



Drake Well Museum and Park

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“Drake Well Museum and Park to Host Petroleum Program Series: Fossils”

On Thursday, September 15, Drake Well Museum and Park and Friends of Drake Well, Inc. will host a presentation by Dr. Scott McKenzie entitled “NW PA Fossils and Early Humans.” This installment of the museum’s annual Petroleum Program Series, formerly the Heritage Lecture Series, will begin at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments served at 6:00 p.m. Admission to this special event is \$5.00 for adults (12-64 years), \$4.00 for seniors (65+ years) and Free for children and Friends of Drake Well, Inc. members.

Over 364 million years ago northwest Pennsylvania was under a salt water ocean, making the region a hot bed of fossils today. Shark, horseshoe crab and starfish fossils have been found right in our backyard. The region also boasts mammoth and mastodon fossils along with the remains of the early human residents that lived here and hunted huge animals that are now extinct! Dr. McKenzie’s presentation is suitable for all ages and will include information on nearby sites that are good places to find fossils. Free identification of fossils will be offered.

Scott McKenzie is an Assistant Professor of Geology and Paleontology Director at Mercyhurst University. He has published dozens of articles on fossils and has found fossils all over North America. He regularly does talks on science for NASA Explorer schools, Universities and scientific societies. He has also published articles on fossils found in Titusville, Oil City and Erie.

Located off Route 8 south of Titusville, Drake Well Museum and Park is open year round. Summer/Fall hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Drake Well Museum and Park is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and is part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History® (www.PATrailsofHistory.com).

Additional information about museum programs and special events is available at www.drakewell.org, by calling (814) 827-2797, or find us on Facebook at Drake Well Museum and Park.

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