

Special Exhibits

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Bay Area Discovery Museum

Sausalito (415) 289-4079 <http://www.badm.org>

Top Secret: Mission Toy

January 19- May 4, 2008 --- an exhibition that invites the experts - children - to use their investigative and playtime skills to explore, examine and learn about intriguing toys from around the world. Check out dolls and balls and secret codes, find out why tops are tops, and how string can be a fascinating thing. Come and learn what it means to play in a new and different way, and discover a whole world of fun! The exhibition is aimed at children aged 5 to 12, their families and school groups.

Tales from the Land of Gullah

May 17 - September 14, 2008 -- Families are immersed in the world of the Gullah people, who lived on isolated islands off the coast of Georgia and South Carolina from their days as slaves in the 18th and 19th centuries until today. Many common nursery rhymes, popular sayings and children's songs like Michael Row Your Boat Ashore come from the Gullah people. Children will participate in the daily life and rituals of a Gullah family from the 1950s before bridges and high speed boat travel united the islands with the mainland. Children will play Gullah games, learn to tell Gullah time, go fish netting with a Gullah fisherman, cook a Gullah meal, and much more as they learn about this special culture.

Bay Model Visitor Center

Sausalito <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/bmvc>

Whales in Public Places

January 7 - February 23, 2008 -- Bay area artist and marine mammal preservationist, Bryan Austin, will share some of his large scale whale photos.

WildCare 2007 Living with Wildlife

January 7-February 28 -- winners and select winners of the WildCare photo contest will show their work that shows the biodiversity of the Bay Area.

Multiplication

February 25 to April 7, 2008 -- multiplication exhibit focuses on artworks that are pieced, repeated, and/or printed, embellished, subtracted or added onto textiles or paper. On view will be quilts, art cloth, digital images and mixed media from Marin artists.

California Academy of Sciences

San Francisco <http://www.calacademy.org>

Grand Re-opening in Golden Gate Park

September 27, 2008 marks the opening of the museum in Golden Gate Park. The downtown location is now closed. Check out previews of the building and exhibits online at http://www.calacademy.org/newacademy/academy/building/building_excitement.php

Chabot Space and Science Center

Oakland (510) 336-7300 <http://www.chabotspace.org>

Beyond Blastoff: Surviving in Space

Opens November 10, 2007 ---- Get a glimpse into the life of an astronaut, and experience the mixture of exhilaration, adventure, and confinement that is living and working in space. See real spacesuits, spacecraft, and astronaut food. Try out astronaut exercise gear and space tools, and picture yourself in a weightless environment. Learn how astronauts cope with the physical and mental challenges of weightlessness, isolation, and a grueling workload.

Exploratorium

San Francisco (415) 561-0317 <http://www.exploratorium.edu>

Special Exhibition: The Search for Universals in Human Emotion

Through April 27, 2008 - This exhibition celebrates the fortieth anniversary of acclaimed psychologist Dr. Paul Ekman's influential work on human facial expressions. In the late 1960s, his study of the isolated New Guinean Fore people, an indigenous tribe with whom the developed world had just made contact, captured the universality of expressions associated with key emotions. Ekman's work strongly suggested that emotional facial expressions are biologically determined, as suggested by Darwin

Mind

A NEW PERMANENT EXHIBIT -- In Mind, you are the exhibit. Experience your own thoughts and feelings in provocative and unexpected ways in this 5000-square-foot Exploratorium collection featuring over 40 brand-new interactive exhibits. Explore the tension between reason and emotion as you drink from an unusual fountain, witness yourself in off-guard moments you may never have experienced before, and much more. Made possible with support from the National Science Foundation.

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Lawrence Hall of Science

Berkeley (510) 642-1700 <http://www.lhs.berkeley.edu>

Speed

February 9 - May 11, 2008 ---Packed with hands-on components and interactive media, SPEED draws inspiration from cutting-edge research, sport, and entertainment to investigate how we achieve speed, what going fast means, and how fast is too fast. From growing plants to jet planes to light, everything that moves has speed or rate of movement. Visitors move through SPEED in five sections each designed to showcase the physical reality of speed and to directly illuminate speed-related concepts such as acceleration, horsepower, or friction. Sections also include accounts of individuals race car drivers, pilots, designers engaged in testing the limits of speed.

GO! Build a car to find out what features enhance or retard speed. What's the math behind speed? PUSH! Take virtual downhill ski run. Build a roller coaster. How do you get speed and how do you keep it? ZOOM! Create a sonic boom. It's just one of the strange things that happens at extremely high speeds. Discover some others. DRAG! Try to move a vehicle across a slippery surface in the shortest amount of time. Spin your wheels to find out what's key about the first seconds of the race. STOP! Use a penny to investigate the consequence of rapid deceleration. Hear race car driver describe what it is like to hit a wall.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

Walnut Creek <http://www.wildlife-museum.org>

Mt. Diablo: A Personal View Exhibit

September 15, 2007 - February 28, 2008 ---- Local fine art photographer Sue Reynolds debuts a Mt. Diablo-only exhibit at Lindsay Wildlife Museum. The exhibit will include nearly 30 images from around the mountain that stands above central Contra Costa County. Reynolds' photographic vision is informed by being a fourth generation Bay Area native. She has hiked, played and photographed in the Bay Area her entire life and feels a strong connection to the land. "I consider these lands sacred," Reynolds says from her kitchen table overlooking a grand view of the mountain.

California Indians Exhibit

September 15, 2007 - March 02, 2008 -- Because local Indians relied on the environment for all their needs, they developed a deep knowledge of plants and animals, the weather and the cycles of the seasons. They wasted very little and were careful to use the resources they had in a responsible way—practices that are sensible today. This exhibit will showcase the museum's collection representing the life and culture of early Californian Indians, focusing on tribes from northern California. A one-half sized model of a tule house, baskets and other cooking devices, bows & arrows, toys, games, cradle board, arrowheads and mounts of some of the animals that lived during that time will be incorporated into this exhibit, prepared in consultation with native American advisors.

Oakland Museum

Oakland <http://www.museumca.org>

In Our Own Backyard: A Celebration of the East Bay Regional Parks

March 15 - Though October 12, 2008 --In Our Own Backyard: A Celebration of the East Bay Regional Parks. Take a virtual tour of the East Bay Regional Parks, following the flow of creeks from snow-capped Mount Diablo through protected park land to the many parks along the shoreline of San Francisco Bay. More than 40 photographs from the museum's Bob Walker Archive celebrate the diversity and habitats of the parks. Other highlights include a history of the populist beginnings of the Park District, which continues today as interested citizens work to preserve open space so we all can enjoy "our backyard. Guest curated by Christopher Beaver, author of After the Storm: Bob Walker and the East Bay Regional Park District. (Wilderness Press, Berkeley. 2007). Though October 12, 2008. Included with museum admission.

Randall Museum

San Francisco (415) 554-9604 <http://www.randallmuseum.org/>

A-Maze-ing Puzzles

September 2007 - April 2008 See the lobby transformed into a giant maze where you can explore the twists and turns of puzzle solving. Bring your brain power and take on the fun challenges that await you!

SF Botanical Garden & Strybing Arboretum

San Francisco <http://www.strybing.org>

"Looking at Light Through Flowers" Photography by Joanne Koltnow

January 1 - March 31, 2008 The work in this exhibit is organized into two collections: small botanicals and plants in containers. In the botanical collection, individual flowers or leaves float on a white background. Leaves or petals often overlap and that emphasizes the transparent nature of the plant material. The form, color, and size of the image looks quite realistic. In some cases there's a faint outline.

A Passion for Plants, Paintings by Catherine Watters and her Students

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