

Discovery Under the Dome...



# THE PTERANODON

THE STERNBERG MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY  
FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

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## Sternberg Membership The GIFT that gives all year long!

Are you looking for a gift that won't be broken by the new year, one that doesn't need to be exchanged for another color or size, a gift that does NOT require an iPad or smart phone to enjoy, that provides entertainment all year long and can be used across the country and around the world, a gift that engages young and old alike and gives a hands-on experience every time you use it?

A Sternberg Museum membership is that gift. Members receive free admission for every visit; enjoy discounts at Excavations, the Sternberg Store, and on fees for the museum's adventure and activity programs. The Pteranodon Newsletter arrives electronically once a month with updates on exhibits, programs, and special events. Members are invited to the pre-opening of new exhibits and have priority reservations for special events. Membership includes general admission to 350 world-class museums and comes with a list of participating members.

To purchase a membership for someone on your Christmas list stop by the Sternberg or go online ([sternberg.fhsu.edu](http://sternberg.fhsu.edu)) to print out a membership form and mail it in.

Individual	\$35	Family	\$65 - Admission for two adults and their children under 17
Ind Senior	\$25	Fm Senior	\$55 - Admission for two adults and their grandchildren under 17



### Don't forget to FEED THE TIGER!

Your gift to the Sternberg is doubled with a one to one match from McDonald's of Hays.

**Go to [ifedthetiger.com](http://ifedthetiger.com)**

**Make your gift now.**

**This appeal with matching funds ends December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Time is running out**

# Science Under the Dome

## The Sternberg's Natural Science Road Show

Ian Trevethan, Sternberg Museum Outreach Coordinator, takes the science found under the dome on the road with programs based on common core standards for STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) related topics. These programs cover a range of natural science topics and are available to area schools and organizations. In November 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Hays Middle School were privy to a program on fossils. Students saw a short power point presentation, followed by hands-on examination of fossils and discussions on fossil types.

Trevethan, a native of Spokane, Washington credits his interest in earth science to the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980. It awakened an interest in the earth, its history, and the life forms that have inhabited it. He received his BS in Geology from Montana State University and followed his interest in life forms of the Cretaceous Period Interior Seaway to FHSU where he is completing a master's degree.

For more information on outreach programs contact Ian Trevethan, Sternberg Outreach Coordinator, 785/628-5249, [ijtrevethan@mail.fhsu.edu](mailto:ijtrevethan@mail.fhsu.edu)



## Art Miniatures Reflect Diverse Encounters with Nature

The Sternberg's exhibit staff recently opened **Exquisite Miniatures**, a collection of miniature artwork on exhibit from November 25, 2015 through May 31, 2016

Wes and Rachelle Siegrist are a husband and wife team who capture the attention of viewers not with outstretched canvas but with miniature paintings so exquisitely crafted that they are often mistaken for tiny photographs. Their tiny treasures, as collectors often refer to them, typically measure less than nine square inches and appear even more detailed when viewed under magnification! Consequently, the Siegrists enjoy a dimension of interactivity with viewers that few painters of standard easel-size paintings enjoy. The artists engage and draw their viewers ever closer to the point where they often become lost within the miniature world. Their compositions reflect broad and diverse encounters with nature and often stress biodiversity and the ecology of humans as well as wildlife. You don't want to miss it.

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Natural Science for Pre-School, Ages 3-5  
Thursday, December 3 – Prairie Christmas Ornaments  
Wednesday, December 16 - Prairie Christmas Ornaments  
Members: \$ 4, Non Members: \$ 6  
No registration required



Adventures & Activities, Grades K-5  
December 1 – Polar Animals, North Pole  
December 8 – Polar Animals, South Pole  
December 15 – Surviving Extreme Cold  
Members: \$ 5, Non Members: \$ 7



Little Santa Christmas Show  
Presented by the FHSU STEM Education Student Chapter  
Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am  
Seibel Lobby  
Free Admission



Water Fest, Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am – 3:30pm  
Sternberg Museum  
Area Middle School students  
Sponsored by Stacie Minson, KSU Watershed Specialist



## NEW YEAR NEWS FLASH

**ADVENTURES & ACTIVITIES K-5  
MOVES TO MONDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS  
Beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 3:30-5:00PM**



**ADVENTURES & ACTIVITIES SHUTTLE SERVICE  
BEGINS JANUARY 4, 2016  
DEPARTS FROM USD 489 TRANSPORTATION CENTER  
508 MAIN MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 3:25PM  
Look for the FHSU van. There is no return service. Students must be  
picked up at the Sternberg at 5:00pm. Contact David Levering for  
registration forms at [dalevering@fhsu.edu](mailto:dalevering@fhsu.edu).**



*Merry Christmas*