

## ‘Bug Fair’ Creeps Into Exposition Park Weekend Event at Natural History Museum Saturday-Sunday, May 20-21, 2006

**May 1, 2006** — The event that has metamorphosized into the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County’s biggest weekend attraction, the 20th annual Bug Fair, is May 20-21. Last year’s two-day event drew 11,000 entomology experts and fans.

The highlight of the Fair is the vast expo area in the Grand Foyer and first floor galleries. There, over 60 unique vendors display everything from rare specimens of beetles and butterflies to entomological equipment to insect tattoo art. Private collectors show off their exotic collections, and "pet" insects, such as hissing cockroaches and rhino beetles, are sold.



At interactive, educational booths, kids can handle insects and talk to Museum scientists. There are also demonstrations by Museum Insect Zoo Coordinator, Brent “The Bug Guy” Karner; tarantula and assassin bug feedings; two bug chefs who will “cook off” against each other using insects as ingredients; and a kids band.

Also open during the Bug Fair is the outdoor Robinsons-May Pavilion of Wings, in which Museum visitors can stroll through a beautifully landscaped, enclosed garden where over 30 butterfly species fly free — including the Giant Swallowtail, the American Painted Lady and the official state butterfly, the California Dogface.

### **Bug Fair Info**

*The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is located at 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90007. Bug Fair hours are the same as Museum weekend hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org) or call (213) 763-DINO.*

*The expo portion of the Bug Fair is located on the first floor of the Museum. The Robinsons-May Pavilion of Wings is located on the Museum’s South Lawn. Appearances by the visiting “bug chef” are in the Jean Delacour Auditorium.*

### **Admission**

*The Bug Fair is included in the price of regular Museum admission. Adults \$9; Students, Seniors and Youths (13-17) \$6.50; Children (5-12) \$2. Museum members and children under 5 are FREE. Admission to the Robinsons-May Pavilion of Wings is separate: Adults \$3; Students and Seniors \$2; Museum members and children under 5 are FREE.*

### **About the Museum**

*The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County serves more than one million families and visitors annually, and is a national leader in research, exhibitions and education. The Museum is L.A.’s second oldest cultural institution, the first to open its doors to the public in 1913, and has amassed one of the world’s most extensive and valuable collections of natural and cultural history – more than 33 million objects, some as old as 500 million years.*