



DR. COLBERT EXPLAINS A MASTODON JAW TO SCHOOLCHILDREN IN THE MNA PALEONTOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS.
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title until 1954 when he became the Curator of Paleontology. Major Brady's contributions to regional geologic history include the discovery of a ground sloth fossil which was used in MNA exhibits for many years. He prepared the fossil in the storefront of the Monte Vista Hotel much to the delight of passersby.

Dr. Edwin D. McKee, MNA Assistant Director, was also a geologist who concentrated on stratigraphy and sedimentation of Colorado Plateau geology, particularly in the Grand Canyon. He and Brady established a broad foundation upon which succeeding MNA geologists built further research programs. The Colorado Plateau offers unlimited opportunities to study the earth's history and hence attracts top scientists. MNA's leadership and cooperation in this discipline over the decades have led to several significant geologic and paleontological

Dr. Edwin H. (Ned) Colbert has been Honorary Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology since 1970. Prior to that time, he was a Columbia University Professor of Vertebrate Paleontology and simultaneously served as Curator of Fossil Reptiles at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. Internationally admired for his decades of work, he is credited with popularizing the dinosaur for today's audience with his superb writing skills and high level of productivity (over 400 books and articles). His wife, Margaret, is known for her artistic depictions of dinosaurs in his publications as well as for her weaving skills. The Museum recently established the Edwin H. Colbert Chair in Vertebrate Paleontology to honor this exceptional scientist, another scholar who "retired" to MNA to continue research. Holders of the Colbert Chair will live in the original barn, to be restored into a residence, at the Colton House complex.