

North Museum to Be Invaded by Larger-Than-Life Bugs *Bugs...Outside the Box* and *Wicked Bugs*—February 3 through May 13

The North Museum of Natural History & Science will soon be invaded by a stag beetle the size of a third-grader, a butterfly with a 5-foot wing span, and dozens of bugs that have changed history.

The Museum will debut two new traveling exhibitions on First Friday, February 3, 2012. *Bugs...Outside the Box* features enormous and scientifically accurate insect sculptures by Italian artist Lorenzo Posenti. Magnified up to 20 times their normal size, these gigantic works of art allow visitors to examine intricate details not visible to the naked eye and provide a rarely seen view of these amazing creatures.

Wicked Bugs focuses on insects that have invaded, infested, infected, and generally wreaked havoc on human civilization throughout history, whether painful, deadly, or just downright irritating. The exhibit is based on the *New York Times* bestseller *Wicked Bugs: The Louse That Conquered Napoleon's Army and Other Diabolical Insects*, by Amy Stewart. The exhibition shares the long and complex relationship between man and bug using a selection of hand-tinted prints and insect specimens.

"The giant insects in *Bugs...Outside the Box* are not just scientific models; they are truly works of art," says Margie Marino, the Museum's executive director. "They demonstrate how art can

help us better understand science and nature, and provide a new perspective on these frequently overlooked animals."

Bugs...Outside the Box is one of the largest temporary exhibitions the North Museum has ever hosted. To accommodate the 2,500-square-foot show, the Museum is removing temporary walls, aging display cabinets and electrical fixtures in its fluorescent mineral room, and Natives of the Susquehanna gallery. The renovations are made possible by generous gifts from Dr. and Mrs. Paul Ripple and Len and Pat Eiserer.

"Investing in our current facility is the best path for the North Museum for the time being," says Ned E. Wehler, president of the Museum's Board of Directors. "Franklin & Marshall College, which owns our building, has been tremendously

helpful in planning these much-needed improvements. By renovating the galleries, we can better serve the community and make way for new exhibits, programs and services."

Both exhibitions will run through May 13. In addition to its normal hours, the Museum will remain open for First Fridays, February through May, from 5–7 p.m., with reduced museum admission, refreshments and entertainment.

The Museum will also bring author Amy Stewart to Lancaster February 29 and March 1 for a series of community events. Among them will be the Museum's annual Eiserer-Hickey Lecture. Stewart will speak on "Wicked Nature" on Thursday, March 1, at 7 p.m., at the Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster. Admission to the lecture is free. Copies of Stewart's books *Wicked Bugs*

and *Wicked Plants* will be available for purchase. Additional information about Ms. Stewart's appearances will be posted online at www.northmuseum.org.

After the bug exhibits leave, the Museum will roll out treasures from the 360,000 objects in its collections, a combination of visitor favorites and hidden gems, including signature items from the Museum's trademark archeological collection, to fill the renovated gallery space. Artifacts are being selected to give visitors new insights into the North Museum's collections, and interactive exhibits will encourage visitors to provide feedback to guide the Museum's future exhibits and programs. Preliminary work has been supported in part by a federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Explore the Land of Fire and Ice Iceland Trip Preview Meeting on February 6 at 7:00 p.m.

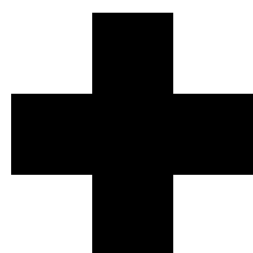
Venture north to Iceland, a geologist's paradise home to both volcanoes and glaciers, with the North Museum of Natural History & Science in September 2012.

With a home base in Reykjavik, travelers will discover some of the most geologically active places on Earth. See boiling mud pools and spurting geysers; visit Thingvellir, a UNESCO World Heritage site; swim in the natural hot springs of the Blue Lagoon; and enjoy warm Icelandic hospitality. Travellers will return to Lancaster after a weeklong trip to remember.

The North Museum will host an informational meeting on its upcoming international trip to Iceland on Monday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the North

Museum's Kinsey Room. Craig Haberle of AAA Travel will unveil the itinerary and answer questions. Please RSVP for this meeting to James Alton at (717) 358-4712 or jalton@northmuseum.org.

The North Museum of Natural History & Science promotes lifelong learning throughout the community by generating excitement and curiosity in the natural and physical sciences and technology. The North Museum is located at 400 College Avenue, Lancaster, Pa. For more information on the North Museum's educational exhibits and programs, visit www.northmuseum.org, call (717) 291-3941, or follow on Facebook www.facebook.com/northmuseum and Twitter @northmuseum.



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Feb. 04, 10:00 am–3:00 pm
209 Willow Valley Square
Lancaster, PA

Aaron's
Feb. 04, 11:00 am–3:00 pm
1509-A Lititz Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601

Millersville University
Feb. 09, 12:00 pm–6:00 pm
1 South George St.
Millersville, PA 17551

Electron Energy Corporation
Feb. 23, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm
924 Links Ave
Landisville, PA 17538

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Mar. 12, 12:00 pm–4:00 pm
258 North Queen St.
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