

FEATURE GALLERIES

Ends of the Earth: From Polar Bears to Penguins

Until April 26, 2009

Visitors definitely won't want to be left out in the cold by missing the Royal Alberta Museum's newest and "coolest" exhibition! *Ends of the Earth: From Polar Bears to Penguins* is a 6,000 square-foot travelling exhibition developed and produced by Science North, Ontario.

This family-friendly exhibition is loaded with fun and interactive elements designed to immerse children into the fascinating landscapes of the Arctic and Antarctic. *Ends of the Earth* features artifact-based displays and multimedia experiences that explore the unique nature of the Earth's polar regions, the current science being undertaken there, and how these regions are indicators of climate change on our planet. The supporting sponsor for this special exhibition is Quark Expeditions.

Arte en la Charrería

Until April 13, 2009

Arte en la Charrería contains more than 120 examples of the excellent craftsmanship and design distinctive to the Mexican cowboy. With leather work, costumes, textiles, silver and iron work, as well as works on paper that illustrate the life of the charro, this exhibition showcases intricately hand-crafted objects that embody the very identity of the Mexican nation. The exhibition introduces Canadian audiences to the work of unique Mexican artisans who manufacture the articles and costumes that embellish and distinguish the charro tradition.

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

Wild by Nature

Every Saturday at 11 am and 2 pm, Wild Alberta Gallery

Join our Gallery Interpreter for a look at what's hidden beneath the surface of our wildlife and forestry displays! Stories and hands-on activities with interpretive objects are just part of the fun. Program supported in part by FRIAA.



Edmonton Nature Club Monthly Meeting Photographing Alberta's Smaller Majority

Friday, March 20

Local naturalist and retired Museum bug wrangler, Terry Thormin, will talk about his experiences while photographing Alberta's insects, spiders and other arthropods in Alberta and beyond. He will share some of his photographic techniques as well as giving some insight into the lives of some of his insect subjects.

The meetings start at 7:30 pm. Admission by Donation.

Government House (on the Royal Alberta Museum grounds)

Free public tours of this grand, historic building will happen each Saturday, Sunday and on all statutory holidays, from 11 am to 4:30 pm.
780.427.2281 | www.governmenthouse.alberta.ca

SPECIAL EVENTS

Penguin Parade

Get up close and personal with an African Penguin visiting from West Edmonton Mall's Sea Life Caverns. Penguin visits at 2:00 pm on the following dates:

Saturday, March 7 **Saturday, March 21**

Gallery Tours

Join our gallery interpreters as they take you on a journey from one end of the globe to the other exploring the fascinating worlds of the Arctic and Antarctic.

Adventure without the frostbite!

- Polar tours daily at 11 am and 2 pm
- Ice Age Tales – story time for pre-school adventurers daily at 10 am and 1 pm (30 minute duration)

Polar Bears and Penguins on the Big Screen

Visit the North and South poles... and still be home in time for dinner!

Doors at 1 pm, shows start at 1:30 pm

COMING IN APRIL:

Sunday, April 5

National Geographic Films

Really Wild Animals: Polar Prowl

45 minutes Rated G

Sunday, April 12

National Geographic Films

Masters of the Arctic Ice

50 minutes Rated PG

Sunday, April 19

National Geographic Films

Antarctic Wildlife Adventures

76 minutes Rated G

Sunday, April 26

National Geographic Films

Emperors of the Ice

52 minutes Rated PG

International Polar Year Presentation:

Polar Bears in a Changing Climate

Thursday, March 26, 2009

Climate change is drastically affecting the sea ice inhabited by the world's most iconic Arctic mammal – the polar bear. In this special presentation, Dr. Andrew Derocher, Professor of Biological Sciences from the University of Alberta, will present his research on the effect climate change is having on polar bears, their habitat and their prey. Admission is FREE!

Unless otherwise noted, these activities are included with regular Museum admission.



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