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# Special Exhibits for May-September 2006

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## **Bay Area Discovery Museum**

Sausalito

[www.badm.org](http://www.badm.org)

### **Monkey King: A Journey to China**

May 27 - September 3 - Monkey King: A Journey to China helps children develop an understanding of Chinese culture. This popular Chinese story provides a look into how modern China has been influenced by history and traditional values. Activities compare popular culture through Monkey King toys, folk art, animated cartoons and computer games with the more traditional. Magical world of the Monkey King story. Sub-areas draw visitors into three episodes of Monkey's story: Monkey's early life and how he acquires his magical powers; how he creates havoc in heaven eating the peaches of immortality; and how he sets out on his journey along the Silk Road with Buddhist monk Xuan Zang.

### **Your House/My House**

October 2006 - January 2007 - Visit Your House, My House and journey into the homes of people around the world. Investigate a Mongolian ger that can be packed up and moved when families herd their animals, a stilt house in a fishing village and a thatched m'bure from the islands of Fiji. From Norway to Bolivia to your neighborhood, houses share information about people, from their lifestyles to their environment, from their culture to their personal preference. Children and adults can design and build a home shaped by the way people live. Visitors can design and build their house on a computer, draw an original house at a drafting table or build a miniature model.

## **California Academy of Sciences**

San Francisco

[www.calacademy.org](http://www.calacademy.org)

### **Hotspot: California on the Edge**

Exhibit Opens November 19, 2005

Discover the spectacular diversity that exists within California. Examine the state's last grizzly bear, meet live animals, and immerse yourself in their widely varied habitats.

### **Xtreme Life**

Opens April 7 - September 2006 - Does life exist beyond Earth? Join the journey to answer this question by looking for life in some of Earth's most extreme environments. Then look for similar environments in space.

### **Nature Nest**

Aspecial place for children five and under. The Nature Nest is for our youngest visitors and their caregivers—a place to explore and experiment through creative play. The goal of the program is to familiarize young children with the plants and animals around them. Live animals and rotating themes (a change is made every three months) provide excitement and interest. Nature themed books, costumes, puppets, puzzles, blocks and more give opportunities to be imaginative and active. Our water table allows children to enjoy the "feel" of the water while practicing their hand-eye coordination through a simple "capture and release" activity. Call for water table hours. Something is always new at the Nature Nest. Come often!

### **Dinosaurs: Ancient Fossils, New Discoveries**

September 15, 2006 - February 4, 2007. The exhibition reveals how current thinking about dinosaur biology has evolved and changed dramatically over the past two decades, and highlights ongoing cutting-edge research by Museum scientists and other leading paleontologists around the world. Dinosaurs presents the most up-to-date look at how scientists are reinterpreting many of the most persistent and puzzling mysteries of the dinosaurs—how they looked, how they behaved, how they moved—and ultimately, the complex and hotly debated theories of why they became extinct.

## **Chabot Space and Science Center**

Oakland

[www.chabotspace.org](http://www.chabotspace.org)

### **Solar Go Round**

New Exhibit - Take a tour of the Solar System, from the radiant Sun and the ringed planet Saturn, to giant Jupiter and far-away Pluto. Discover what makes the planets go round, then design a solar system and launch your planets into orbit. Find out how rocks from outer space can change a planet's surface and climate, then try making craters yourself. Hunt for signs of water on other planets, find out about the weather on Mars and Titan, and learn how telescopes and robotic spacecraft are helping us explore our planetary neighbors.

### **Designed for Space Travel**

Get a behind-the-scenes peek as Chabot's collection of space artifacts is restored. Find out how spacesuits and other equipment work to protect astronauts from the harsh environment of outer space. Learn about space food and the factors considered about how to package it for space travel. Learn the history of the artifacts and what conditions threaten their long-term preservation. Watch how Chabot staff and volunteers prepare these artifacts for future exhibitions in the Space Artifact Lab.

### **Destination Universe**

New exhibit now open! Destination Universe - Take a journey from our Sun to the farthest reaches of the cosmos! Along the way, you'll see where stars are born, how they die, meet nebulae of all kinds, and travel to distant galaxies. Experience the Origins Theater; crawl into a black hole; see what happens when galaxies collide; and view stunning space images!



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## **Children's Discovery Museum**

San Jose (408) 298-5437x259 [www.cdm.org](http://www.cdm.org)

### **Oh, Seuss! Off to Great Places**

Opening October 15 - Explore the magical world of Dr. Seuss in a 3,500 square foot exhibition based on themes from Oh, the Places You'll Go! and other Seuss classics. The exhibit, full of Seussian activity for all ages, will send you off to accomplish feats that are only accomplishable in a Seussian world!

Want to see yourself as a trapeze artist in If I Ran the Circus? Or be the first to build a Throm-dim-bu-lator? How about navigating a hot air balloon through a maze of life's hazards? Ever been showered by words cascading down a wall? You will experience all this and more in this fantastic exhibit created by the Children's Museum of Manhattan to celebrate the 100th birthday of the beloved Theodore Seuss Geisel.

## **Coyote Point Museum**

San Mateo (650) 342-7755 [www.coyoteptmuseum.org](http://www.coyoteptmuseum.org)

### **Microbes: Invisible Invaders...amazing Allies**

January 21-May 14, 2006 This exhibit uncovers a mysterious universe of microscopic organisms - from those that sustain life on Earth to those that threaten our health and even our existence. This exhibit takes children on an interactive journey through the hidden world of microbes. Kid-friendly technology highlights these hands-on activities and makes learning exciting and fun for all ages. In addition to interactive displays featuring virtual reality and 3-D animation, theatrical sets and special effects bring microbes to life.

## **Crissy Field- GGNRA**

San Francisco (415) 561-7763 [www.crissyfield.org](http://www.crissyfield.org)

### **The Crissy Field Mystery Trail Challenge**

May 15 through October 15, 2006 -- Available Wednesday through Sunday; 9 am to 4 pm . FREE; drop in; recommended for families with children ages 5 and up. Calling all seaside sleuths and dirt detectives! There's a mystery to be solved in your National Park by the bay. Think you have what it takes to unlock the secrets of Crissy Field? Well, grab a magnifying glass and get down to the Warming Hut at the western end of Crissy Field, near the fishing pier. There, you'll find a booklet that describes your mission and directs you down the Mystery Trail in search of the first clue. There are nine clues altogether, hidden along a 1-mile stretch of San Francisco's most scenic park--can you find them all? If so, a special tattoo prize awaits you at Crissy Field Center bookstore. So, take the Crissy Field Mystery Trail Challenge this summer, unlock its secrets, and claim your prize! Please Note: Groups of 10 or more must make a reservation: phone (415) 561-7752 for more info.

## **Exploratorium**

San Francisco [www.exploratorium.edu](http://www.exploratorium.edu)

### **Reconsidered Materials**

Through June 18, 2006 -- Although Suitcases May Seem As Though They're Made of Stone, They Seldom Are. On the Exploratorium floor and overhead in the rafters - Our experiences of objects depend heavily on our understanding and expectations of the materials from which they're made. This often occurs without conscious thought. The Exploratorium draws attention to this invisible interaction by creating works from unusual or unexpected materials, like for example, a Hummer made of Styrofoam. The exhibition features works by artists Andrew Junge, Ulrike Palmbach, and Flash in Tonyland among others. The cavernous Palace of Fine Arts itself becomes part of the canvas as animated artworks hang from the building's exposed beams and trusses.

### **Turing Tables: An Installation of Tectonic Spaces**

In the Seeing Gallery through June 18, 2006. By German Artist Franz John, with Oakland Sound Artist Ed Osborn. Several million earthquakes of different intensities occur each year. Seismological institutes throughout the world measure these vibrations and exchange and communicate their collected data via automated internet-transfers. Turing Tables makes visible this unseen data -- siphoning this human-machine-communication data stream directly from finger-servers (small earthquake sensors in the field, located around the world) to bring it directly into a real-time and online-based physical installation at the Exploratorium.

## **Junior Center of Art and Science**

Oakland (510) 839-5777 <http://www.juniorcenter.org/>

### **A Child's Garden**

April 25 - June 10, 2006 - A Junior Center Naturalist will introduce young scientists to a variety of friendly garden creatures. Students will learn how these animals interact in their habitat and illustrate what they have learned through their drawings. The visit will include a chance to learn through play in this interactive environment. (The animal portraits featured in this exhibit have been designed by Junior Center students ages five to sixteen.)

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## **Lawrence Hall of Science**

Berkeley (510) 642-5134 [www.lhs.berkeley.edu](http://www.lhs.berkeley.edu)

### **Big Dinos Return Exhibit**

October 2, 2005 through May 7, 2006 --- Dig into giant robotic dinosaurs, the hunt for fossils, and the connection between dinosaurs and birds. These giant dinosaurs will challenge your imagination with evidence that adaptations in theropods, the family that includes T. rex, led to birds.

### **CSI: Crime Scene Insects**

February 11 - May 29, 2006 The science that has thrilled and chilled television audiences is now a popular exhibit. Step into the world of forensics and explore: Authentic field and lab equipment, Model crime scenes, Live insects, Case studies, Interactive displays, Hands-on activities about insects This exhibit contains graphic images which may be disturbing to some people. Viewer discretion advised.

### **Grossology!**

Fall 2006- Discover what causes gas build up, the function of snot and the many other gross things our bodies do to keep us healthy. It's everything you ever wanted to know about the body, but were too polite to ask!

## **Lindsay Wildlife Museum**

Walnut Creek [www.wildlife-museum.org](http://www.wildlife-museum.org)

### **Ansel Adams: Inspirations and Influence**

February 21 to June 6, 2006 - A unique exhibition that examines the work of Ansel Adams, one of the great photographers of the 20th century, in the context of the world of photographers around him and those he influenced. Ansel Adams: Inspiration and Influence, includes 67 photographs, pairing a number of Adams' images with those by other important photographers, allowing visitors to compare the techniques used and the various photographers' artistic visions. Also included are candid portraits of Adams himself, taken by noted contemporaries. The exhibition was developed by the Oakland Museum of California.

### **Linda Darsow Sutton, transparent watercolors**

April 18 - June 18, 2006. The artist states: "The effects of light on the natural environment are always luring me to relentlessly express the need for respect and preservation of our natural world. Animal forms are explored with a less traditional approach, while still respecting accuracy. Investigation of colors shapes, light qualities and a less expected viewpoint reveals the elegant forms, textures and emotions they present." Linda lives in Martinez, California.

## **Math Science Nucleus**

Fremont <http://www.ms-nucleus.org>

### **Irvingtonian age (early Pleistocene) fossils**

The Math Science Nucleus Museum has finished a remodeling of its exhibit space to 5000 square feet.. Students can look at the Irvingtonian age (early Pleistocene) fossils that roamed in the East and South Bay in the Wes Gordon Fossil Hall. The mammals include mammoth, saber tooth cat, cave bear, western horse, camelid, pronghorn antelope, and sloth. They can compare the bones of these animals with representatives of all the vertebrates, as well as comparing taxidermy specimens of living animals. Now on display are tools of early humans. Rock and Mineral specimens are also on display but their exhibit is not complete. A new feature called the Hall of Small Wonders will allow students to use microscopes to view diatoms, foraminifers and radiolarians.

## **Monterey Bay Aquarium**

Monterey [www.mbayaq.org](http://www.mbayaq.org)

### **Sharks: Myths and Mystery**

Open now through September 2006 - Come see these amazing animals as you have never seen them before - through the eyes of many cultures.

## **Oakland Museum**

Oakland [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org)

### **The Art of Seeing: Nature Revealed Through Illustration**

February 18 to June 4, 2006 -- Natural Sciences Special Gallery -- This exhibition is a visual celebration of California's unique environment and biological diversity. This juried selection of the best contemporary scientific illustrations of native California plant and animal species offers examples of pen and ink, gouache, oil, watercolor and sculpture. Displays of materials, tools, and field sketches illustrate the specialized techniques used to convey scientific reality through art.

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## **Seymour Marine Discovery Center**

Santa Cruz

<http://www2.ucsc.edu/seymourcenter/>

### **Marine Masterpieces Student Art Exhibition**

April 1-May 14 Come admire winning and specially selected artwork from this year's Marine Masterpieces art contest for K-12 students,

### **Special Photo Exhibition: Falcons in the City**

May 23 through August The Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group (SCPBRG) has worked since 1975 to assist with the peregrine falcon recovery in California, Nevada, and Oregon. A stunning success, the project is celebrated with these photographs by Glenn Nevill that record a family of peregrine falcons nesting and fledging high in the PG&E San Francisco skyscraper

### **Lifestyles of the Fish and Famous**

Come get a close look into the surprising world of salmon and rockfish. • What is an otolith, and why do we care? Is size really important? How old is old? The NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service has collaborated with the Seymour Center in creating this fun and fascinating collection of hands-on exhibits that will delight and intrigue both young and old.

## **SF Botanical Garden & Strybing Arboretum**

San Francisco

[www.strybing.org](http://www.strybing.org)

### **Watercolors by Gianna Marino: Poppies of the World**

April 1-June 30, 2006 Gianna Marino, recognized Bay Area illustrator and painter, brings an artist's eye and traveler's heart to produce luminous paintings, romantic and real, of the extensive and world-wide Papaveraceae family. "These paintings were inspired by trips around the world. I was first impressed with the Himalayan Blue Poppy while visiting Bhutan. It is the national flower there. It is both delicate and translucent yet fiercely strong in order to live in the harshness of the Himalayas. Many poppies, from our own California Poppy to the hardy Welsh poppy to many varieties living in high, harsh elements are some of the most strong and luminous flowers I have painted."

### **Color, Texture, Form / Decay: Photographs of Garden Cycles**

July - September 2006 Julie Jaycox uses her camera to observe the life cycles of plants, finding interest and beauty in every stage of growth. Her arresting images display an artist's eye and a plant-lover's sensibility.

### **Between Science & Art: Work in Botanical Illustration**

October - December 2006 Mary Harden, a gifted botanical artist, has guided students in her art class to produce beautiful and accurate botanical images in watercolor, pencil, pen, and ink wash. Original work and prints will be available for sale.

## **The Tech Museum of Innovation**

San Jose

[www.thetech.org](http://www.thetech.org)

### **View from Space**

Observe changing weather patterns and ocean temperatures as you watch the Earth from 22,000 miles away. Or is it just an image? The View From Space exhibit area will use a 6-foot globe and projectors to create a breathtaking scientific journey.

### **Green by Design**

Opens September 2006 - Be inspired to design everything with the environment in mind, so we can prevent environmental problems from happening in the first place and improve the quality of our lives. This revolutionary exhibit - designed, developed and built by The Tech - will give examples of 'green' design, address the role of design in our lives, and encourage you to make a difference.

### **IDEA House**

Opens February 10, 2006 - Cultivate your inner inventor at IDEA House. IDEA House is a highly interactive program space offering a range of activities that encourages idea generation and innovation in your daily life.

### **What's New?**

Opens February 17, 2006 - See The Tech Museum's INNY award picks for INnovative and INspiring products. Visit the What's New Innovation Station or the What's New Innovation Express mobile cart and participate in hands-on, facilitated experiences to explore some of the newest technologies that can impact our lives.