



BISHOP MUSEUM

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Bishop Museum Announces Opening Day for New Exhibit, *Backyard Adventures*: Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022

The exhibit's interactive science displays will engage guests with the wonders that can be found in their own backyards, and emphasize the importance — and fun — of outdoor activity and exploration.

Honolulu, Hawai'i — Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum opens a new exhibit in its Castle Memorial Building on Saturday, November 19: *Backyard Adventures*.

Backyard Adventures, created by Scitech in Perth, Australia and produced by Imagine Exhibitions, creates a dynamic space with interactive science displays that engage guests with the wonders that can be found in their own backyards.

Keiki and 'ohana will be able to discover the outdoors from the perspective of a bee; take a walk through a digital garden to see plants growing in super time; and investigate the creatures that only come out once keiki are tucked into bed

Media Preview Opportunity on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022

Bishop Museum invites members of the media to attend an exclusive, pre-opening, closed-door Media Preview of *Backyard Adventures*:

- Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022
- 1-4 p.m. HST
- Bishop Museum, Castle Memorial Building
- Please RSVP with Lance Aquino via the contact information above

Interview opportunities:

- Brandon Bunag, Bishop Museum vice president of public programs
- Brad Evans, Bishop Museum director of exhibits

“Imagine Exhibitions is proud to partner with Scitech to bring *Backyard Adventures* to Bishop Museum in Hawai‘i,” said Tom Zaller, president and CEO of Imagine Exhibitions. “This particular exhibition is powerful in its ability to bring the joy and thrill of science home for visitors of all ages. We hope that *Backyard Adventures* inspires people to get curious, make discoveries, and explore the wonders that exist in their own backyards.”

“*Backyard Adventures* is a natural complement to our original exhibition, *Taxonomy: Our Lives Depend On It*,” said Brandon Bunag, Bishop Museum vice president of public programs. “While *Taxonomy* emphasizes the importance of natural sciences, biodiversity, and conservation, as well as Bishop Museum’s long and honored history working in these areas, *Backyard Adventures* encourages citizen science through engaging and playful interactives in a setting familiar to many ‘ohana.”

“Our hope is that *Taxonomy* and *Backyard Adventures* will instill a love of the sciences in many of our guests, and show how they can start their own scientific journeys and research, in their homes and outdoors,” added Bunag.

Highlights of the *Backyard Adventures* exhibit include:

- **Night vision:** Investigate the creatures that live in your garden at night. What do they do when you go to sleep? Try to find the animals in their own environment.
- **Bee’s eye view:** Take a look at the garden through the eyes of a bee or a dog. Using special lenses, see how different creatures see the world around us.
- **Walk through the seasons:** Plants grow very slowly. Take a walk through our digital garden and observe plants growing in super time. Can you spot the changes that usually take months or years to happen?
- **Nectar collector:** Jump on board the flying bee for a bee’s eye view of the garden. Try your luck at pollinating flowers and collecting pollen for honey production. It’s not as easy as it seems!
- **Seed dispersal:** Take a look at a number of plants and see what mechanisms they use for spreading their seeds through the environment.
- **The garden shed:** The everyday garden shed; a haven for power tools, ladders, and lawn mowers. Step inside the shed and see what you can create with the tools and objects on the work benches.
- **Dress ups:** Designed for the younger ones, visitors can step inside the costume of a spider, bee, or ladybug and experience the exhibition from a different perspective. Great for photo opportunities!
- **The changing house:** Stand back and watch as this amazing house changes through the seasons. Observe the effects of plants and animals and be intrigued by the process of decay. This exhibit uses a clever combination of physical walls and projection mapping to create a range of scenarios.

Additionally, Bishop Museum has developed public programming around the *Backyard Adventures* exhibit that includes opening weekend keiki activities, evening events featuring critters from the Museum collections, and workshops. Information on the exhibit and its related programming can be found at BishopMuseum.org/BackyardAdventures.

Backyard Adventures opens on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 and runs through Aug. 20, 2023. Bishop Museum expresses its appreciation to the following partners for their support of this exhibit:

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Bishop Museum Admission, Parking, and Hours

Timed General Admissions can be booked for arrivals between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., or for arrivals between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Once a timed admission is booked, guests may arrive at any time during their check-in window. All admissions, once checked in, are welcome to stay until 5 p.m.

Timed General Admissions can be booked on the hour from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BishopMuseum.org/Tickets. Tickets for [Bishop Museum After Hours](#) events can be purchased via this same webpage.

Bishop Museum is a participant in the [Museums for All](#) program, which provides free regular admission for up to four people with the presentation of a SNAP Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. Guests will also receive free parking for one vehicle, and are asked to bypass parking payment and check in at the Museum's ticket counter in Shop Pacifica.

The safety and health of our visitors and employees remain our highest priorities. Face masks are optional but strongly encouraged. Learn more on our [Health & Safety](#) page.

General Admission

	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends</u>
Adults:	\$26.95	\$28.95
Seniors (65+):	\$23.95	\$25.95
Youth (4-7):	\$18.95	\$20.95
Children (3 and under):	Free	Free

Hawai'i Residents, Hawai'i College Students, and Military with ID

Adults:	\$14.95
Seniors (65+):	\$12.95
Youth (4-17):	\$10.95
Children (3 and under):	Free

Children age 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Bishop Museum Annual Membership levels include free general admission and parking for 12 months. Learn more at BishopMuseum.org/Membership.

[J. Watumull Planetarium](#) tickets can be purchased at the Box Office after admission to the Museum; shows are free for Bishop Museum Members, but must be obtained at the Box Office in person on a first-come, first-served basis.

Parking Rates

Daytime Rate: 6 a.m.–5 p.m. \$5.00
Evening Rate: 5 p.m.–10 p.m. \$3.00

Hours

Open every day from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Closed on Thanksgiving and on Christmas Day.

Bishop Museum Café by Highway Inn offers a limited menu of bowls, sandwiches, and snacks from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. daily. Bishop Museum Members receive a 10% discount with their membership card.

About Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum:

Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum's mission is to inspire our community and visitors through the exploration, celebration and perpetuation of the extraordinary history, culture, and environment of Hawai'i and the Pacific. The Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in memory of his wife Bernice Pauahi Bishop, a royal descendant of King Kamehameha I. Today, the Museum thrives as an educational center for the community and is widely regarded as the world's premier institution for Hawaiian and Pacific content.

Bishop Museum's vast collections of more than 25 million objects and specimens represent nine disciplines and include more than 22 million biological specimens, over two million cultural objects, 115,000 historical publications, and one million photographs, films, works of art, audio recordings, and manuscripts. These collections tell the stories of the cultures and biodiversity of Hawai'i and the Pacific as well as the proud legacy of scholarly research spanning 130 years.

Bishop Museum proudly serves more than 200,000 visitors each year, including 20,000 children on school visits.

To learn more about the Museum's research, collections, exhibits, and programs, visit BishopMuseum.org, follow @BishopMuseum on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), become a fan of Bishop Museum on [Facebook](#), visit Bishop Museum's [YouTube](#) channel, or call (808) 847-3511. Bishop Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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