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Science Museum debuts new monthly series: “Second Saturday Science”

Roanoke, VA, March 1, 2012 – The Science Museum of Western Virginia is excited to announce a new monthly series, “*Second Saturday Science*,” debuting Saturday, March 10, from 10:00 – 11:00 am, with a **Dinosaur Hunt**.

This particular event is special because visitors can not only see a fun-filled presentation on the latest dinosaur data, but can actually touch and handle real dinosaur fossils. “It’s not often children get to handle authentic dinosaur fossils because they’re usually under lock and key,” said Jim Rollings, Executive Director. “For this event, all ages can enjoy the interactive presentation and really get hands-on as they learn more about these interesting creatures.”

The next *Second Saturday Science* topic, on April 14th, will showcase a set of amazing new interactive exhibits that were recently created by Virginia Tech students. This event will be among the first activities growing out of a new partnership between the Science Museum and Virginia Tech.

The Museum has interactive exhibits for all ages, including weather, magnetism, geology, light, color and sound and the famous “Bridge of Fire” Van de Graaff generator, to name just a few. The museum is currently located in the upper level of Tanglewood Mall across from Belk.

About the Science Museum of Western Virginia

The Science Museum of Western Virginia is the oldest science museum in Virginia, having been founded in 1970 by a group of teachers and community volunteers. The Museum moved into Center in the Square in 1983, where it occupied the 4th and 5th floors until Center closed for major renovations in spring, 2011. The Museum is temporarily located on the second level of Tanglewood Mall, while preparing to return downtown in 2013 with all new exhibits and programs. The Science Museum of Western Virginia is among the fewer than 5-percent of science centers in the U.S. nationally accredited by the American Association of Museums.

For more information, please visit www.smwv.org, call 540.342.5700, visit the Museum’s page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ScienceMuseumofWesternVirginia), or follow us on Twitter (@scimuseum).

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