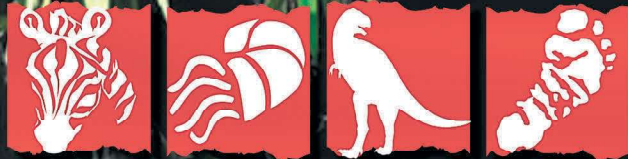
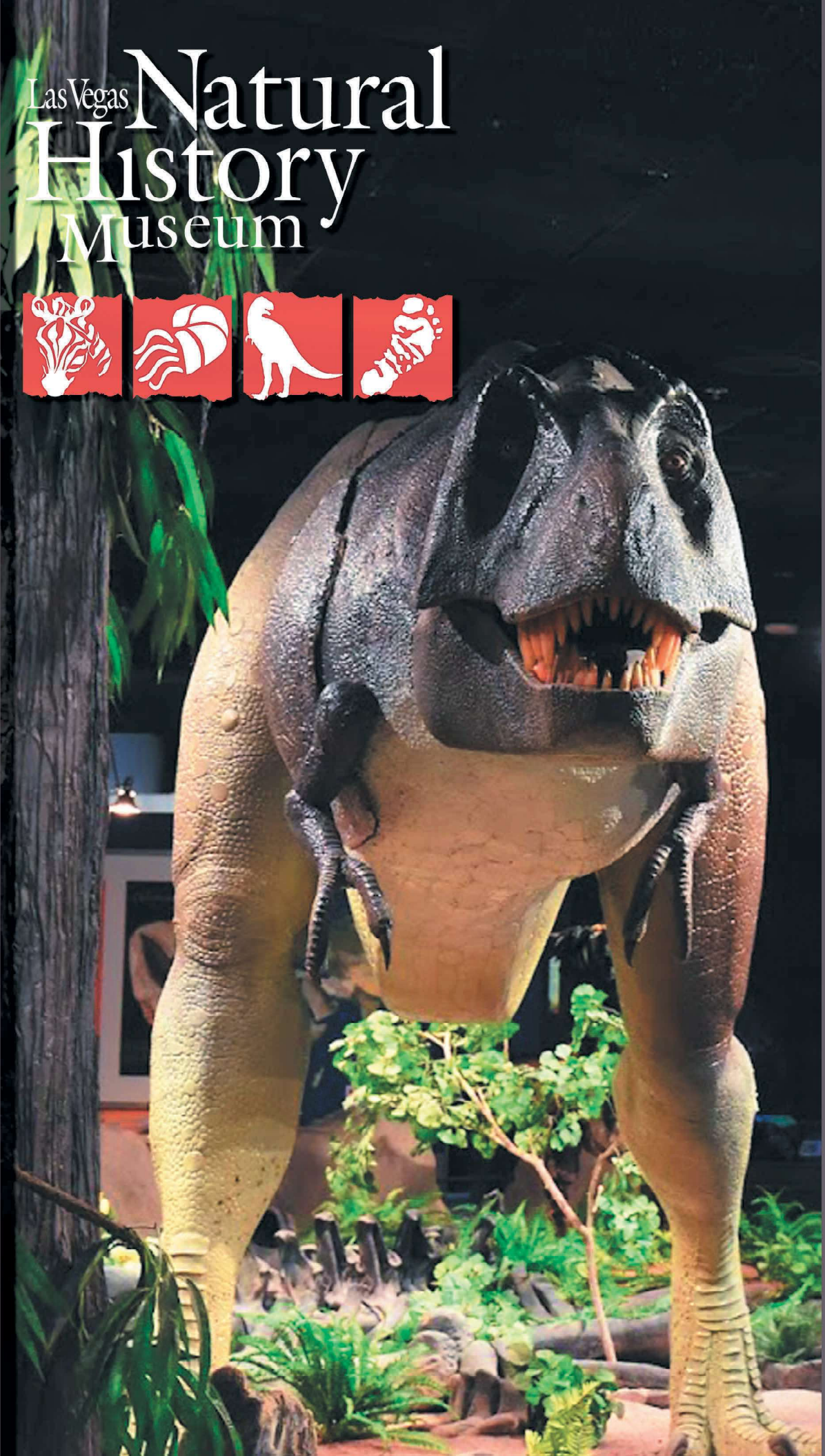


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2019 ANNUAL REPORT



This year's summer traveling exhibit was *Dinosaurs Take Flight*, developed by Silver Plume Exhibitions and the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. *Dinosaurs Take Flight: The Art of Archaeopteryx* explored the elusive raptor and included a collection of fossils and more than 50 pieces of original paleo-artwork, murals, sculptures, interactive displays.

Inspired by fossils of this bird-like dinosaur, six world renowned paleo-artists were commissioned to create interpretations of *Archaeopteryx*. Their work shows a variety of iterations of the creature, which lived in the Late Jurassic period, about 150 million years ago.

This exhibit delighted dinosaur-loving families visiting the Museum with a unique and compelling blend of science and art.



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Mission Statement

The Las Vegas Natural History Museum strives to inspire, through educational exhibits and programs, a better understanding and appreciation of the natural world, the sciences and ourselves.

Children's Education Fund

The Las Vegas Natural History Museum has been serving Las Vegas for almost three decades. One of its core values is accessibility for all community members regardless of their economic position. Equity in education is a pillar that makes the scholarship and subsidy programs at the Museum so important. The Museum understands the need to make certain that these marginalized populations of students not be deprived of educational opportunities outside of the classroom that can spark imagination, and a love of learning that a classroom alone simply cannot provide.

The Nevada Department of Education reports more than ½ of the student population in Clark County is enrolled in the Federal Meal Program indicating a significant economic need. Each year 20,000 students benefit from scholarships to the Museum. But with proper funding, we can serve so many more.

Open Door & Explore!

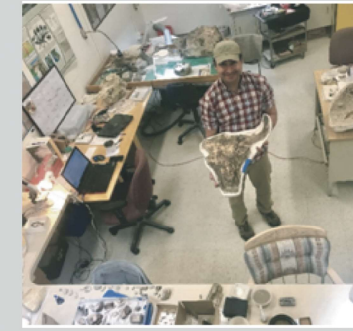
The Museum's scholarship programs **Open Door & Explore!** are supported by grants and generous donations from businesses that share the Museum's commitment to children, education and the community.

The **Open Door** Program provides funds to students for field trip admission to the Museum (\$5 per student).



Explore! is the counterpart which provides transportation funding for field trips (approximately \$140 per field trip bus).

Collections & Research Department



The Collections & Research Department cares for the Museum's vast Natural History and Cultural collection, led by Curator of Paleontology and Research Department Director, Dr. Josh Bonde. A lot of time and careful attention goes into maintaining a museum collection, including collaborating with community partners to contribute to educational outreach and exhibits. In 2019, the Collections & Research Department worked with local organizations such as Bureau of Land Management- Nevada, Nevada State Parks, Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, Clark County Wetlands Park, and the Boulder City-Hoover Dam Museum. The collection serves as a "library" and repository not only for Museum research, but also for the Museum's Research Associates, visiting scientists, and university students.

The Museum is a state and federal collections repository for paleontological and archaeological materials collected on both public lands and from the private sector. The Museum's repository is home to hundreds of thousands of artifacts and fossils from southern Nevada. These important materials are preserved, stored, researched and often exhibited at the Museum. In 2019, Dr. Bonde and his research team conducted a Bureau of Land Management-Funded Paleontological Survey of Pliocene deposits in Lincoln County, NV, as well as described new trackway fossils from Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The Research Team presented their findings at the annual meetings of the Geological Society of America and the Society for American Archaeology.

The Museum is also home to the Richard A. Ditton Learning Lab, which is the only working Paleontology lab in the State of Nevada that is open to the public. In the lab, visitors can engage with Museum scientists and see archaeology and paleontology research in action. One of the fossils you may have seen in the Ditton Learning Lab is Nevada's oldest frog: *Eorubeta nevadensis*. This frog species is found within rocks spanning 78 million – 50 million years ago, meaning that they survived the mass extinction at the end of the Cretaceous period. Recently, a paper was published by Dr. Bonde and colleagues, detailing the ancestry of this species and noting that it was found both below and above the K-P extinction level. So while all non-bird dinosaurs went extinct 65 million years ago, Nevada's first frog kept hopping along the Mountains of East-Central Nevada!



Fundraising and Events

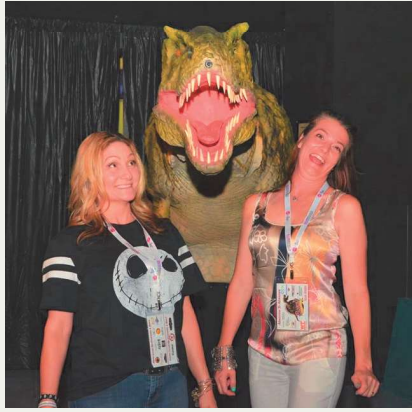
Bones & Booze and the Dinosaur Ball

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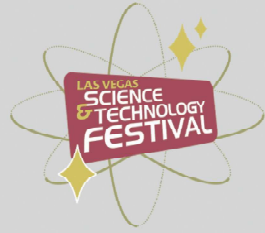
This year's "Bones & Booze" themed evening was held on June 21st, and brought cold drinks, cool bones, and even better friends together for an amazing soiree. This signature summer fundraiser, drawing more than 300 guests, raised money for the Museum's unique living collection, exhibits, and educational programs. Guests in attendance enjoyed a festive party while enjoying the Museum's interactive galleries. Food and drinks were provided by twelve amazing downtown restaurants and bars.

The Dinosaur Ball

On October 19th, 2019 the Museum held the 27th Annual Dinosaur Ball at the Red Rock Resort and Casino. The "Makes a Splash" theme celebrated the world's ocean with guests asked to wear their favorite casual beach attire. The evening's Master of Ceremonies was Museum Ambassador, Jeff Civillico. Guests enjoyed the music of the local favorite Steel Benders as well as performances by Travis Cloer, former star of the hit musical: "Jersey Boys." Guests were able to bid on numerous silent auction items before dinner and participated in an exciting live auction. All proceeds from the evening's various fund-raising opportunities benefitted the Museum's Live Animal Department and the Museum's Education Department.



The Las Vegas Natural History Museum presented



The 2019 Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival!

After nine years, the Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival continues to thrive and improve! More than 45,000 people participated in 150 programs across Southern Nevada during the nine day Festival. Around 135 cultural institutions, businesses, and organizations worked together with 132 volunteers to make the 2019 Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival a memorable event. Interest in the Festival continues to increase, and the community's generous support grows each year.

The Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival is the largest educational event in Nevada, striving to inspire our community's youth and bring the excitement of science and technology to families from all walks of life. Through engaging and educational programming, the Festival strives to spark students' curiosity in STEM and to ultimately encourage them to consider careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Thanks to the generous community support and hard work by the Festival's committee, collaborators, sponsors, and volunteers, the Las Vegas Science & Technology Festival continues to be accessible and free to the community

2019 Festival Numbers

- Over 45,000 people participated in 150 programs over 9 days;
- 132 volunteers donated more than 750 hours of service;
- Over 4,000 students in 3 counties were served during the week-long Science in the Schools program;
- 7,500 people attended 43 Science is Everywhere Day events around the Las Vegas Valley;
- More than 14,000 people experienced the Giant Expo at World Market

Live Animal Department



The Museum cares for over 100 live animals, including fish, reptiles, insects, and small mammals! The Museum's Critter Connections programs allow visitors to make personal connections with biology, ecosystems, and conservation. Programming includes live demonstrations by Museum caregivers who feed the sharks, horseshoe crabs and stingrays!

Draw Alive!

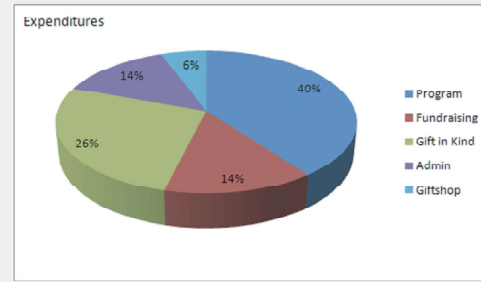
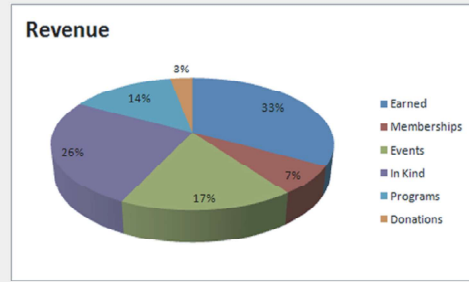
The Museum welcomed its newest exhibit to the Cox Charities Young Scientist Center in 2019: Draw Alive! This interactive exhibit inspires creativity and brings hand-drawn dinosaur creations to life within a Mesozoic landscape. The exhibit is sponsored by COX.



A December to Remember



The 12th annual A December to Remember cultural celebration transformed the Museum's Grand Hall into a beautiful gallery showcasing cultures and traditions found within our diverse community. The six week-long exhibition featured exhibits and programming created by more than a dozen participating community partners representing traditions of winter celebrations from around the world. The exhibits included traditions from Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Scotland, Poland, Norway, Bulgaria, Ireland, Hawaii, the Philippines, and more!



Revenues	
Operational	324,749.90
Admissions	1,065.53
Interest Income	70,066.70
Giftshop	12,648.00
Other	25,073.45
Subtotal	420,955.58

Fundraising & Public Memberships	
Donations-Non Specific	28,599.62
Memberships-Family	65,301.00
Memberships-Corporate	20,000.00
Memberships-FOM	6,100.00
Bricks-Fundraiser	1,500.00
Special Events	209,913.90
Donations-Gifts in Kind	340,334.96
Subtotal	671,749.48

Restricted Revenue (Program)	
Endowment Interest	15,000.00
Exhibit Donations	25,000.00
Collections Maintenance	47,292.92
Animal Care Donation	18,058.05
Education Program	50,781.81
Curation Income	0.00
Science Festival	18,100.00
Traveling Exhibit	0.00
Subtotal	174,232.78

TOTAL REVENUE 1,266,937.84

Expenditures	
Wages	506,626.59
Payroll Taxes	44,007.66
Accounting	8,000.00
Advertising	10,726.35
Auto	12.40
Cost of Goods-Giftshop	28,019.99
Misc. & Administrative	17,291.83
Dues & Memberships	10,333.66
Insurance	51,191.97
Janitorial	8,190.00
Office Supplies	9,557.74
Postage & Shipping	1,957.37
Outside Services	38,619.96
Repairs & Maintenance	5,232.45
Telephone	4,897.84
Utilities	5,918.69
Gift-in-Kind Expenditures	340,334.96
Fundraising Expenses	92,247.19
Subtotal	1,183,166.65

Program & Exhibit Expenses	
Animal Care	33,850.99
Exhibit Expenses	7,111.18
Collection Maintenance	10,236.09
Education Program	14,738.66
Travelling Exhibit	30,334.44
Staff Development	0.00
Subtotal	96,271.36

TOTAL EXPENSES 1,279,438.01

Change in net assets -12,500.17

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