

## Smithsonian Celebrates Women's History Month



[The Scientists Are In](#) FREE Program

Thursday, March 21, 2013 3:00 - 4:00 PM

[National Museum of Natural History](#)

Hall of Human Origins

Drs. Carson Murray, Catherine Markham and Maggie Stanton from George Washington University will be on hand with touchable objects to answer questions and talk about their research.



[Women in Aviation and Space Family Day](#) Program

Saturday, March 23 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

[National Air and Space Museum](#)

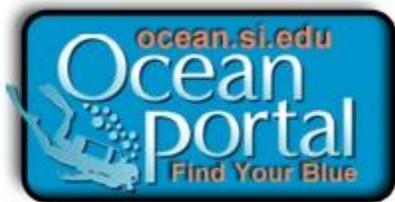
Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, VA

Admission: Free | Parking \$15

Bring the whole family as we learn about the incredible contributions of women in aviation, science, and aerospace. Enjoy hands-on activities, guest speakers, a theatrical presentation, book signings, and Flights of Fancy Story Time for our youngest visitors.

### Smithsonian's Women's History Online Resources

[SI-Q: How many oceans are on the planet?](#)



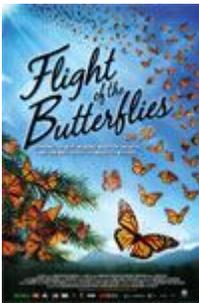
[Smithsonian's Ocean Portal](#) celebrates the fascinating women scientists who explore the ocean and answer questions about the vast space that makes up the majority of Earth.

Meet [Carole Baldwin](#) exploring the deep in a submersible; [Nancy Knowlton](#) researching coral reefs around the world; and [Shirley Pomponi](#) searching for new sponge species.

[Smithsonian Archives](#) shares [FREE images of women in science](#) – botany, biology, physiology, biochemistry, anthropology, and more. Who were Marion Schmidt Escallon and Laurel van der Wal? [Help us solve a few mysteries](#). Discover more women scientists in our [blogs](#) and on Pinterest.

[Biodiversity Heritage Library](#) celebrates notable women in natural history. Explore [publications](#) and [illustrations](#) from the past 200 years by women who shaped our understanding of the natural world. You can even [download free books in iTunes](#).

## Come Fly with Us! March Winds Bring Butterflies, Kites & More



[Flight of the Butterflies in 3D](#) Film

**National Museum of Natural History Johnson IMAX® Theater**

[Click for showtimes and tickets.](#)

It is a natural history epic and a detective story. Join hundreds of millions of real butterflies on an amazing journey to a remote secret hideaway, and one scientist's search to unravel the mystery of where they go each fall.

While at the museum, make sure to warm up in the [Live Butterfly Pavilion](#), a tropical oasis filled with hundreds of exotic live butterflies.



[Kites of Asia Family Day](#) FREE Program

**Saturday, March 23 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

[National Air and Space Museum](#) on the National Mall

The first aviation-related objects collected by the Smithsonian were two Chinese kites, donated in 1876. Celebrate this unique start to the National Air and Space Museum's collection by visiting on the Kites of Asia family day. Experience the artistry and beauty of Asian kites, see indoor kite flying, and make your own kite!



**[Elephant Community Center](#) opens on March 23!  
[National Zoo](#)**

The newest exhibit at the Zoo opens to the public on March 23 at noon. [Join or renew your FONZ membership](#) by March 1 and you'll be invited to be among the first to experience the revolutionary new Elephant Community Center with a special FONZ member preview on Friday, March 22: noon–5 p.m. and Saturday, March 23: 8 a.m.–noon.



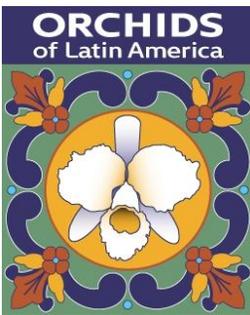
**[Featured Creatures Day: Animal Enrichment](#)** FREE Program

**Wednesday, March 27 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**[National Zoo](#) and FONZ**

This family-friendly event offers educational and fun activities for children and adults, keeper talks and animal demonstrations. Find out about the many forms of enrichment offered to the animals at the National Zoo and learn easy ways to keep the animals in your life healthy, happy and engaged through enrichment at home.

## Fun is A-Bloom in April at the Smithsonian



**[Orchids of Latin America](#)** Exhibition

**Now through April 21**

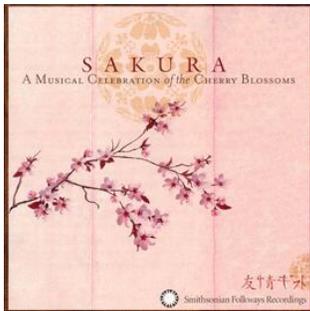
**[National Museum of Natural History](#)**

In collaboration with [Smithsonian Gardens](#) and U.S. Botanic Garden

Want to stroll through a tropical rainforest on a cold spring day? Drink in a fragrant orchid? The 2013 orchid exhibition at the National Museum of Natural History, *Orchids of Latin America*, explores the rich crossroads where orchid botany, horticulture, and Latin American cultures meet. Featuring orchids from the Smithsonian Gardens Orchid Collection and the United States Botanic Garden Orchid Collection, the exhibit looks at the importance of orchids in Latin American folklore and cultural traditions, explores how that region is a hotbed for scientific research on orchid biology and evolution, and highlights conservation efforts to preserve orchids and their habitats for future

generations. Visit the discovery carts in the exhibit for fun, educational activities on the history and science of orchids.

**April showers bring Smithsonian Garden flowers!** Smithsonian Gardens are located around museums on the National Mall and are open year-round, seven days a week. Each season brings its own delights. Special highlights include the Butterfly Habitat Garden next to Natural History, the formal Victorian parterre in the Enid A. Haupt Garden behind the Castle, and a re-creation of a World War II Victory Garden at American History. To arrange [special tours](#) for groups of 10 or more, please contact [gardens@si.edu](mailto:gardens@si.edu). Find [fun lesson plans and activities](#) on our website.



[Folkways Recordings](#) Recording and Lesson Plans

[Sakura: A Musical Celebration of the Cherry Blossoms](#) by various artists SFW40509

RELATED LESSON PLAN

["Sakura Sakura and the Kumojoshi Scale of Japan"](#)

["An Introduction to Japanese Music: "Sakura, Sakura""](#)

["SORAN BUSHI: Exploring Japanese Work Song\(Hokkaido & Kitaki, Japan\)"](#)

The harmony between humanity and nature constitutes an ideal state in Japanese music. In spring, the beautiful but short-lived sakura (flowering cherry tree)—Japan's most celebrated plant whose blossom is the national flower—powerfully symbolizes the transient splendor of human life. Each year, in Washington, D.C., thousands of visitors savor the beauty of the cherry blossoms that have come to represent the friendship between the people of the United States and Japan. Featuring traditional Japanese folk songs, classical instrumentals, and live ensemble performances, this recording honors the musical gifts that were brought to the United States from Japan.

## APRIL IS JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH!



[National Museum of American History](#) partners with jazz lovers around the world to celebrate [Jazz Appreciation Month](#).

Check the website for updates on programs and concerts around the Metro area. Is your troop working on a music badge? Find out [112 ways to celebrate jazz](#).



**APRIL IS [KIDS' FARM MONTH!](#)**

Bring your kids to the [National Zoo](#) for special farm activities all month long. Don't miss Kids' Farm Animal Encounters with animal grooming opportunities, presented by State Farm®, Earth Day activities, keeper talks and demonstrations, story times, special giveaways, and more!



**[Time and Navigation Family Day](#)** FREE Program

**Saturday, April 20 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**[National Air and Space Museum](#) (on the National Mall)**

Celebrate the opening of the National Air and Space Museum's newest exhibition, *Time and Navigation*. Activities in the exhibit gallery and around the Museum will engage visitors in hands-on experiences that will explore 300 years of navigation history from the early days at sea to today's GPS.



**[Smithsonian's Archives of American Art](#)**

**[A Day at the Museum](#)** Exhibition, Website & Social Media

Now through June 2

**[Smithsonian's Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture](#), [Lawrence A. Fleischman Gallery](#)**

Bothwell's charming sketches, shown on the left, are on display through May 26. Dorr Bothwell, sketch of the San Francisco Art Museum, February 20, 1942. Dorr Bothwell papers, 1900–2006. Archives of American Art.

Be part of the exhibition! Share your stories and memories of your troop's day at the museum through social media by using the hashtag #DayAtTheMuseum on Twitter, Tumblr, Flickr, or Instagram, or email stories and photos to [aaaexhibits@si.edu](mailto:aaaexhibits@si.edu).

## Smithsonian FREE Online Resources



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Share with your Scouts

[Seriously Amazing](#) Website

A new Smithsonian website poses some *intriguing questions*. The answers can all be found—as your Scouts will find out—in the Smithsonian's vast collections.



[39 Clues Reading Club presents Decoding History](#)

YouTube Virtual Fieldtrip at the [National Museum of American History](#)

Join bestselling author David Baldacci as he takes students on a virtual field trip to explore some of history's great mysteries. Students will meet renowned museum curators, go behind the scenes, and investigate some of the most fascinating moments in American history.



[The Tooth Fairy File](#) YouTube Video from the [National Museum of American History](#)

We've gathered the evidence and think we know who to blame for the odd happenings at the American History Museum: the Tooth Fairy. For kids' eyes only!

[Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum](#)

[Target Design K-12: Design in the Classroom](#)

Is your troop working on a design badge? Free online resources from Cooper-Hewitt's celebrated design workshops are available for everyone. Check out *What Is Design?* [Video Playlist](#) and [Teacher Resource Packet](#).



[Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage Arts in Conservation Education](#) Website

Artists have always looked at things differently. They have an uncanny ability to see things that most of us miss and then find a way to make us look again. They even have a way of engaging us so that we experience life and the world around us with more depth. Nature has always been a favorite subject of artists. This website features projects involving artists who, through their work, educate the public about conservation.

[Smithsonian Digital Badges](#)

[Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies](#)

Your troop loves to earn badges, but have you ever tried to earn Smithsonian digital badges? Register today for this FREE online program and begin your journey. Special badges are now available on Women’s Rights, just in time for Women’s History Month, as well as environmental badges that would be a great supplement to Earth Day activities.

## Smithsonian Special Opportunities for a Fee

[Smithsonian’s Discovery Theater](#) presents [“Discovery on the High Seas”](#)

The Great Adventures of Austin Clark and the Expedition Albatross

Thurs., April 18–Fri., April 19 and Tues., Apr 23–Fri., April 26 at 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Ocean Explorer Theater, [National Museum of Natural History](#)

Recommended for Ages 8-14

Child \$6, Child under 2 \$3, General Admission \$8, Members, \$5. For tickets and

information call 202-633-8700 or visit the [website](#).

In 1906, the dashing 26-year-old zoologist Austin Clark braved the San Francisco Earthquake, took part in a dangerous scientific expedition on the high seas, and found never-before-seen creatures of the deep. His exhilarating adventures unfolded in daily letters to his bride in Boston, and his words form the core of this solo show featuring charismatic young actor Josh Sticklin. Meet Clark in an interactive production that fluidly mixes film, images, and a stunning soundscape to create a world of scientific adventure. Then step into [Sant Ocean Hall](#) to explore the museum Austin Clark called home.



[Smithsonian Sleepovers](#) Family Program Dates fill up fast!

(Ages 8 – 12) Go on an interactive exploration of the [Natural History Museum](#), with hands-on crafts and the IMAX film [Born to be Wild](#). Then roll out your sleeping bag and dream away in the darkened halls of one of the world’s most famous museums!

Reduced rates for groups of 20 or more may be available.  
Call 202-633-3030 for more information.



[FONZ Nature Camp](#) Registration open now!

After Girl Scout Camp, what can you do for the rest of the summer? Be actively engaged in nature and outdoors, make new friends, and just have fun – at FONZ Nature Camp!

Check [here](#) for more information on activities, dates, and fees.



[Smithsonian Science Education Academies for Teachers](#)

Join us for any of the week-long professional development opportunities and fall in love with teaching science.

Biodiversity	June 23 – 28
Energy: Past, Present and Future	July 7 – 12
Earth’s History and Global Change	July 21 - 26

**Jazz N Dolls:** Grab your favorite American Girl and boogie on down to the American Girl Store in Tyson’s Corner for a fundraiser benefitting Educational Programming at the [National Museum of American History](#)! Friday, May 3, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Check [here](#) for more details about activities and ticket prices!

Remember to check the [Smithsonian’s special page for Girl Scouts](#).

Discover \* Marvel \* Confront \* Remember \* Question \*  
\* Imagine \* Share \* Inspire