The end of the day at MNA

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“That was the best,” said the last guest.

“Thanks for the toy,” said the small boy

“We’re on our way,” said gals in gray.

“OK, Bye-bye,” said the desk guy.

“See you later,” said the curator.

All the objects in this story are in the Museum of Northern Arizona, so this story is also a scavenger hunt. To help you find the objects, there are hints telling you which gallery each object is in.
Then off went the light
Click went the door
All was locked tight
and quiet on the floor.
“Let’s play,” said the display.
“Hear me roar!” yelled the dinosaur
“Don’t jostle,” said the *fossil*.

“Watch me blow!” said the *volcano*.

Hold on tight!” said the *meteorite*. 
In the rumble and ruckus the space rock went zoom, zipping round and round, ‘til it hit with a boom.

The olla jar teetered, toppled and fell with a crash to the ground and a loud yell.

Hint: Look in Archaeology for the olla jar and the next few items
“Did she break?” asked the stone flake.

“Yes indeed,” said the turquoise bead.

“We should have known,” said the bone.

“I’m going to tattle,” said the rattle.

“Don’t do that,” said the hat.

Hint: Look in the Native Peoples of the Colorado Plateau gallery center table

Hint: You’ll need to look in the shop for the hat
“I’m going to weep,” said the sheep.

“Give her a hug,” said the Navajo rug.

Hint: Look in the Navajo section of the Native Peoples of the Colorado Plateau for the sheep and rug.
“Don’t despair,” said the Zuni bear.

“Call the doll,” said the woven shawl.

Hint: This Zuni fetish is in the Babbit Gallery.
“Yes, of course,” said the horse.

“By all means!” said the beans.

Hint: This clay figurine is part of a display in the Navajo section of the Native Peoples of the Colorado Plateau.
“But I’m small,” said the Hopi doll.

Hint: This katsina doll is displayed in the Archaeology Gallery as part of a timeline. The beans above are in the same timeline.

“We’ll lend a hand,” said the band.

Hint: These instruments are among the activities in the center table of the Native Peoples of the Colorado Plateau gallery.
Hint: The following items are found in the Archaeology Gallery.

“Lift her up,” said the cup.

“Grab the handle,” said the sandal.

“Use some string,” said the tree ring.
“All aboard,” said the yucca cord.

“She’s airborne!” exclaimed the corn.

“It’s very far,” said the jar.
“Be brave,” said Tim’s Cave.

Hint: Look in the Babbitt Gallery for the display of pottery found in Tim’s Cave.
“You’re on a roll,” said the bowl.

“You’ll be here soon,” said the spoon.

“We saved you a spot,” said the old pot.
I'm glad that's done,” said the sun.

When the door opened and on went the light. All was calm and the shelves were put right. But the curator did wonder, as he dusted the cases. Why one or two things, were not in their places...
A **curator** is the person who chooses what will be in the museum.

A **display** is where things are put in the museum.

A **fossil** is the preserved remains of animals or plants that were once living.

A **volcano** is an opening in the earth where hot gases and melted rock erupt.

A **meteorite** is a rock that fell from space and landed on Earth.

An **olla jar** is used to store water or food.

**Stone flakes** were tools used for cutting or hunting. They were created by chipping at rocks to create sharp edges and points.

**Bones** from animals were used to create tools and instruments.

The **Zuni bear** is a carved stone figurine, called a fetish.

The **woven shawl** is the outfit worn by a Hopi bride during her wedding.

**Hopi katsina dolls** are carved to represent the katsinam, the spirit messengers of the universe and given to children as a teaching tool.

**Tree rings** are lines formed each year as a tree grows. The rings vary in thickness depending on how well the tree was able to grow that year. Scientists are able to use the rings to know how old the tree was and and what the weather conditions were like during each year of that tree’s life.

**Yucca cord** was made out of fibers from the yucca plant which were twisted to make a strong string or rope. That cord could be used to make other things, including sandals.

**Tim’s Cave** is a location where a number of large pottery jars and some baskets were found in 1991.