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BISHOP**

Museum of  
Science  
and Nature



**Introducing  
The Bishop Museum  
of Science and Nature**  
See the South Florida Museum  
from a whole new perspective

**Spring 2019**

# The South Florida Museum is now The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature!

We're delighted to introduce our new name — **The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature** — as we continue on an exciting path of growth and evolution that began several years ago as we planned for the future of the South Florida Museum.

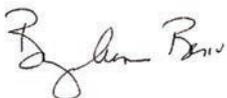
As our team of staff, Trustees and community members envisioned the coming decades of the Museum, we wanted to ensure that we honored our past — more than 70 years of growth and change — and the many men and women who helped bring us to this point. Edward and Lillian Bishop (known as Ned and Patty to their friends) certainly epitomize that support and progress. They were instrumental in helping the Museum move to our current location with a new building and major expansion that included the Planetarium later named in their honor.

Today, our new name, **The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature**, draws together the many elements that engaged the Bishops — the wonders of nature, the infinite universe, compassion for animals and the environment — and also recognizes their significant and unwavering contributions to this Museum and our community over many years.

This edition of our quarterly newsletter gives you a first glimpse of our bold new look — a look that embodies the essence of **The Bishop** as a place for limitless discovery and wonder at every turn and a vibrant center that protects, interprets and communicates scientific and cultural knowledge of our community and the wider universe around us.

Unveiling our new name is but the beginning of what the future will hold as we continue to fuel new visitor experiences through numerous special exhibitions, interactive presentations and the regular addition of new *Pathways* tours. This fun and fascinating app for smartphones and tablets provides expanded interpretations about the connections among items in our collections. Other exciting new changes coming later this year include the opening of the North Education Center and the *Mosaic Backyard Universe*.

Change is amazing and we hope **The Bishop** continues to amaze you for decades to come!



**Brynne Anne Besio**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Brian Carter**  
President, Board of Trustees



**ON THE COVER**  
The National Geographic Photo Ark holds more than 9,000 images — including this image of Edward's fig parrot (*Psittaculirostris edwardsii*). Photo by Joel Sartore/National Geographic. Photographed at Loro Parque Fundación, Canary Islands, Spain.



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**BRIAN CARTER**  
President, Board of Trustees

# Matching Gift Pledged

We have some very exciting news to report as part of our update on *Connect*, the Campaign supporting **The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature’s** major facility and programming upgrades and expansion:

For every \$1 you donate to the capital campaign — up to \$1 million — a generous supporter will match it with \$2!

An anonymous donor has pledged \$2 million to triple up to \$1 million raised in capital donations for **The Bishop** before June 2020. This matching gift will help us build our successful *Connect* Campaign toward the completion of the next phase of our expansion.

This matching gift will help us complete

this phase of construction, the North Education Center (NEC) and *Mosaic Backyard Universe (MBU)*, and renovate some of our current exhibition spaces. The NEC includes new classrooms and technology upgrades as well as the *MBU*, a new early learning resource designed especially with young children and families in mind.

“The North Education Center and *Mosaic Backyard Universe* have taken shape over the past 16 months, and the positive community response — like this generous pledge of matching funds — has been an amazing experience to be a part of,” said Brian Carter, President of The Bishop’s Board of Trustees.

To date, we have raised more than \$15 million through the **Connect** Campaign to support the creation of our Master Campus Plan — including architectural and engineering plans. It has also allowed us to:

- ▶ Gain ownership of our entire site through the purchase of the DeSoto House and the donation of land by the City of Bradenton.
- ▶ Upgrade HVAC systems, replace roofing systems, upgrade software and equipment in the Planetarium and make much-needed interior renovations.
- ▶ Enhance visitor and student experiences through our student and visitor *Pathways* programs that utilize new technologies.

For more information or to make a gift, please contact Development Director Ashley Berridge at 941.216.3457 or [ABerridge@BishopScience.org](mailto:ABerridge@BishopScience.org).

April 6–July 15  
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC  
PHOTO ARK

Photographer Joel Sartore's pictures aren't just any snapshots; these stunningly beautiful portraits are intimate and moving — designed to serve as an important record of each animal's existence and a powerful testament to the importance of saving them. This showcase includes more than 50 images of the world-renowned Sartore's most compelling works. *Photo Ark* is organized and traveled by the National Geographic Society and is the largest single archive of studio-quality photographs of biodiversity ever.



An endangered baby Bornean orangutan, *Pongo pygmaeus*, named Aurora, with her adoptive mother, Cheyenne, a Bornean/Sumatran cross, *Pongo pygmaeus x abelii*, at the Houston Zoo.

# Bringing the WORLD TO YOU



Our last traveling exhibition took you to the moon. Our current traveling exhibition shows the spectacular and singular beauty of the animals that make the natural world so special. And another upcoming exhibition will let you take flight with visions of our own local avian neighbors.

Limitless possibilities — that's what **The Bishop** offers with the many special exhibitions we share with you each year. Many of these unique exhibitions are curated by giants in the natural history field. Others are developed by our own curatorial experts.

All of them bring the world to you.

**May 2–August 25**  
**FLORIDA FEATHERS:**  
**BIRDS IN PERIL**

Beautiful. Vulnerable. Ours.

Florida's native birds offer a beautiful array of color and fascination. Yet for many species, survival is a delicate balance between nature's habitat and our constant human change.

Photographer Grant Jefferies, who grew up in Palmetto and enjoyed a successful career at the *Bradenton Herald*, is dedicating his time in retirement to heightening our appreciation for nature. *Florida Feathers: Birds in Peril* focuses on some of the most precious jewels that our paradise has to offer: passionately pink roseate spoonbills, fierce ospreys and eagles, majestic herons and skittering shorebirds.

As these Florida favorites struggle to survive loss of habitat and find themselves listed as threatened and endangered species, Jefferies brings them to life through the beauty of his images.





UPDATE

## Returned to the Wild

We had another great day in early March when Baca the manatee returned to the wild after spending nearly two years with us getting some tender loving R&R — rehabilitation and recovery.

*The Parker Manatee Rehabilitation Habitat at The Bishop* is the place manatees come after their critical health needs have been taken care of. Our main tasks are bringing manatees rescued as orphans up to the right size and weight for release or, if a rescued manatee was sick or injured, allowing them to finish the healing process. Typically, animals remain in our care anywhere from a few months to more than a year. During Baca's time in rehabilitation, he grew from about 300 pounds to nearly 700!

"Baca was a young manatee suffering from cold stress when he was rescued," said Director of Animal Care Virginia Edmonds. "Over time, we watched him grow into an independent, wild manatee with behaviors ideal for increasing post-release success."

We've been helping sick and injured manatees since 1998 and helped to form a network with other manatee helpers — the Manatee Rescue & Rehabilitation Partnership (MRP) — in 2001 so we can all work cooperatively to help save manatees like Baca.



### MANATEE PATIENTS

We're working with the MRP to bring new manatees to our *Manatee Rehabilitation Habitat* following the release of Baca. In the meantime, be sure to visit with our current patient, ONeil!

#### O'Neil

O'Neil is an orphaned male that was just 30 pounds when he was rescued in 2015. We expect him to be heading back to SeaWorld soon so he can become acclimated to saltwater — our habitat is freshwater — before his release.

Be sure to stop by soon for a visit!

# Answers (and Questions) for Life's Mysteries Big and Small

When was the last time you looked up at the night sky and understood what you were looking at? Or watched a manatee swimming by and wondered whether it's true that manatees aren't fat, just big boned?

At **The Bishop**, we know our visitors have as many questions as there are stars in the universe — and we try to answer as many as we can through our daily live presentations in *The Parker Manatee Rehabilitation Habitat* and *The Planetarium*. We feature interactive programs each month — all designed to engage your imagination and open your mind to the world's endless possibilities.

Live Planetarium presentations take place daily and manatee presentations take place three times each day, Tuesday-Sunday. (And it is true, by the way, that manatees are big boned, but have little fat!)

Here are some highlights of our upcoming programs — but be sure to log on to [www.BishopScience.org](http://www.BishopScience.org) to see the full slate of offerings and links to reserve your tickets now!



### think + drink (science)

Join us at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month as we transform *The Planetarium* into a forum for discussion.

**May 8:** "Animal Stories: Natural History and Children's Literature" with David Berry, John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art. We will explore the connections between natural history and children's literature in some of the most famous animal stories ever written.

**June 12:** "Florida from Space: What Satellites Can Tell Us About Red Tides, Rising Seas, and Coastal Change" with Dr. Matt McCarthy, University of South Florida. Discover how researchers use satellites to study changes in Florida's coastal habitats and waterways.



### IQuest

We invite parents to drop off their smart, curious kids in grades 6-8 for an evening of projects, challenges and puzzles that are designed to inspire creative solutions and out-of-the-box thinking.

### 4-8 p.m.

**April 13:** "Move It!"

**May 11:** "Finding Home"

**June 8:** "Blue World"



### Lunch & Learn

We invite a staff member or community expert to join you for lunch — and then we put them to work, helping our guests explore all manner of topics: from working with animals to geology (did you know our CEO used to study rocks?) In May, Manatee Care Specialist Kaelyn Tharp will help you to "Dive into the World of SCUBA" and on June 12, Planetarium Manager Howard Hochhalter will take you "Beyond Earth's Moon — Orbiting the Other Planets."

And don't forget **KidSpace** (geared toward kids in grades 1-5), at 10:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, and our monthly live star talk for adults and kids alike, **Stelliferous**, at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.



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