

Dear Delegates,

As a Maryland Master Naturalist and volunteer with Prince George's County Sierra Club and the Prince George's County Audubon Wildlife Habitat Advisory Program, I wholeheartedly support designating the Natural History Society of Maryland as the State Natural History Museum.

I have taken classes with NHSM and they are fantastic! I have visited the facility for various events, recently to see the Woolly Mammoth, and previously to attend Fossil Day, when some of their fossil experts helped me identify some fossils I had. I have taken classes there on Lichens, Shells, and Birds of Maryland, as well as a behind the scenes, expert-led tour of the Hershey Park Butterfly Exhibit, and more. My daughter and granddaughter are going on a fossil hunt at Stratford Hall in VA with the NHSM Fossil Club this weekend.

The NHSM has been nurturing awe, wonder, and curiosity about our incredible natural history in Maryland for 95 years, and there are amazing plans for growth! Go to catch a glimpse of their vast and fascinating collection of natural history, or attend any courses, lectures, workshops, special events, or club happenings, and you will be hooked. I know I am!

Thank you,
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