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“First Tuesday” Lectures Explore Dinosaurs

Jackson, Miss. – Are dinosaurs really extinct? The next two Mississippi Museum of Natural Science monthly lectures examine dinosaurs and their history in Mississippi.

- **July 1, 2008, Noon – 1:00 p.m. “How YOU Can Prevent Dinosaurs from Going Extinct!”.**

“Dinosaur” always means huge and extinct, right? WRONG! Join retired educator John Davis to discover how scientists found that there are more dinosaurs living today than in the past! Learn how the adventurer who discovered T. rex also found the clue to living dinosaurs. Thrill to amazing discoveries, such as a raptor with four wings! Learn about a society which fights to prevent the extinction of dinosaurs and how you can actually attract, enjoy and protect dinosaurs.

- **August 5, 2008, Noon – 1:00 p.m. “How the Dinosaurs Come to the Shores of Mississippi in the Late Cretaceous Period”.** Did dinosaurs inhabit islands in Mississippi? Yes, according to the geological evidence. During the period in which Mississippi was covered by an ocean, volcanic islands existed in the areas we now know as Jackson and the Delta. Join Dr. David Dockery, Chief, Surface Geology Division, Mississippi Office of Geology, in investigating Mississippi’s Cretaceous marine formations and the dinosaur fossils they contain.

Museum members admitted free; otherwise regular Museum admission fees apply. Complete your visit by exploring the “Dinosaurs!” exhibit featuring nine amazing and life-like robotic dinosaurs, and the Museum’s permanent collections, aquariums, nature trails and picnic areas. The museum is located at 2148 Riverside Drive within LeFleur's Bluff State Park. Call 601.354.7303 or visit www.msnaturalscience.org for details.

