What's On
at the Museum of Natural History
May - August 2019

RUSKIN 200
Celebrating 200 years since the birth of John Ruskin

One of the leading art critics of the 19th century, John Ruskin was a strong influence on the design and decoration of the Museum’s building. For his bicentenary in 2019 we are hosting a series of special events and an art competition.

29 April - 24 June, 12-2pm, Drop-in Monday Drawing
Bring your sketchbook and draw the Museum with tips and guidance from Fusion Arts artists (not in school holidays).

11 May - 14 July
Ruskin 200 Young Artists Competition
Our Art Competition for 5-15 year olds. Share your artwork inspired by the Museum building and our collections.

29 April - 24 June, 12-2pm, Drop-in; 25 May, 1-3pm, Drop-in Ready, Steady, Draw!
Family drawing workshop and an opportunity to enter our Art Competition. Choose your favourite specimen to draw and we’ll display a selection in the Museum this summer.

27 July - 2 September
Art Competitions Summer Display
A display of artworks selected from each category of our Ruskin 200 art competitions.

More information at www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/ruskin200

First Impressions
Oxford Printmakers’ Co-operative
Artworks inspired by specimens from the First Animals exhibition. Pick up a trail at the Welcome Desk to explore the display around the Museum.

Ancient Oceans Family Trail
10 August 2019 - 24 February 2020
Explore some of the first animals that lived in the oceans hundreds of millions of years ago with our fun family trail.

First Animals and the Origin of Oceanic Ecosystems
12 Jul 2019 – 24 Feb 2020
Animal life first evolved in the oceans 600 million years ago. First Animals brings together exceptional fossils from sites across the globe to tell the story of our aquatic beginnings like never before.

Special exhibition and events programme
First Animals
www.oum.ox.ac.uk/firstanimals

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Community Outreach
For information on workshops for adult community groups see: www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/community-outreach

Library and Archives
Our Library and Archives are open to all. For appointments email library@oum.ox.ac.uk

Learning at the Museum
The Museum offers taught sessions for primary and secondary Key Stages, regular Family Friendly activities, and a programme of adult events.

www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/learn

Hire the Museum
The Museum and its 300-seat Lecture Theatre are available for private hire and social events. For more information contact: venue@oum.ox.ac.uk

Location
The Museum is about 10 minutes’ walk north of Oxford city centre and about 15 minutes’ walk from Oxford rail station.

Free public wi-fi
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REGULAR EVENTS

Treehouse Talks
Mon 28 & Wed 30 May, 4-5pm, Drop-in
Discuss the effects of climate change on the plants and animals of our green spaces. A relaxed open-plan discussion in our treehouse.

Summer Screens
Wed 31 Jul – Sat 3 Aug
A cinema with a selection of films for families during school holidays.

Second Tuesday every month, 7-9pm, Drop-in
The Unexpected Art of Woodland Management
Igerna Sollas (1877-1965), a scientist who made 3D reconstructions of ancient marine fossils, was elected to the Geological Society in 1906. The next year she was appointed as Curator of the Grant Collection of invertebrate fossils, the first female professional palaeontologist in Europe. In 1949, she was elected to the Royal Society. She was awarded the Royal Society's Wollaston Medal (1930) and the Darwin Medal (1952), and in 1951 she was made a Companion of Honour.

The Unexpected Truth About Animals
Zoologist and broadcaster Lucy Cooke dispels myths and reveals scientific truths about the animals we love. Meet some of our feathered friends and glide with birds of prey. From worm-like animals to star echinoderms - sea urchins and their relatives - from worm-like animals to star echinoderms - starfish, sea urchins and their relatives - from worm-like animals to star echinoderms - starfish, sea urchins and the animals that have them. Lucy Cooke London.

The Great Debate: Should We Engineer Our Way Out of Climate Change?
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Environmental journalist Ben Goldfarb, bestselling author of The Perfect Beast, and Paul Hawken, co-founder of local food and sustainable woodland management.

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Big Book of Bugs: Creative Writing Workshop
www.oxfordfestivalofnature.org

Science Saturdays
Sat 27 Apr, 11am-1pm, Drop-in
This guided walk around the Museum for toddlers to 5 years finds nature through the lens of our latest exhibitions. "A Little Look at... "Bee" find out what our bees buzz get up to on this guided walk around the Museum for toddlers to 5 years.

A Little Look at... Bees
Mon 19 & Wed 21 Aug, 1-4pm, Drop-in
Top natural history events from Oxford University.

Science Shorts
Sun 10 Aug, 12-3pm, Drop-in
Curious Cubs
Pick up a activity bag and explore the Museum with some of our furry friends. A behind-the-scenes look at the British fly collection. Meet the experts and learn about our fly collection. Meet Dr Imran Rahman charts the evolution of insects and the animals that have them. 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