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## **Easton Collection Center Open House to highlight relationships between plants, pollinators, people**

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Museum of Northern Arizona welcomes the public to its annual Easton Collection Center Open House Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and open to people of all ages.

This year's open house will feature collection materials highlighting the relationships between plants, pollinators, and the people who have interacted with them for generations. Items on display include fossilized plants, biological and herbarium specimens, woven baskets, pottery with plant and pollinator designs, and fine art illustrating the diverse landscapes of the Colorado Plateau.

Museum curators and experts will be on hand to share surprising connections between the natural world and human creativity. Visitors can discover how science helps us understand culture, history, and art—and how pollinators shape ecosystems and inspire art across generations.

The open house complements the “Shifting Life Zones” exhibition at the Museum of Northern Arizona, offering a deeper dive into the museum's interdisciplinary approach to understanding life on the Colorado Plateau.

Dedicated in 2009, the Easton Collection Center is a remarkable example of environmentally friendly architecture designed to ensure a stable and secure environment for the museum's art, artifacts, objects, and archives. The 17,000-square-foot repository is named in honor of the facility's donors, Betsy and Harry Easton. Built in consultation with a Native American advisory committee, the building entrance faces east to greet the rising sun.

The collection center is located on the opposite side of Fort Valley Road from the museum. To reach it from central Flagstaff, head north on Fort Valley Road, turn right at the Harold S. Colton Research Center sign and drive a short distance to the parking area.



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### **About the Museum of Northern Arizona**

Founded in 1928, the Museum of Northern Arizona (MNA) preserves and celebrates the natural and cultural heritage of the Colorado Plateau. The museum fosters a deeper understanding of the region's art, science, and people through its exhibitions, educational programs, research, and community events. The museum is located near the foot of the San Francisco Peaks at 3101 N Fort Valley Road in Flagstaff and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information about current exhibitions and programs, visit <https://musnaz.org>.