Temporary & New Science Exhibits Around the Bay Area

Bay Area Discovery Museum

Wobbleland
https://bayareadiscoverymuseum.org/exhibits/wobbleland

We’re transforming our traveling exhibit space into an oversized kitchen sink, where babies and toddlers can crawl, climb, and play on plush sculptures of favorite foods. Set sail on a watermelon boat or crawl through a giant cheese slice in this exhibit designed for our littlest visitors in mind. Each colorful sculpture was designed by California artist, Marisol Rendón.

Bay Model Visitor Center

Clear Destination and Raw Imagination – Art Exhibition
http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/BayModelVisitorCenter/CalendarofEvents.aspx
(April 7 – May 9, 2020) Reception: Sat. May 2, Noon–3pm

Come and view environmental impressionist oil painter George Sumner paintings, celebrating his 80th orbit around the Sun! Sumner uses his art to promote and educate environmental causes worldwide! He was born and raised in San Francisco with art studios in Marin for over 50 years. His work is displayed at the Statue of Liberty, United Nations, Hoover Institute, Stanford University, University of California, Davis and additional museums and universities worldwide! An audio tour with part of this exhibit will be available on your mobile phone, iPad, or on sumner-studios.com with a description of the paintings by Donnalei Sumner, George’s wife and business partner, celebrating 30 years of being together.

Nicholas Coley Bay Area Landscape Paintings – Art Exhibition
http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/BayModelVisitorCenter/CalendarofEvents.aspx
(February 11–April 4, 2020) Nicholas Coley was born in Connecticut and raised in Muir Beach, CA. He hitch-hiked around the states after high school. He was sure he had a destiny to become a medicine man. After getting hepatitis, he moved to Europe and studied art at the Beaux-Arts plus another small school for painting in France. He lived, studied, and meditated daily in a Buddhist Monastery. After reading The Tropic of Capricorn by Henry Miller, he decided he was not meant for the disciplined, monastic life, and went off in search for a more creative and spontaneous world. In Prague he sold paintings to tourists on the Charles Bridge. In Russia he took the transiberian railroad into China before having a spiritual collapse. Almost 20 years later Nicholas has been painting full-time, supporting wife and three kids. Turns out, he was something of a medicine man after all.

California Academy of Sciences

Venom: Fangs, Stingers, and Spines
https://www.calacademy.org/exhibits/venom-fangs-stingers-and-spines
(March 27-May 25, 2020) Venom is one of nature’s most powerful tools—packing both the power to paralyze and the promising potential to heal. In this new aquarium exhibit at the Academy, get up close (from a safe distance!) with an eye-catching array of venomous species, including live spiders, scorpions, jellyfish, snakes, and more. Discover how these often-feared yet biologically important animals sting, suck, bite, and stun while using venom to capture prey and provide deadly defense against predators. Plus, learn how scientists are studying venom to harness compounds that could hold the key to curing human diseases. Then, head outside to see exciting, larger-than-life animatronic models of scorpions, spiders, ants, and bees move and come to life in the Academy’s East Garden—and explore the surprising differences between venom and poison in the natural world.

Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose

Thomas & Friends®: Explore the Rails
https://www.cdm.org/visit/exhibits/west-wing-changing-exhibits/
(May 25 – September 12, 2020) The world’s most beloved #1 blue engine rolls back into the museum this summer. Thomas & Friends®: Explore the Rails, an interactive exhibit created by Minnesota Children’s Museum and inspired by the popular children’s series on PBS KIDS® in the US, and Family Jr. and Télé-Québec in Canada, will steam into San Jose on May 25.

Potter the Otter: A Healthy Adventure
https://www.cdm.org/visit/exhibits/west-wing-changing-exhibits/

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(February 15 – May 10, 2020) Potter the Otter invites visitors to join him on a fun new adventure to learn the healthy habits it takes to be your best self. Potter and his friends will show kids how drinking water, eating fruits and vegetables, and being active help you grow and stay healthy. Play along with Moose, Goose, Toada and the Skunks in this fully interactive, STEM-based experience.

**David Brower Center**

**Art/Act: Youth – Wild Places**
https://browercenter.org/exhibit/artactyouth2020/

(February 21 – May 14, 2020) Today's youth are powerful voices in the fight for an ecologically sound world, as evidenced by the many teen climate activists pushing for influential change. The chosen body of work for Art/Act: Youth – Wild Places explores the importance of connecting to wilderness in order to more fully appreciate, understand, and protect our natural world. The exhibiting students range from 9th through 12th grades and are enrolled in various art classes at Berkeley High School, Skyline High School, and Richmond High School. For Art/Act: Youth – Wild Places, students chose environmental subjects to explore through research and creation. Their commitment to highlighting both the beauty of nature as well as our human impact on the world shows this generation’s remarkable capacity for eco-leadership.

**Endangered Species Day**

**Endangered Species Day - May 15, 2020**
www.endangeredspeciesday.org

Endangered Species Day is an opportunity for people of all ages to learn about the importance of protecting endangered species and everyday actions they can take to help protect them.

**Exploratorium**

**Aperture Lucida**
https://bit.ly/2tUx8Ce

(February 21-May 3, 2020) New installation in its Black Box gallery space entitled, Aperture Lucida. The installation features a new optical device and artwork created by current artist-in-residence, Tristan Duke, which generates a virtual ball of light that appears to hover in space as visitors interact with it. The immersive experience is accomplished without the use of electronics or digital technology. The installation is the second in a new series of media arts installations that utilizes the museum’s Black Box gallery.

**Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center**

**Kindred Spirits: Photographic Odes to Our Wild Family- Art Exhibit**
http://www.haywardrec.org/401/Exhibits

(February 1- April 19, 2020) Artwork by Becky Jaffe. A photographer, naturalist, and educator living in Oakland, California, Becky Jaffe teaches Art of Seeing courses for advanced fine art photographers, judges at the Berkeley Camera Club, and is the Artist-in-Residence at the University of California's Botanical Garden at Berkeley.

**The Invisible- Art Exhibit**
http://www.haywardrec.org/401/Exhibits

(May 2, 2020 - July 19, 2020) Artwork by Brie Janae Blue - Artists Reception: Saturday, May 2nd, 2pm to 4pm. The Invisible is a visual exploration into the beautiful, but dangerous nature of harmful algae blooms. While phytoplankton is essential to all of Earth's ecosystems, they have the uncanny ability to become visible warnings of destruction. Breathtaking in their appearance, these clusters can be deceptive to all life with deadly consequences. Brie Janae Blue is a San Jose based painter with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Art from San Jose State University.

**Lawrence Hall of Science**

**Reinventing Reality**
https://www.lawrencehallofscience.org/visit/exhibits

(through April 12. 2020) Explores the science, creativity, and innovation of virtual reality. Collaborating with friends and families, visitors experience interactive exhibits that reveal how VR transforms how we see and interact with the world. Visitors will view their body as if mapped out as a point cloud, try out the latest eye-tracking technology, feel the peculiar sensation of being in a virtual body, and even step into spectacular virtual worlds. Presented in both English and Spanish.

**Multiverse**

**Solar Week - March March 23-27, 2020**
http://multiverse.ssl.berkeley.edu/Solar-Week
A week of online lessons, games and hands-on activities about the Sun for grades 5-9.
http://www.eeweek.org/
(April 20-24, 2020) EE Week increases the educational impact of Earth Day by creating a full week of educational preparation, learning, and activities in K-12 classrooms, nature centers, zoos, museums, and aquariums. By participating in EE Week, you encourage your students to make a difference in their schools, homes, and communities!

Students for Zero Waste Week March 16 - April 24, 2020
This school-driven, week-long campaign to reduce waste on school campuses and within local communities with the intention of moving towards zero waste. As part of Students for Zero Waste Week campaign, attention is focused on, but is not limited to reducing single-use plastics items. Students for Zero Waste Week is a great opportunity to raise school and community awareness about how we all can reduce waste and be better ocean stewards!

You Are Here: California Stories on the Map
https://museumca.org/exhibit/you-are-here-california-stories-map
(February 14, 2020–February 28, 2022) We all use maps in our everyday lives—to navigate public transportation, find places to eat, and visualize big data like weather patterns or political opinions. But have you ever considered the deeper stories maps tell us? In You Are Here: California Stories on the Map, you’ll discover there’s more to maps than meets the eye. Showcasing a diverse range of maps from Oakland, the Bay Area, and California—from environmental surroundings and health conditions to community perspectives and creative artworks—experience how maps can be a powerful tool to share unique points of view and imagine a better future. Explore new perspectives of familiar places through maps made by the community, and mark your own stories on the community map inside the exhibition.

Washed Ashore
https://www.oaklandzoo.org/programs-and-events/saying-no-to-plastic
(February 13 - August 6, 2020) Art created to save the Sea! Washed Ashore builds and exhibits aesthetically powerful art to educate a global audience about plastic pollution in the ocean and waterways and spark positive changes in consumer habits. Visit our Washed Ashore statues at Oakland Zoo.

Free of Charge: Impressed Botanicals: Nature Prints of the Bay Area
https://www.sfbg.org/art-exhibit
(January - March 2020) Impressed Botanicals: Nature Prints of the Bay Area by Latifat Titilayo Apatira. In 2018, Apatira fell in love with nature printing, a process that combines art, history, and plants. Through the creative process, she takes the opportunity to learn about her subjects: their common and scientific names, their unique physical characteristics, and ethnobotanical uses.

Climb the Cascade
thetech.org/plan-your-visit/exhibits/tech-studio
Can you create a contraption to reach new heights? In this engineering design challenge, participants invent a device that delivers a ball onto different platforms. You’ll learn how varying your mechanical design changes the motion and path of a payload in this exciting exploration of dynamics.

UC Botanical Garden
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Fiber & Dye Exhibit
http://events.berkeley.edu/index.php/calendar/sn/bot.html
(March 14 – 31, 2020) Come visit our colorful, and tactile exhibit celebrating the world of plant dyes and fibers. From traditional uses to inspired future innovation in eco-fashion and textiles, a walk through our exhibit illuminates the connection of culture with nature.

University of California Berkeley

Cal Day Open House - April 18, 2020
http://calday.berkeley.edu/
From Astronomy to Zoology, explore the wonders of science! There are a huge range of activities for adults and families. Tour the Berkeley Natural History Museums (Valley Life Sciences Building) and Berkeley’s renowned research labs. Arrive early to register for a place on a Museum of Paleontology tour! Tour the Space Sciences Laboratory, Lawrence Hall of Science and the Botanical Garden (take Hill Shuttle from Evans Hall east entrance). Meet Cal scientists at numerous talks and hands-on presentations.