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FRITHIOF FOSSIL COLLECTION

BRYAN, TX --- The Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History proudly presents the Frithiof Fossil Collection organized by Ron Frithiof, George Blasing, and Bill Dickens. Immerse yourself in a fossil excavation environment in which you can find a myriad of different and distinct fossilized pieces.

This fossil collection contains multiple unique and rare pieces that can only be found at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. The Hadrosaur, a duck-billed dinosaur, tail and skull contain not only fossilized bones, but also fossilized SKIN! Fossilized dinosaur skin is very rare making this tail and skull one of a kind! The collection contains many Hadrosaur fossils, but not all of the fossils are from the same skeleton.

The Tyrannosaurus Rex fossils, especially the pubic bone, in the exhibit suggest that this Tyrannosaurus Rex might be larger than any other Tyrannosaurus Rex that has been excavated. There is a large Triceratops vertebra containing a Nanotyrannus (smaller species similar to Tyrannosaurus Rex) tooth. This evidence helps archaeologists and other scientists learn about how the Nanotyrannus hunted and preyed on other dinosaurs.

Other Frithiof fossils featured in the Museum include a complete skeleton of Pogonodon (sp.), a False Saber-toothed Cat, similar in size to the modern day lynx. A spectacular Mosasaur skull, (the Tyrannosaurus Rex of the prehistoric seas) also on exhibit, was found near the Sulphur River, Texas, and represents the outstanding quality of fossils found in our state.

The Museum also proudly displays two rare fossils from the Jurassic period (199-145 million years ago), the Caramasaurus or “Chambered Lizard” vertebrae and coracoid bone. These fossils and others will be featured in the “Jurassic Fight Club”, 12 week program, on July 29, 2008 at 8pm CT on the History Channel. To find out more about this series, please go online to <http://www.history.com/minisites/jurassic-fight-club>.

Tickets for admission to this outstanding exhibition and the Museum’s permanent galleries are \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 4-17/students/seniors, and children 3 and under are free. The Museum, located in the Brazos Center on Briarcrest Drive, is open Monday through Saturday from 10am-5pm.

A new exhibit, **iCarnaval!**, is coming soon in September 2008!

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