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-MEDIA ALERT-

Check Out The Heard's New Sparkling Exhibit!

Treasures from the Earth

Diamonds, Gold & Dinos

Open Now!

WHAT: Experience something new this weekend! Check out *Treasures from the Earth*, a new exhibit featuring a beautiful, exotic collection of diamonds, gems, precious metals, rare minerals, pearls and fossils. Many of these specimens are on loan from exclusive collectors and some have never been exhibited in public.

View some of the largest uncut diamonds (up to 10 carats) ever found in the US from the Crater of Diamonds State Park in Arkansas. See dendritic gold, large birthstones and a silver ingot recovered from the Spanish galleon, Nuestra Señora de Atocha, which sunk off the Florida Keys in 1622.

A series of walk-through galleries describe the formation of these striking specimens as well as highlight their functions in our daily lives. See educational displays tailored for adults and children of all ages. Not to be missed are our Children's Activity Area, which includes *Panning for Pyrite* and our new interactive *Observation Station* where children can share and exchange information and observations about objects found in the natural world. A wide variety of unique, never-before-seen fossils including a dinosaur nest and a T-Rex skull, are featured next to our popular walk-through Mosasaur.

WHEN OPEN NOW EVERYDAY! Mon-Sat, 9-5 & Sun, 1-5

WHERE Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary

1 Nature Place

McKinney, Texas 75070

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General Admission: Only \$8 adults; \$5 kids 3-12 & seniors; Members are

free

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Aquamarine, Pearls & Amethyst





Gallery Area



Museum store pieces available