TUNES PROVIDED BY QUICKSAND
SOUP!!**



**Thanks to Moab Brewery for providing a huge cooler
to keep our ice cream in perfect shape!**



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