

Biodiversity Month 2002 at the HMNH

Join us in May for a month-long celebration of life on Earth!

EXHIBITIONS

Every day in May...

Discover Diversity Endangered.

A colorful poster exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution examines the causes and consequences of disappearing rain forests, coral reefs, and other habitats - and what's being done to save them.

Explore Dodos, Trilobites, & Meteorites...

This special exhibition unveils how museum collections help scientists to understand, use, and protect our planet's dwindling diversity.

Seek out endangered wildflowers.

Special topic cards take museum-goers on a tour of the Glass Flowers exhibition in search of New England plants threatened with extinction.

Search other HMNH exhibitions to learn what biodiversity can do for you.

Green "Biodiversity is Good for Us!" labels throughout the museum reveal the many ways that Earth's diverse lifeforms improve the quality of our lives and support our very existence.

GALLERY PROGRAMS

Every weekend in May...

Stop by our Discovery Zones.

Discovery Zones feature guided hands-on opportunities to explore the wonders of nature's diversity.

Meet some of Earth's lively inhabitants.

HMNH's Creature Feature presentations use live animals to introduce museum-goers to some of our planet's fascinating inhabitants.

Ocean Fest Family Festival

Saturday, June 8
from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for this spectacular family festival celebrating the amazing diversity of life in the sea. Presented in cooperation with the Boston Malacological Club, this show features a variety of displays, demonstrations, and activities for every member of the family to enjoy. You'll be amazed at the endless variety and breathtaking beauty of seashells, from giant clams to killer cones. Discover shells in art, stamps, Victorian artifacts – and even your computer! Solve miniature mysteries at our microscope table or marvel at the fossils of ocean creatures millions of years old. Watch artists create sea life with paints and brushes and with origami. Learn about whales, sharks, and other ocean animals and try your hand at some ocean crafts to take home. Meet some live sea animals in special "Creature Feature" presentations. Don't miss this celebration of our earth's most precious environment – and its amazing inhabitants!

Fees: General museum admission

LECTURE

Declining Amphibians: On the Verge of an Environmental Catastrophe

Free lecture with James Hanken
Thursday, May 9, 2002 6 p.m.

Professor of Biology James Hanken, who will become director of Harvard's MCZ in July, will discuss amphibians — frogs, salamanders, and their cousins, which have occupied Earth since well before the dawn of dinosaurs — and the reasons for their declining populations worldwide.

*Part of the Harvard Scientists Lecture Series;
Lecture held at 24 Oxford Street.
Reception to follow in the
HMNH galleries.*

explore biodiversity!

