



BEAVERS & BUGS IN THE BOREAL FOREST

The first phase in the *Bringing Our Stories Forward* Gallery Renewal Project is nearing completion, and the changes to the Nonsuch Gallery have been getting a lot of attention. What many people may not realize is that some major changes are coming to portions of the Boreal Forest Gallery as well. Outdated displays on biting insects and furbearing animals are being replaced with a completely new boreal forest wetland display spearheaded by **DR. RANDY MOOI, Curator of Zoology**. The incredible diversity of insect life in the boreal forest will be showcased in striking panels featuring over 700 specimens, and visitors will develop a better understanding of the role of the beaver in the natural world and its impact on other animals in the forest ecosystem.



Panel of specimens showing insect diversity in the boreal forest

MANITOBA HOCKEY: OUR HOME, OUR HEROES

Given the excitement in the city this spring surrounding the playoff runs of both the Winnipeg Jets and the Manitoba Moose, there couldn't be a better time to host *Hockey: The Stories Behind Our Passion*. Produced by the Canadian Museum of History, this new feature exhibition will open in Alloway Hall on July 6. Thanks in part to your support, we have hired **guest curator CANDACE HOGUE**, who, with assistance from **DR. ROLAND SAWATZKY, Curator of History**, is developing a complementary exhibition called *Manitoba: Heart of Hockey* that will showcase the stories of our province's 120 years of rich hockey history. "People of all ages, all genders, all ethnicities, and abilities play this game," says Candace. "Hockey unites this country in a way that few things do, and I'm excited to share the stories behind the passion of hockey with the people of Manitoba."

Team Canada Jersey, Torino 2006, and Patty Kazmaier Award, awarded to the top female college ice hockey player in the United States (Loan: Jennifer Botterill)

Jonathan Toews' skates, 2013-14 NHL Season and 9 years old with the Winnipeg Warriors (Loan: Jonathan Toews)



BOTANIST WINS AWARD

We are proud to announce that **DR. DIANA BIZECKI ROBSON, Curator of Botany** and her co-authors, are the recipients of the inaugural James Fletcher Award, established in 2017 to recognize the best paper in a particular volume of the scientific journal *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*. When you support our curators as part of Curators Circle, you are contributing to active research programs that are making exciting discoveries like the distribution of new species. Since the publication of this award-winning paper, "Distribution and ecology of a new species of water-lily, *Nymphaea loriانا* (Nymphaeaceae), in Western Canada", the water-lily in question has been placed on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List for Threatened Species.



Lori's Water-lily is a newly discovered species, found only in Canada

SHATTERED PAST

Starting in January 2019, a new display in our foyer will showcase a rare archaeological find – 223 sherds from a single thin-walled ceramic vessel recovered from the banks of the Lee River in southwest Manitoba. Unlike most archaeological displays in our Museum, where broken pieces of earthenware pots are displayed as they were found, in pieces, these particular pot sherds have undergone a transformation. The individual pieces have been painstakingly reconstructed – like a three-dimensional puzzle – by conservators at the Canadian Conservation Institute. Now that we know its shape and size, **KEVIN BROWNLEE, Curator of Archaeology**, can begin to investigate other questions: How old is it? What was cooked inside? Who made it? And perhaps most intriguingly, how did obsidian (volcanic glass) from Idaho end up right beside this pot in the ground in Manitoba? Your support allows our curators to tackle research questions like these, and to continually learn new things about the objects in our collections.



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