

Coming: Exciting Adventures in Robotics!

Exciting adventures in robotics are coming to the Petroleum Museum!

The Robot Zoo is coming to Midland! This 2,500-square-foot traveling exhibit reveals the magic of nature as a master engineer. Displays include a variety of huge animated robot animals. Cut-aways expose the inside of animals and insects, revealing easily recognizable parts and gadgets. Visitors can explore the biomechanics of animal robots to discover how real animals work.

Right now STEM programming — science, technologies, engineering and math — is a buzzword in the learning community and this exhibit is a great method to incorporate these topics in an entertaining way. More importantly, it also ties in with the Museum’s new robotics programming, Building Bots, offering students the opportunity to explore, discover and learn.

Building Bots robotics classes provide spectacular technology, engineering, and design opportunities for students this summer. The Museum will have two identical *Building Bots* sessions for kids K-6th grade, consisting of three classes for each age group. The cost per summer session is \$70 per student for Petroleum Museum members or \$80 per student for non-members. Classes include guided exploration of a project AND time for creative design. **Sign your child up online today at www.pbpetro.org!**



The
Robot
Zoo



2016 Building Bots Summer Session 1 Schedule			
Class	Event Dates		
#1	July 6, 2016		
Grade	Time	Grade	Time
K-2nd	9:00-11:00 AM	3rd-6th	1:00-4:00 PM
#2	July 13, 2016		
Grade	Time	Grade	Time
K-2nd	9:00-11:00 AM	3rd-6th	1:00-4:00 PM
#3	July 20, 2016		
Grade	Time	Grade	Time
K-2nd	9:00-11:00 AM	3rd-6th	1:00-4:00 PM
2016 Building Bots Summer Session 2 Schedule			
Class	Event Dates		
#1	July 27, 2016		
Grade	Time	Grade	Time
K-2nd	9:00-11:00 AM	3rd-6th	1:00-4:00 PM
#2	August 3, 2016		
Grade	Time	Grade	Time
K-2nd	9:00-11:00 AM	3rd-6th	1:00-4:00 PM
#3	August 10, 2016		
Grade	Time	Grade	Time
K-2nd	9:00-11:00 AM	3rd-6th	1:00-4:00 PM



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...exploration,
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Drive from the Past

1932 Fire Truck Ignites Fun



The Museum celebrated its Grand Re-Opening in April and marked the occasion to showcase the running of its 1932 Model BB Ford fire truck. New members were treated to a ride around the grounds in the fire truck, complete with sirens blaring.

Donated in 1983 by Marathon Oil Company, the historical truck is up and running once again. The fire truck, originally purchased by the Big Lake Oil Company in Texon, is believed to be one of five made by the Ford Motor Company in 1932. Its primary purpose was to provide protection for the camp and its occupants.

The fire truck was later acquired by Marathon Oil Company as part of its purchase of the Texon properties. Ned Daniels, District Operations Superintendent, Midland presented the truck to the Museum on July 7, 1983. Russell J. Ramsland, President of the Board of the Museum, accepted the donation.

TAM President's Award

Museum Earns Honor

The President's Award is Texas Association of Museum's (TAM) highest honor bestowed on a Texas museum or related organization that exemplifies excellence in the museum field. In April of this year, the association honored the Petroleum Museum for its extraordinary work with the renovation of its petroleum exhibits, a project that spanned 10 years and required raising \$18 million. As museum professionals, TAM members understand what it takes to bring a cutting-edge learning experience like this to museum visitors. Kathy Shannon, Executive Director, accepted the award at the TAM Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi.

Volunteer Susan May

Opening Minds to Science

To a retired college and junior high teacher, Family Science Nights at the Petroleum Museum and robotics classes offer a path to continue opening the minds of young people to the world of science.

When **Susan May** retired after 25 years of teaching she was ready for a break. After a while, though, she'd had enough. A former colleague – Love Swimming Bear – suggested Susan volunteer at the Petroleum Museum and she found a perfect mix of teaching students without the pressure of a classroom. "I discovered I couldn't give up working with kids," she said.

With both a bachelor's and master's degrees in geology, she first worked in the petroleum industry.

"But I was bitten by the teaching bug and was able to teach for 25 years," she said. Those years included teaching science classes such as chemistry, biology and physics at the junior high level and at Midland College.

Susan was first recruited to work as a puppeteer for the fourth grade tours. "I love it. I was the geologist for quite some time, but my favorite is the engineer. He sings 'I've Been Working on the Railroad.' I've been every character at some point."

Then came the opportunity to work with the quarterly Family Science Nights, and the recently added robotics program. "The last Family Science Night was themed Mad Scientist and was right up my alley," Susan said.

The Petroleum Museum science nights continue to attract an increasing number of families, she noted. "I am so impressed with the outreach the Museum is doing. One Family Science Night had almost 2,000 people. The Museum is reaching so many kids and families. They are not only getting kids interested in science at a young age but the Museum is getting families out there and the parents are asking a lot of questions. These events are motivating the parents, too."



Distinguished Lecturer

Ibrahim and His Lost World

"We found an entire lost world; a window on a moment of major evolutionary change." — Nizar Ibrahim

It was the largest predatory dinosaur, with spike-shaped teeth and a body over 50 feet long. "It" was Spinosaurus, and although it was a giant among dinosaurs, its fossils eluded scientists for decades. With amazing video recreating the lost world of the Cretaceous Era Sahara, Nizar Ibrahim will tell the story of Spinosaurus' discovery, loss, and rediscovery, and explain what – other than its size – makes this ancient monster unique. His talk is part of the **Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series** scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 27, at the Museum.



German/Moroccan paleontologist Ibrahim is a postdoctoral scholar in vertebrate anatomy and paleontology at the University of Chicago and 2014 National Geographic emerging explorer. He scours the deserts of North Africa for clues to life in the Cretaceous period, when the area was a large river system teeming with a profusion of diverse life. In addition to unearthing many huge dinosaur bones, he has discovered fossil footprints and a new species of flying reptile with an 18-foot wingspan that lived 95 million years ago.

The Museum will host a "Members Only" reception with the speaker at 6:30 p.m. before the lecture. The Distinguished Lecture Series is generously sponsored by the **Abell-Hanger Foundation**.

Arlen Edgar
Distinguished
Lecturer
Nizar Ibrahim
7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 27
Free tickets!
Call Museum at
432-683-4403 to
reserve your tickets
or register online at
www.pbpetro.org.

Mineral Gallery

Morganite: Honors J.P. Morgan



**Morganite
On Loan From
Dr. Robert Lavinsky**

The Museum's Mineral Gallery is home to a number of incredible mineral specimens, both gifted and loaned. This quarter's featured mineral is a beautiful specimen on loan from **Dr. Robert Lavinsky, Dallas, Texas**. Centered on the back wall of the gallery, this stunning morganite specimen is the largest single crystal of morganite ever found.

Although this mineral and gemstone came into being millions of years ago, it has been known by the name morganite for less than 100 years. Before 1911, it was known simply as pink beryl and not as a gemstone in its own right. But, in 1911, New York gemologist G.F. Kunz of Tiffany's suggested that the mineral be granted the noble status of a gemstone. He also suggested it be named in honor of J. P. Morgan, banker, financier, and mineral collector, thus granting it the name morganite.

Morganite is the pink to salmon color variety of the beryl family, a group that includes emeralds and aquamarines. Pure beryl is actually colorless, but iron, manganese, chrome or vanadium will alter its color.

It is the manganese that produces morganite's enchanting pink color. Ranging in color from soft pink, to peach, to violet-pink, morganite is commonly heat-treated to remove unwanted yellow tones and produce the more desired pink color. Deposits of morganite are found in Brazil, Madagascar, Afghanistan, California and Pakistan. On the Mohs scale of hardness it ranges from a 7.5 to 8, making it a durable stone for jewelry purposes.

Now that you know more about morganite, stop by and enjoy nature's pure beauty in this striking specimen.

Mineral Gallery
delights
viewers with
numerous
specimens from
around the
world.

Going High Tech

App will link viewer to Museum

The Petroleum Museum is working to make visiting our galleries a high-tech experience. Go Convergence from Orlando, Florida, who produced the media for the renovated petroleum exhibits, is creating an "app" for the Museum. It will include a map of the Museum and Oil Patch with information about the exhibits. You can take a quiz, learn more about specific objects, and find your path through the Museum galleries. The app can be downloaded to your cell phone or tablet before arriving. Then visitors can enjoy the Museum's exhibits at their own pace. Links will be included to link to our website, sign up to receive email notifications or to find out more about a topic or object. Look for the Museum's link to "go live" this fall!

App will
take Museum
'live' this fall.

Family Science Night

BITS & BOTS: SEPT. 22, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

BUILD UP your excitement for BITS & BOTS Family Science Night on September 22! Admission is FREE! Discover your ultimate invention toolbox filled with motors, wheels, buzzers and switches. Family Science Nights are brought to you by our generous sponsors at **CHEVRON**.



Join us for a BIT of fun! Enjoy the perks of Museum Membership with early admission to build your BOTS from 6 to 6:30 p.m. You get first choice of everything.

2016-2017 Family Science Night Schedule

Mark your calendar with these dates!

September 22, 2016	BITS & BOTS
December 1, 2016	FOSSIL FRENZY
January 26, 2017	SPACE WARS
April 27, 2017	WILD FOR WILDLIFE



These youngsters explore the world of building bots during a spring education session.



Starlab: Starry Night

The Petroleum Museum is excited to be home to a new Digital Starlab portable planetarium system! The inflatable planetarium is powered by the world-class planetarium software, Starry Night.

This software will show and track any object within 500 million light years of the sun. Some common projections include the planets, solar system, constellations, moon phases, seasons, and much more. Not only does the inflatable planetarium include curriculum for astronomy, it also has a layered earth geology curriculum and additional cylinders that teach biology, ocean currents, plate tectonics, Native American mythology, and weather.

The Education Staff at the Petroleum Museum is utilizing this amazing technology in a variety of programs, including Outreach Programs, Summer Science Classes and Family Science Nights.

NEED: Educating Teachers

The 2016 ConocoPhillips Texas Energy Education Workshop was held at the Museum on May 26.

The NEED (National Energy Education Development) Project designs and delivers teacher-tested educational materials, evaluation techniques and tools, recognition of student achievement, and professional development for educators. NEED materials and training programs provide comprehensive, objective information about the scientific concepts of energy and the sources of energy – their use and their impact on the environment, the economy and society. Through NEED, ConocoPhillips helps teachers educate students on a wide range of topics including energy conservation and supplemental energy sources. The Petroleum Museum was excited to partner with the NEED Project in hosting this year’s workshop.

Colleges: Hands-On Learning



College professors and students see the Museum as a vital educational resource.

The Museum hosted college students from all over the Permian Basin this spring. We welcomed students from Odessa College photography classes, UTPB’s energy finance class, Midland College energy technology class, as well as West Texas College petroleum technology and Texas Tech petroleum engineering students.

Wanderers: Watching 'Texas'

An intrepid group of travelers organized as the **West Texas Wanderers** is looking forward to the next trip slated for August 12-13 to the Panhandle to see the acclaimed production of **TEXAS: The Outdoor Musical**.



The dramatic geological features, including the multi-colored layers of rock and steep mesa walls of Palo Duro Canyon, serve as the backdrop to a high-energy production. The story is set in the late 1880s as the Panhandle plains are being settled and conflicts erupt between cattlemen and farmers over the use of public lands.

The Wanderers are planning a trip to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, the Don Harrington Discovery Center, Amarillo Botanical Garden, Kwahadi Museum of American Indian, and the American Wind Power Center in Lubbock.

In late March, the Wanderers headed to the Hill Country where they viewed spectacular displays of bluebonnets. This inaugural trip included stops at the Pioneer Museum Complex, National Museum of the Pacific War, President Lyndon B. Johnson's home, Hill Country Science Mill, Sculpture Ranch and Gallery, and Grape Creek Vineyard.

Join the West Texas Wanderers on their August trip. Contact Carey Behrends at cbehrends@petroleummuseum.org and get your deposit in by June 25. Or register online at www.pbpetro.org.

Rentals? Try Us

If you're planning an event for the summer, winter, spring or fall – Oil Show get-together, corporate training meeting, board meeting, wedding, birthday party – we offer stunning and educationally rich spaces to fit any event. With so many opportunities for creating imaginative atmospheres, the Museum offers the perfect blend of petroleum and science education that inspires imagination and excitement. The beautiful back terrace, as it overlooks the Oil Patch and skyline of Midland, adds a unique perspective.

For more information, to visit our location, or to book an event, please contact Carey Behrends at 432-683-4403 or cbehrends@petroleummuseum.org.

Lunch & Lectures

Format Changes to Films for Summer



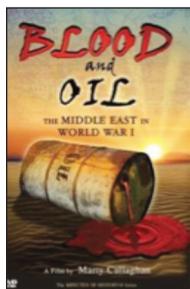
The Lunch & Lecture Series is adding a new twist for the summer by changing the programs to a film format.

The first of the summer Lunch & Film Series is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 15**. *Fractured*, a 90-minute video, was produced by Mark Mathis to give Americans a better way to think and talk about energy – in defense of anti-energy activist groups using deceptive language and other tactics to shut down the production of oil, gas, coal, nuclear and hydropower in the United States and beyond.

In April the Museum teamed up with Midland College to host a preview of *Fractured* and to hear Mathis talk about how this full-length film was made to answer questions and myths about hydraulic fracturing. Both of Mathis's films, *Fractured* and *Spoiled*, are available in the Museum Store.

The July 13 feature is *Blood and Oil – The Middle East in World War I*. This feature-length documentary was written and produced by Marty Callaghan. The film exposes Western greed and political intrigue of the Middle East conflicts and provides background on how the Middle East became the fractious, violent region it is today.

The Lunch & Lecture Series is sponsored by the **Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust**. Events start at 11:30 a.m. Drinks and dessert are provided.



ASK Dr. Petro

What is role of diatoms in oil production?



A: Diatoms are a major group of algae and are one of the most common types of phytoplanktons. These algae of microscopic dimensions are the fundamental nutrient of many living beings; they have major vital functions from the production of oxygen to the formation of petroleum.

These living beings keep their food in the form of fat particles they produce by means of photosynthesis in their cells. The tiny fat particles congregate in time and form the oil beds under the pressure of geological and biological forces. A great part of oil we use today originated from the diatoms which died in prehistoric oceans.

Diatoms, which appeared in the Late Cretaceous and became increasingly important in the Miocene, are the principal primary producers of organic matter in the marine environment during the Cenozoic. Excellent organic components and higher biological productivity show that diatoms might be the most important sources of petroleum during the Neogene (23.03 million years ago and ending 2.58 million years ago), the second period in the Cenozoic Era.



New Exhibits, Perks Attracting Members

Now is the time to join or renew Museum membership. For your convenience, the option to pay your membership monthly is now available online. Museum membership has many perks beginning with free admission and store discounts.

To become a member log on to our secure website at: www.pbpetro.org or contact **Luanne Thornton** at 432-683-4403.

“Congratulations” to our newest Museum members at the:

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It's Our Birthday!

Get ready to celebrate!
The Petroleum Museum
will mark 41 years in September
and we want everyone to celebrate!

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Memorial contributions to the Petroleum Museum are deposited in the permanent endowment fund to provide ongoing tribute to the individuals recognized in bold. Donors are listed below the honoree. Contributors from February 3, 2016, through May 13, 2016, were:

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Notable Dates

JUNE

June 7:

Summer Movie Camp: "The Good Dinosaur"
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up; purchase tickets online.

June 14:

Summer Movie Camp: "Finding Nemo"
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up; purchase tickets online.

June 15:

Brown Bag Lunch & Film Series: "Fractured"
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Free admission; drinks & desserts provided.
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June 17:

Summer Science Class: Building Bots of Science - Robotics
8 a.m. to 12 noon. Must be entering 2nd through 6th grade.
Museum members, \$25 per student; non-members, \$30.
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

June 21:

Summer Movie Camp: "Hotel Transylvania 2"
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up; purchase tickets online.

June 24:

Summer Science Class: Science Rocks - Geology
8 a.m. to 12 noon. Must be entering 2nd through 6th grade.
Museum members, \$25; non-members, \$30.
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

June 28:

Summer Movie Camp: "Minions"
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up; purchase tickets online.

JULY

July 5:

Summer Movie Camp: "The Peanuts Movie"
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up; purchase tickets online.

July 6:

Building Bots: Session 1, Class 1
K-2nd: 9 to 11 a.m.; 3rd-6th: 1:00 to 4 p.m.
Members: \$70 per student; Non-members, \$80
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

July 8:

Summer Science Class:
Mysteries of Science - Mad Science/Chemistry
8 a.m. to 12 noon. Must be entering 2nd through 6th grade.
Museum members, \$25; non-members, \$30.
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

July 12:

Summer Movie Camp: "Home"
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up; purchase tickets online.

July 13:

Building Bots: Session 1, Class 2
K-2nd: 9 to 11 a.m. 3rd-6th: 1:00 to 4 p.m.
Members: \$70 per student; Non-members, \$80
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

July 13:

Brown Bag Lunch & Film Series
"Blood & Oil: The Middle East in World War I"
11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Free admission; drinks & desserts provided.
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July 15:

Summer Science Class: Wild for Science - Wildlife
8 a.m. to 12 noon. Must be entering 2nd through 6th grade.
Museum members, \$25; non-members, \$30.
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

July 19:

Summer Movie Camp: "Inside Out"
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up; purchase tickets online.

July 20:

Building Bots: Session 1, Class 3
K-2nd: 9 to 11 a.m. 3rd-6th: 1:00 to 4 p.m.
Members: \$70 per student; Non-members, \$80
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

July 26:

Summer Movie Camp: "Strange Magic"
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up; purchase tickets online.

July 27:

Building Bots: Session 2, Class 1
K-2nd: 9 to 11 a.m. 3rd-6th: 1:00 to 4 p.m.
Members: \$70 per student; Non-members, \$80
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

July 29:

Summer Science Class: The Science of Life - Biology
8 a.m. to 12 noon.
Must be entering 2nd through 6th grade.
Museum members, \$25; non-members, \$30.
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

AUGUST

August 2:

Summer Movie Camp: "Norm of the North"
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up; purchase tickets online.

August 3:

Building Bots: Session 2, Class 2
K-2nd: 9 to 11 a.m. 3rd-6th: 1:00 to 4 p.m.
Members: \$70 per student; Non-members, \$80
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

August 5:

Summer Science Class: Science Wars - Astronomy
8 a.m. to 12 noon.
Must be entering 2nd through 6th grade.
Museum members, \$25; non-members, \$30.
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

August 9:

Summer Movie Camp:
"Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip"
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up; purchase tickets online.

August 10:

Building Bots: Session 2, Class 3
K-2nd: 9 to 11 a.m. 3rd-6th: 1:00 to 4 p.m.
Members: \$70 per student; Non-members, \$80
Pre-registration required at www.pbpetro.org.

August 16:

Brown Bag Lunch & Film Series
Speaker: Jim Henry, author
"The Adventures of Willy Nilly and Thumper"
11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
Free admission; drinks & desserts provided.
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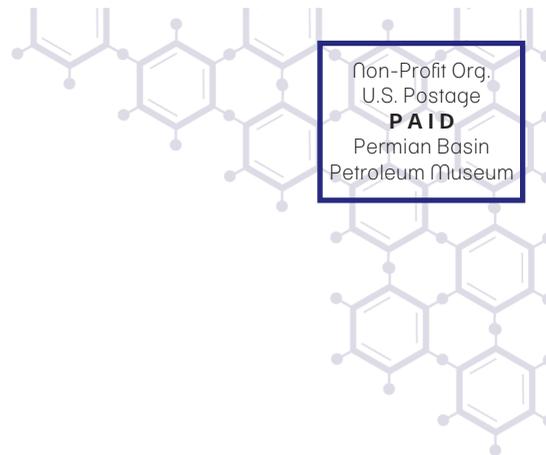
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Science Camps and Building Bots Sessions: To pre-register
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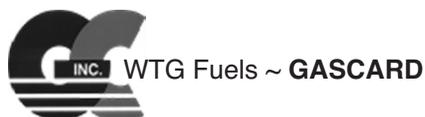
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THE MUSEUM STORE



TOYS TO BUILD: This is one summer where youngsters can keep their hands off the computer game and on a kit to build a creature or other robot. These kits can be found in the Museum Store, which is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.