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HURRY BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT!

We are currently accepting entries for the Utah Foods Cook-Off. Visit ThanksgivingPoint.org/Utah-Foods-Cook-Off to register.

We can’t wait to see (and taste) all of your delicious recipes!

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Dear Member,

Transformative family learning is at the core of Thanksgiving Point’s mission, but what does that term mean?

Many of us have benefited from an education beginning in early childhood and continuing through secondary education and beyond. Time in the classroom is invaluable, but most experts estimate that up to 95 percent of learning takes place in informal settings such as nature walks, summer day camps, and visits to informal learning institutions like Ashton Gardens, Farm Country, Museum of Ancient Life, and Museum of Natural Curiosity. In these spaces, guests of all ages see, hear, and smell the buzzing natural world around us. Transformative family learning is this idea that experiencing and exploring the world across generations is a key to changing and improving our understanding.

This summer, you will see messages from Thanksgiving Point encouraging you to come to experience “Something New Every Day.” Stop by to milk a cow at Farm Country. Prep a trilobite fossil at the Museum of Ancient Life. Listen to the sounds of the award-winning Utah Symphony at a family-friendly patriotic performance. Each of these experiences is designed to give you an opportunity to transform your understanding. Since you are a member, many of them are free, or if they are ticketed events, offer member discounts.

In this spirit of new and transformative experiences, the much-anticipated Butterfly Biosphere opening is right around the corner. This $30 million project offers guests something only available in a handful of places around the world: the opportunity to be surrounded by butterflies from around the world. When these flying jewels descend on Lehi, you’ll have hundreds more reasons to visit and explore the natural world.

There is still an opportunity to be an important part of the Butterfly Biosphere project. Visit ThanksgivingPoint.org/butterfly and learn how your family can get involved.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Thanksgiving Point. We look forward to sharing another summer of great memories.

Sincerely,

Mike L Washburn
WHAT IS A MAKER?
BY RACHEL DRAPER
SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES MANAGER

Simply put, Makers are people who make things. You. Me. Our neighbors, friends and family members. We can (and should) all be makers. Our culture encourages consumerism now more than ever. We can buy almost anything we want or need with the click of a button. However, as we nurture a spirit of curiosity and creativity, we remember that making is an innate skill. We are humans who create, build, shape, alter, and problem solve. We are people who MAKE. This Maker spirit manifests itself in a myriad of ways including inventing, crafting, tinkering, art-making, building, cooking, improving, programming, DIYing, music-making, engineering, and so much more.

A gentleman named Dale Dougherty took a special interest in these inherent human abilities. He wanted to celebrate and encourage what he called “making,” so he founded Make: Magazine in 2005 and the first ever Maker Faire in the Bay Area of California the very next year. Since then, “Maker” has taken off to become an international movement. The original Maker Faire celebrated its 12th annual show last year with some 1,200 makers and 125,000 attendees.

There are now 40 other large-scale Maker Faires in cities around the world including Berlin, Paris, Rome and Tokyo and an additional 170 community-organized Mini Maker Faires being produced in 44 different countries.

Maker Faire describes itself as, “the Greatest Show and Tell on Earth—a family friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker Movement. It’s a place where people show what they are making and share what they are learning.” The experiences found at Maker Faire bring out the kid in all of us and inspire us to become makers ourselves as we learn about people and projects already happening, witness out-of-the-ordinary creations, participate in hands-on activities, and so much more.

At Thanksgiving Point, we are thrilled to announce we’ll be joining the Maker Movement by hosting our own Mini Maker Faire in September 2018. We know that bringing an event like this to our community will help fulfill our mission to cultivate transformative family learning. We add our voices to Dale Dougherty when he says, “My goal is that all people, young and old, come to see themselves as makers, creators and doers because I know that the people who have the skills and knowledge to make things have the power to make the world a better place.”

We are excited to showcase and celebrate the creative, innovative, inspiring, and fun things happening in our own community at the Thanksgiving Point Mini Maker Faire and are looking for YOU. There are people all around us doing and making wonderful, interesting things. We are looking for those people and bringing them together to create this unforgettable new event at Thanksgiving Point. As you ponder Making and the Makers in your life, please consider reaching out to learn more and see how you can get involved.

Thanksgiving Point
Mini Maker Faire
Saturday, September 15, 2018
ThanksgivingPoint.MakerFaire.com
makerfaire@thanksgivingpoint.org
801.768.4937
MEET YOUR LOCAL ENTOMOLOGIST

BY ZAK GEZON, PH.D.
BUTTERFLY BIOSPHERE CONTAINMENT DIRECTOR/CHIEF ENTOMOLOGIST
As a native Utahn, I am thrilled to be joining the Thanksgiving Point family! I had to get my winter clothes out of storage to make the move back to Utah, however, since I haven’t lived in Utah for over a decade. In the meantime, I managed a butterfly garden and insect education center in Monteverde, Costa Rica, received a Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology from Dartmouth College studying the effects of climate change on plant reproduction and insect pollinators, and helped Disney create a conservation department dedicated to saving wild places and wild animals. All the while, using Walt Disney World Resort as a stage to connect kids and families with nature. I couldn’t be more excited to bring all of this experience to Thanksgiving Point to help launch the Butterfly Biosphere.

The Butterfly Biosphere is going to be an amazing addition to the Thanksgiving Point venues, and it will completely blow our guests away. The 9,000 square foot butterfly conservatory will allow guests to see hundreds of butterflies from around the world flying around them, feeding on flowers, and maybe even landing on lucky guests. The Discovery Zone will highlight dozens of insects and other arthropod species in a hands-on adventure that will shrink the guests down to the size of an ant. Imagine navigating blades of grass taller than you, being able to walk through a worm hole, and trying to roll a head-high dung ball. Kids will be able to burn off energy and continue the insect safari in the Costa Rica Climber, which will allow younger guests to go on an entomological research expedition hunting giant insects, climbing up into a tree house and canopy lab, and sliding back down to the forest floor. Our youngest guests will have a blast crawling though the leaf litter in the to zone. And the large new space will offer plenty of room for our unique guest programming. Visualize an insect themed birthday party where guests get to release live butterflies, classroom activities where kids get hands-on experiences with cockroaches and tarantulas, and citizen science modules where kids collect real data and contribute it to online databases.

But it isn’t all razzle dazzle; all of our attractions will set the stage for transformative family learning as guests learn about pollination, metamorphosis, invertebrate diversity, and more. And one of the aspects of the biosphere that I am most excited about is the opportunity for cross pollination among our other venues. Did Quetzalcoatlus and butterflies ever fly together? What would farms and flower gardens look like without insect pollinators? The biosphere will create a synergistic opportunity like never before.

We have a lot to do before the big launch in January of next year, so we will be hard at work. Until then, please reach out with any questions concerning creepy critters. I never pass up an opportunity to nerd out about bugs.
FRY SAUCE: THE ULTIMATE UTAH FOOD

BY JOSHD BERNDT
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

When you travel to Philadelphia you grab a Philly Cheesesteak. When you stop by the Big Apple you get some New York Pizza. Likewise, go to Chicago for some deep-dish pizza and a Chicago Dog. Maybe Buffalo wings in Buffalo, New York is your thing or, come west to Idaho and get your fill of all the potatoes or Las Vegas for an all-you-can-eat buffet. No matter where you visit or live there are regional foods specific to that area and Utah is very much a part of this regional foodie feeling. So, what is the ultimate Utah food or is it even a condiment?

Many will argue Jell-O is the food of choice. In fact, in 1997 Salt Lake City was the top consuming Jell-O per capita place to be. To celebrate the Jell-O lovers, I recommend coming to Jigglefest at Electric Park in July. Just imagine the biggest Jell-O food fight you can conjure up, now double it. That’s Jigglefest. Funeral Potatoes are another Utah favorite that many locals will claim as the state’s food of choice. Hard to argue with cheesy cooked potatoes. But really, the true food calling card of the Beehive State is that of our little pink-mayo-ketchup-sometimes spicy-always delicious, fry sauce. Even saying the term “fry sauce” often brings hushed reverence to those in the same room.

TOWER DELI FRY SAUCE

2 QUARTS MAYONNAISE

1 PINT KETCHUP

1 TSP LEMON JUICE

1/4 CUP CHOPPED CILANTRO

5 TSP CHILI POWDER

5 TSP PAPRIKA

PINCH CAYENNE PEPPER
(ADJUST FOR PREFERENCE AND SPICE)

SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE
The origins of fry sauce are often debated, but the general consensus is that the founder of Utah-based Arctic Circle, Don Carlos Edwards, was the creator. Legend has it that Edwards created his “pink sauce.” It was a finely tuned mixture of ketchup, mayonnaise, garlic, and other spices that are still secret. In a 2010 interview with the Deseret News, Arctic Circle CEO Gary Roberts said, “I can tell you this, it’s a lot more than just ketchup and mayo.”

Today, you can visit restaurants, fast food outlets, and many other places to get some fry sauce. Many recipes call for ingredients such as vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, pepper, and other spices like chipotle and flavorings for all taste buds. Thanksgiving Point’s very own Tower Deli has one of the best fry sauces around and we’re giving Gazette readers the recipe to our secret sauce. Now, get to dippin’!

GOT A GREAT FRY SAUCE RECIPE? SHARE IT WITH YOUR PHOTOS ON THE THANKSGIVING POINT INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK, AND TWITTER PAGES!

THINK YOU’VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

Around Pioneer Day each year, Thanksgiving Point features the Utah Foods Cook-Off contest to help celebrate the great state of Utah and our foods! Amateur chefs from all over the state bring their best attempts at Jell-O, Dutch Oven, Funeral Potatoes, and, of course, fry sauce. The dishes are judged on everything from appearance, to originality, and taste. Utah is a great place to celebrate food.

No matter your favorite of the Utah classics, join in the Utah foods cook-off to battle against your friends and family for ultimate Utah food supremacy on July 21st!

Don’t delay!
Register before July 20, 2018 to secure your spot in the Utah Foods Cook-Off.

Visit ThanksgivingPoint.org/events/utah-foods-cook-off
THANKSGIVING POINT WELCOMES TWO NEW TRAVELING EXHIBITS

BY CHAD GEHRING
DIRECTOR OF EXHIBITIONS

OCEAN BOUND

Coming to Thanksgiving Point is “Ocean Bound” to the Museum of Ancient Life’s traveling exhibit space! While we may not live next to an ocean their impact on us, and our impact on them, is still very real. Did you know that an estimated 50-80 percent of all life on earth is found under the ocean’s surface and that oceans contain 99 percent of the living space on the planet? Journey through watersheds to see how everyone’s actions on land affect our ocean. Make it rain in a large 3-D watershed model! Pilot a full-size two-station “submersible” from mountain stream to the ocean.

Encounter eye-popping aquatic species and ecosystems along the way! Be a biologist and go deeper. Guide “water” safely through a hazardous maze. Flip paddles and divert “pollutants” as they travel through storm water drains. Discover how river otters made a comeback. Spot the polluters and be a Watershed Warrior! Visit the Museum of Ancient Life Discovery room to experience Ocean Bound and discover what YOU can do in your watershed to protect our oceans!
ZOOM INTO NANO

We are also welcoming “Zoom into Nano” at the Museum of Natural Curiosity. What is the smallest thing you can think of? A gnat? A droplet of water? A grain of sand? A speck of dust? Think even smaller! There is a whole world full of microscopic discovery. Spin wheels and zoom into the nanoscale! Move your body—dissolve a crystal and stretch a molecule! Create a pattern, then shrink it! Challenge yourself—can you transport atoms in motion? Build molecular models and giant carbon nanotubes. Use your senses: discover how you can detect invisible molecules with just your nose. Nanoscale science and engineering are methods of manipulating materials on the molecular scale to generate very, very small structures and devices. Find out how nanotechnology affects your life. Come and experience Zoom into Nano, a hands-on interactive exhibition focusing on how scientists see and make things that are too small to see.
A NEW FRIEND IS MOVING IN...
This dinosaur was discovered in 1997 by a family on their ranch in Teton county Montana in what is known as the 72-million-year-old Two Medicine Formation.

This dinosaur lived during the Cretaceous period on a coastal plain along the western edge of the Western Interior Seaway during a time when North America was divided in half by an inland sea.

This dinosaur lived in a subtropical environment with occasional periods of drought, resulting in massive mortalities among the great herds of dinosaurs, as represented by the numerous bonebeds in the Two Medicine Formation.

This dinosaur was discovered a large bonebed containing as many as 100 Maiasaur duckbill dinosaur skeletons along with another famous dinosaur that we have in our museum, Bambiraptor.

This predatory meat-eating dinosaur spent as much as half its life in the awkward juvenile phase before quickly ballooning up to full adult size in only a few years.

Commonly found on fighting dinosaurs in this family group, this dinosaur’s skeleton has numerous pathologies such as healed broken bones, nasty infections, bone sarcoma, and a brain tumor that may have caused its death. Its name means “dreadful lizard.”

AND HER NAME IS RUTH!

OFFICIAL UNVEILING AT THE MUSEUM OF ANCIENT LIFE: JUNE 22, 2018
**EVENT SPOTLIGHT**

**DAIRY DAY**
**FARM COUNTRY**
**JUNE 09 | 10am-4pm**
At this fun farm event, we celebrate all things “Moo!” Come discover the wonders of dairy through a variety of milky, creamy and buttery activities.

**FAIRY TALE FESTIVAL**
**ASHTON GARDENS**
**JUNE 23 | 10am-4pm**
Mingle with mermaids in the Secret Garden, building fairy houses in the greenery, and listening live to your favorite Fairy Tales are just a few of the enchanting things you’ll experience as you join us in the Gardens this Saturday.

**FAIRY TALE 5K**
**ASHTON GARDENS**
**JUNE 23 | 8pm**
Whether you prefer running, walking, skipping or frolicking, this 5K is for you and all the other fairy tale creatures in your life. Rise through the gardens as they transform from beautiful to magical on this year’s Midsummer’s Eve. All characters welcome.

**UTAH SYMPHONY**
**ASHTON GARDENS**
**JULY 02 | Doors - 6:30pm  Concert - 8:30pm**
Experience the transformative power of a live performance with the Utah Symphony and popular Violin Trio Time for Three at the awe-inspiring Waterfall Amphitheater.

**OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES**
**ASHTON GARDENS**
**FRIDAY NIGHTS, JULY 06 - AUGUST 10**
Movie begins at dusk
Nothing says summer like Friday night movies under the stars! Join us for a line-up of family friendly movies each week at the Waterfall Amphitheater.

**JIGGLEFEST**
**ELECTRIC PARK**
**JULY 21 |**
Grab your swim trunks and piggies and join us in the gardens for Utah’s largest foofight! Enjoy alternating sessions of Jell-O-throwing, sprinkler running, and bounce house jumping for a day you won’t forget.

**UTAH FOODS COOK-OFF**
**JULY 21 | 10am-12pm**
Continue the fun, before or after Jiggle Fest, at the Utah Food’s Cook-Off by submitting your best recipes for Utah’s favorite foods to be judged in the following categories: Jell-O, Dutch Oven, Fry Sauce and Funeral Potatoes or just stop by to see what your fellow Utahns are cooking up.

**SHARKTASTIC SATURDAY**
**MUSEUM OF ANCIENT LIFE**
**AUGUST 18 | 10am-4pm**
Join us for a fun day at the Museum of Ancient Life and enjoy special added activities throughout the exhibits all about sharks!

*FREE for members or with venue admission.

*Thanksgiving Point Members receive 20% discount.

To learn more about upcoming events and programs visit ThanksgivingPoint.org

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$2 TUESDAY
JUST FOR KIDS

ARE YOU AS EXCITED FOR BUTTERFLY BIOSPHERE AS WE ARE?

WHAT KIND OF INSECTS DO YOU THINK WE’LL HAVE?

PUT YOUR IMAGINATION TO THE TEST AND DRAW THE MOST EXOTIC BUG YOU CAN IMAGINE!

SHARE YOUR CREATION WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR A CHANCE TO BE FEATURED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE! #BUTTERFLYBIOSPHERE